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British Jews Express 'Shock'

LONDON, Aug. 10 (JTA)--The British Board of Jewish Deputies today cabled Mrs. Vladimir Markman expressing the Board's shock at the three-year "strict regime" sentence meted out to her husband in Sverdlovsk yesterday and assured her of its continued efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry. The Board also sent a message of strong protest to the Soviet ambassador in London. A number of other Jewish organizations here also sent telegrams of sympathy to Mrs. Markman.

Meanwhile, the Committee of 35, a women's group campaigning for Soviet Jewry, the Universities Committee for Soviet Jewry and Herut held a protest cavalcade through London. The procession finished at the Soviet Embassy, where a demonstration for Soviet Jews was held and a letter handed for delivery to the ambassador.

EXTENSION OF MILITARY CREDIT TO ISRAEL ACCEPTED BY HOUSE IN CONFERENCE WITH SENATE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Extension of military sales credit to Israel for 15 months beginning Oct. 1 was accepted by House members today in the Senate-House conference on the Defense Procurement Act. The extension, proposed by Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.), was voted by the Senate ten days ago, 76-9, as an amendment to the act. The House, which did not consider a similar amendment when it was adopting the act, will vote on the Jackson measure after the conferees complete action on the act as a whole. This is not expected before late next week, but is expected before Congress recesses for the Republican National Convention. Expectations are that the Jackson amendment will encounter no difficulties in either chamber and will be signed into law by President Nixon, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned.

The measure calls for "unlimited" credit to Israel in extension of the authorization voted by Congress when it accepted in Sept., 1970, a Jackson amendment calling for military sales credit to Israel of $500 million. That authorization expires Sept. 30. While the new measure calls for "unlimited" credit through Dec. 31, 1973, a Jackson aide indicated to the JTA that in practical terms it guarantees authorization of up to $300

million in the current fiscal year, ending next June 30. The Nixon administration had asked for that amount in the foreign military aid bill, which the Senate rejected last month. It was because of this rejection that Jackson offered his new amendment.

In a statement following the conferees' action today, Jackson said: "The effect of the action of the conference is to guarantee the Jackson amendment under which Israel will continue to receive mightily needed arms including Phantom aircraft, and will remain the law of the land for another 15 months. In responding as it did, both the House and Senate have reaffirmed the view of the Congress that the security of Israel is vital to the security of the United States." Jackson said he hoped President Nixon would "move at once to conclude the arrangements under which Israel is to receive $300 million in military credit this year."

SABENA HIJACK VERDICT MONDAY

TEL AVIV, Aug. 10 (JTA)--After hearing the summations of both the prosecution and defense, the military tribunal trying Rima Tannous and Therese Khalsa on charges of participation in the hijacking of a Sabena jet in May announced that it would hand down its verdict on Monday.

This morning's proceedings at the Sarafand courtroom opened with the defense summation. Miss Tannous' attorney, Eliezer Karni, asked the tribunal to acquit his client because she could not be held responsible for the acts with which she is charged. He recalled her "miserable childhood" and claimed that whatever she had done was under duress.

Miss Khalsa's lawyer, Yaacob Henignam, also requested the dismissal of the case against his client. He maintained that Miss Khalsa was a prisoner of the terrorists, that "they looked for a person like her...a Hebrew-speaking girl to carry out the hijacking plan and they found her easy to influence."

The prosecution, in its summation, asked the tribunal to find the two women guilty on all four charges: participation in a group that committed offenses concerned with weapons, and offensive charges, bearing weapons and explosives, planting a bomb, and membership in an illegal organization.

Countering the defense's claim that the women committed the crime under pressure, the prosecutor, Lt. Col. David Israeli, said that it was inconceivable that a terrorist organization would carry out a hijacking with two women who were acting under pressure. He said that such daring actions require the best trained, devoted and safe personalities available. He also claimed that in their first interrogation by the police, the women had admitted being members of illegal organizations, and that this admission was not obtained under pressure.

ROCKEFELLER ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; HAS NIXON LETTER FOR MRS. MEIR

TEL AVIV, Aug. 10 (JTA)--New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller arrived here this afternoon in his private jet plane for a four-day visit of Israel. He told newsmen at Lydda Airport that he brought a letter of friendship and good will from President Nixon to Premier Golda Meir. The letter will be delivered to the Prime Minister when Rockefeller meets with her tomorrow in Jerusalem after a tour of Sinai as guest of the Israeli Army.

Rockefeller was due in Israel during the recent Zionist Organization of America convention but had to postpone the visit because of a family mourning. Rockefeller's private visit began here with a dinner at which Foreign Minister Abba Eban was his host. He is accompanied by New York State Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz and Samuel Hausman, honorary chairman of the Greater New York United Jewish Appeal.

Fixed Limit For Population? PLANNERS STRUGGLE WITH ISSUE OF EXPANSION OF JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (JTA)--A meeting of architects and engineers was told here last night that if Jerusalem grows to its anticipated population of one million residents, the city will either have to spread out into the surrounding Judean hills, thus ruining its surroundings, or its officials will have to accept erection of more high-rise buildings in the downtown area.

Mayor Teddy Kollek told the symposium on the theme of skyscrapers in Jerusalem that it was a very complicated problem to keep the city from expanding as long as people wanted to make it their home. Jerusalem now has about 330,000 residents. Mordecai Ben Horin, an architect, said that the only other solution was to limit the city to 500,000 residents. The meeting was sponsored by the Israeli Association of Architects and Engineers.

Other speakers argued that while the high-rise buildings in Jerusalem would hardly qualify as skyscrapers in other cities, the fact that such buildings were set against the Judean hills gave the structures the appearance of being more dominant than they in fact were. Jerusalem is currently involved in a sharp debate about the degree to which city planners should allow modern skyscrapers to become part of the downtown development program.

Yaacov Dash, chief architect of Israel's Interior Ministry, said that while business offices and hotel businessmen are demanding high-rise structures, there was a danger of building "just blocks and blocks of high-rise structures." He said also that it was impossible to decide just how a skyscraper would affect its surroundings until it was built. He offered the wry suggestion that urban planners could easily avoid that problem by not building such structures.

UKRAINIAN TROUPE HEAD IGNORES APPEAL FOR MEETING ON PANOV

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (JTA)--The Ukrainian Dance Company has completed its New York tour and departed without replying to a request, made to the group's director, Pavel Virsky, by three American artists, to meet and discuss the situation of Russian Jewish dancer Valery Panov, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported.

The three artists, David Bar-Ilan, concert pianist, Alvin Ailey, choreographer, and Theodore Bikel, entertainer, last week wrote Virsky a letter in which they stated, "As colleagues and fellow artists we would appreciate an opportunity to meet while you are in New York City. From the artistic and humanitarian viewpoint we are anxious to discuss, in private, the special case of Valery Panov."

Panov, who was a leading dancer with Leningrad's Kirov Ballet Company, was dismissed from the company last April because he applied for a visa to emigrate to Israel. The NCSJ reported that Panov has become a "desperate and deteriorating man."

Bar-Ilan said, "This is a very sad commentary on the cultural exchange program....The cultural exchange was initiated to crack the wall between the two countries (the US and the Soviet Union). Obviously on the Soviet side, the wall remains uncracked."

But Sets Conditions

STATE EDUCATION HEAD SAYS WILLING TO HOLD HEARING ON APPOINTMENT OF FUENTES

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (JTA)--A spokesman for the four Jewish organizations which have denounced the appointment of Luis Fuentes as community school superintendent for District One on Manhattan's Lower East Side, said today the groups had raised the issue with State Education Commissioner Ewald Nyquist, who declared last night that he was willing to hold a hearing on charges of racism against Fuentes under certain conditions.

Nyquist said that if a grievance against the appointment of Fuentes, who has been charged with anti-Semitic and anti-Italian slurs when he was a principal in a Brooklyn school, was brought to him and if New York City School Chancellor Harvey Scribner and the City Board of Education failed or refused to settle the issue first, he would proceed with a hearing and render a decision "as soon as I can."

The spokesman for the Jewish groups added that Nyquist's office responded "early this week" that the Commissioner "shared our concerns and had authority to act on the matter under provisions of the State Education Law." The spokesman added that the Commissioner said that Chancellor Scribner, "as chief officer of the city school system," should be given "the opportunity to act first. Commissioner Nyquist indicated that if the matter could not be resolved at the city level, it would fall within his (the Commissioner's) jurisdiction," the spokesman said. The four groups are the American Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Labor Committee.

The spokesman noted that Albert Blumenthal, Democrat-Liberal State Assembly member from Manhattan, had sent a letter to Scribner, demanding immediate suspension of Fuentes pending "a prompt and thorough hearing" into the charges of racism. The spokesman added that the four groups had communicated with Scribner and "we are waiting for the Chancellor to take action. In the meantime, we will be in touch with Commissioner Nyquist as to the next step."

MCGOVERN JEWISH VOTE SEEKER SAYS APPEAL WILL BE TO TRADITIONAL LIBERAL OUTLOOK

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (JTA)--The newly-appointed staff director of the Jewish Affairs Committee of the McGovern-for-President campaign said today the committee effort to win Jewish votes for Sen. McGovern would be based on appeals to the traditional Jewish liberal approach to the need for change which he said still exists in this country.

Richard M. Cohen of New York, associate executive director of the American Jewish Congress, stressed in an interview that the Jewish Affairs Committee would not have differing approaches for differing groups of prospective Jewish voters, whether they were inner city, suburban, Orthodox, Conservative or Reform, or whatever. The premise of the campaign would be, he said, that all Jews were concerned with the need for "positive, productive and progressive change." Cohen stressed that he was on leave without pay from the American Jewish Congress and that he had accepted Sen. McGovern's offer of the staff post as an individual, and not as a representative of the AJCongress.

He declared that "this country sorely needs change and Sen. McGovern represents the man who can bring about such change." He said that the majority of American Jews would not cast their votes solely on Jewish issues. He said American Jews "are concerned with issues of interest to all Americans, as well as those of specific Jewish interest." He cited crime in the streets, the quota versus the merit system, Israel and Soviet Jewry as among major issues of concern to American Jews. He added that Sen. McGovern "will shortly issue a statement condemning any kind of quota system that discriminates on the basis of religion, race or ethnic origin."

He also said that "we in the McGovern campaign deplore the action of Republican forces making Israel a political football in the 1972 campaign. Since the founding of Israel in 1948," he added, "our country's commitment to the survival and security of the Jewish State has been endorsed by both political parties and ratified by the American people. We believe it is a disservice to the American political system, to United States foreign policy and to Israel to turn a bipartisan issue into a political one."

He reported that he and two aides were mapping out the key issues "of concern to Jews around the country" and that "this information would become the basis for a campaign strategy" in seeking Jewish votes "which will move into high gear by Labor Day." He said that since the nomination Tuesday of Sargent Shriver as the Democratic Vice-Presidential choice, a number of influential Jews, who had opted for President Nixon's re-election, were now reconsidering returning to the Democratic fold but he declined to mention any names. He described Sen. Abraham Ribicoff, the Connecticut Democrat as chief advisor to Sen. McGovern on Jewish affairs and stressed the Jewish "input" with McGovern in campaign planning and activities.

Massive Funeral Procession

U.S. RABBI BURIED ON MOUNT OF OLIVES; EULOGY BY FATHER

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Rabbi David Wachtfogel of Philadelphia, who died in Philadelphia last Saturday at the age of 62 and whose remains were brought to Israel for interment, was buried yesterday on the Mount of Olives. Rabbi Wachtfogel left the Old City of Jerusalem 40 years ago and settled in the United States, serving as a leading Orthodox rabbi for many years in Philadelphia.

The eulogy was given by his father, Rabbi Yitzhak Wachtfogel, who is head of the Mea Shearim Yeshiva in Jerusalem and president of the Jerusalem Rabbinical Court. Though he is believed to be more than 80 years old, the father is still very active as a rabbi and rabbinical judge.

Jerusalem's religious community turned out in force to accompany the bodies of Rabbi Wachtfogel and of Rabbi David Cohen, a faithful disciple of Rabbi Abraham Kook, the first Chief Rabbi in pre-State Palestine. Rabbi Cohen died at the age of 86 after a long illness. President Zalman Shazar and Israel's two Chief Rabbis led one of the largest mourning processions in years for the two rabbinical leaders.

PARATROOPERS HOLD EXERCISES WITH COPTERS IN GOLAN HEIGHTS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Israeli paratroopers concluded yesterday a series of war exercises in the Golan Heights. They used helicopters for quick shifts in simulated attacks and overcoming water obstacles. They assaulted "enemy" positions. The exercises, which are held routinely in occupied areas, began with a mass drop from transport planes.

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Rudenko also was sent an appeal by Jacob D. Fuchsberg, past president of the American Trial Lawyers' Association, who met Rudenko during a visit to the Soviet Union earlier this month, at the request of the Conference. Fuchsberg, in his cable, referred to Markman's inability to get counsel of his choice. Fuchsberg urged Rudenko, as the chief legal officer of the Soviet Union, to "assume a special burden to assure fair treatment for Markman and for his troubled wife and child." The American attorney said that if Rudenko failed to do so, "it will be difficult to resist a strong public opinion that Markman's conviction and sentencing are a direct result of his desire to emigrate to Israel and to express himself as a free person on the issues related to that wish."

McGovern Asks Annulment

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Sen. George McGovern called on the Soviet Union today to annul the three-year sentence at hard labor imposed on Vladimir Markman at Sverdlovsk yesterday. "The harshness of this sentence," Sen. McGovern said in a statement issued at his Washington headquarters, "is reminiscent of the period two years ago, when the world was aroused by the infamous Leningrad trials. The plight of Soviet Jewry cannot be buried under the efforts to expand US-Soviet trade and cultural contact. Soviet officials have repeatedly stated that Jews who wish to emigrate may do so. The world is waiting to see that this promise is carried out."

British Jews Express 'Shock'

LONDON, Aug. 10 (JTA)--The British Board of Jewish Deputies today cabled Mrs. Vladimir Markman expressing the Board's shock at the three-year "strict regime" sentence meted out to her husband in Sverdlovsk yesterday and assured her of its continued efforts on behalf of Soviet Jewry. The Board also sent a message of strong protest to the Soviet ambassador in London. A number of other Jewish organizations here also sent telegrams of sympathy to Mrs. Markman.

Meanwhile, the Committee of 35, a women's group campaigning for Soviet Jewry, the Universities Committee for Soviet Jewry and Herut held a protest cavalcade through London. The procession finished at the Soviet Embassy, where a demonstration for Soviet Jews was held and a letter handed for delivery to the ambassador.

EXTENSION OF MILITARY CREDIT TO ISRAEL ACCEPTED BY HOUSE IN CONFERENCE WITH SENATE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Extension of military sales credit to Israel for 15 months beginning Oct. 1 was accepted by House members today in the Senate-House conference on the Defense Procurement Act. The extension, proposed by Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.), was voted by the Senate ten days ago, 76-9, as an amendment to the act. The House, which did not consider a similar amendment when it was adopting the act, will vote on the Jackson measure after the conferees complete action on the act as a whole. This is not expected before late next week, but is expected before Congress recesses for the Republican National Convention. Expectations are that the Jackson amendment will encounter no difficulties in either chamber and will be signed into law by President Nixon, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned.

The measure calls for "unlimited" credit to Israel in extension of the authorization voted by Congress when it accepted in Sept., 1970, a Jackson amendment calling for military sales credit to Israel of $500 million. That authorization expires Sept. 30. While the new measure calls for "unlimited" credit through Dec. 31, 1973, a Jackson aide indicated to the JTA that in practical terms it guarantees authorization of up to $300

million in the current fiscal year, ending next June 30. The Nixon administration had asked for that amount in the foreign military aid bill, which the Senate rejected last month. It was because of this rejection that Jackson offered his new amendment.

In a statement following the conferees' action today, Jackson said: "The effect of the action of the conference is to guarantee the Jackson amendment under which Israel will continue to receive mightily needed arms including Phantom aircraft, and will remain the law of the land for another 15 months. In responding as it did, both the House and Senate have reaffirmed the view of the Congress that the security of Israel is vital to the security of the United States." Jackson said he hoped President Nixon would "move at once to conclude the arrangements under which Israel is to receive $300 million in military credit this year."

SABENA HIJACK VERDICT MONDAY

TEL AVIV, Aug. 10 (JTA)--After hearing the summations of both the prosecution and defense, the military tribunal trying Rima Tannous and Therese Khalsa on charges of participation in the hijacking of a Sabena jet in May announced that it would hand down its verdict on Monday.

This morning's proceedings at the Sarafand courtroom opened with the defense summation. Miss Tannous' attorney, Eliezer Karni, asked the tribunal to acquit his client because she could not be held responsible for the acts with which she is charged. He recalled her "miserable childhood" and claimed that whatever she had done was under duress.

Miss Khalsa's lawyer, Yaacob Henignam, also requested the dismissal of the case against his client. He maintained that Miss Khalsa was a prisoner of the terrorists, that "they looked for a person like her...a Hebrew-speaking girl to carry out the hijacking plan and they found her easy to influence."

The prosecution, in its summation, asked the tribunal to find the two women guilty on all four charges: participation in a group that committed offenses concerned with weapons, and offensive charges, bearing weapons and explosives, planting a bomb, and membership in an illegal organization.

Countering the defense's claim that the women committed the crime under pressure, the prosecutor, Lt. Col. David Israeli, said that it was inconceivable that a terrorist organization would carry out a hijacking with two women who were acting under pressure. He said that such daring actions require the best trained, devoted and safe personalities available. He also claimed that in their first interrogation by the police, the women had admitted being members of illegal organizations, and that this admission was not obtained under pressure.

ROCKEFELLER ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; HAS NIXON LETTER FOR MRS. MEIR

TEL AVIV, Aug. 10 (JTA)--New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller arrived here this afternoon in his private jet plane for a four-day visit of Israel. He told newsmen at Lydda Airport that he brought a letter of friendship and good will from President Nixon to Premier Golda Meir. The letter will be delivered to the Prime Minister when Rockefeller meets with her tomorrow in Jerusalem after a tour of Sinai as guest of the Israeli Army.

Rockefeller was due in Israel during the recent Zionist Organization of America convention but had to postpone the visit because of a family mourning. Rockefeller's private visit began here with a dinner at which Foreign Minister Abba Eban was his host. He is accompanied by New York State Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz and Samuel Hausman, honorary chairman of the Greater New York United Jewish Appeal.

Fixed Limit For Population? PLANNERS STRUGGLE WITH ISSUE OF EXPANSION OF JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (JTA)--A meeting of architects and engineers was told here last night that if Jerusalem grows to its anticipated population of one million residents, the city will either have to spread out into the surrounding Judean hills, thus ruining its surroundings, or its officials will have to accept erection of more high-rise buildings in the downtown area.

Mayor Teddy Kollek told the symposium on the theme of skyscrapers in Jerusalem that it was a very complicated problem to keep the city from expanding as long as people wanted to make it their home. Jerusalem now has about 330,000 residents. Mordecai Ben Horin, an architect, said that the only other solution was to limit the city to 500,000 residents. The meeting was sponsored by the Israeli Association of Architects and Engineers.

Other speakers argued that while the high-rise buildings in Jerusalem would hardly qualify as skyscrapers in other cities, the fact that such buildings were set against the Judean hills gave the structures the appearance of being more dominant than they in fact were. Jerusalem is currently involved in a sharp debate about the degree to which city planners should allow modern skyscrapers to become part of the downtown development program.

Yaacov Dash, chief architect of Israel's Interior Ministry, said that while business offices and hotel businessmen are demanding high-rise structures, there was a danger of building "just blocks and blocks of high-rise structures." He said also that it was impossible to decide just how a skyscraper would affect its surroundings until it was built. He offered the wry suggestion that urban planners could easily avoid that problem by not building such structures.

UKRAINIAN TROUPE HEAD IGNORES APPEAL FOR MEETING ON PANOV

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (JTA)--The Ukrainian Dance Company has completed its New York tour and departed without replying to a request, made to the group's director, Pavel Virsky, by three American artists, to meet and discuss the situation of Russian Jewish dancer Valery Panov, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported.

The three artists, David Bar-Ilan, concert pianist, Alvin Ailey, choreographer, and Theodore Bikel, entertainer, last week wrote Virsky a letter in which they stated, "As colleagues and fellow artists we would appreciate an opportunity to meet while you are in New York City. From the artistic and humanitarian viewpoint we are anxious to discuss, in private, the special case of Valery Panov."

Panov, who was a leading dancer with Leningrad's Kirov Ballet Company, was dismissed from the company last April because he applied for a visa to emigrate to Israel. The NCSJ reported that Panov has become a "desperate and deteriorating man."

Bar-Ilan said, "This is a very sad commentary on the cultural exchange program....The cultural exchange was initiated to crack the wall between the two countries (the US and the Soviet Union). Obviously on the Soviet side, the wall remains uncracked."

But Sets Conditions

STATE EDUCATION HEAD SAYS WILLING TO HOLD HEARING ON APPOINTMENT OF FUENTES

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 (JTA)--A spokesman for the four Jewish organizations which have denounced the appointment of Luis Fuentes as community school superintendent for District One on Manhattan's Lower East Side, said today the groups had raised the issue with State Education Commissioner Ewald Nyquist, who declared last night that he was willing to hold a hearing on charges of racism against Fuentes under certain conditions.

Nyquist said that if a grievance against the appointment of Fuentes, who has been charged with anti-Semitic and anti-Italian slurs when he was a principal in a Brooklyn school, was brought to him and if New York City School Chancellor Harvey Scribner and the City Board of Education failed or refused to settle the issue first, he would proceed with a hearing and render a decision "as soon as I can."

The spokesman for the Jewish groups added that Nyquist's office responded "early this week" that the Commissioner "shared our concerns and had authority to act on the matter under provisions of the State Education Law." The spokesman added that the Commissioner said that Chancellor Scribner, "as chief officer of the city school system," should be given "the opportunity to act first. Commissioner Nyquist indicated that if the matter could not be resolved at the city level, it would fall within his (the Commissioner's) jurisdiction," the spokesman said. The four groups are the American Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Labor Committee.

The spokesman noted that Albert Blumenthal, Democrat-Liberal State Assembly member from Manhattan, had sent a letter to Scribner, demanding immediate suspension of Fuentes pending "a prompt and thorough hearing" into the charges of racism. The spokesman added that the four groups had communicated with Scribner and "we are waiting for the Chancellor to take action. In the meantime, we will be in touch with Commissioner Nyquist as to the next step."

MCGOVERN JEWISH VOTE SEEKER SAYS APPEAL WILL BE TO TRADITIONAL LIBERAL OUTLOOK

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10 (JTA)--The newly-appointed staff director of the Jewish Affairs Committee of the McGovern-for-President campaign said today the committee effort to win Jewish votes for Sen. McGovern would be based on appeals to the traditional Jewish liberal approach to the need for change which he said still exists in this country.

Richard M. Cohen of New York, associate executive director of the American Jewish Congress, stressed in an interview that the Jewish Affairs Committee would not have differing approaches for differing groups of prospective Jewish voters, whether they were inner city, suburban, Orthodox, Conservative or Reform, or whatever. The premise of the campaign would be, he said, that all Jews were concerned with the need for "positive, productive and progressive change." Cohen stressed that he was on leave without pay from the American Jewish Congress and that he had accepted Sen. McGovern's offer of the staff post as an individual, and not as a representative of the AJCongress.

He declared that "this country sorely needs change and Sen. McGovern represents the man who can bring about such change." He said that the majority of American Jews would not cast their votes solely on Jewish issues. He said American Jews "are concerned with issues of interest to all Americans, as well as those of specific Jewish interest." He cited crime in the streets, the quota versus the merit system, Israel and Soviet Jewry as among major issues of concern to American Jews. He added that Sen. McGovern "will shortly issue a statement condemning any kind of quota system that discriminates on the basis of religion, race or ethnic origin."

He also said that "we in the McGovern campaign deplore the action of Republican forces making Israel a political football in the 1972 campaign. Since the founding of Israel in 1948," he added, "our country's commitment to the survival and security of the Jewish State has been endorsed by both political parties and ratified by the American people. We believe it is a disservice to the American political system, to United States foreign policy and to Israel to turn a bipartisan issue into a political one."

He reported that he and two aides were mapping out the key issues "of concern to Jews around the country" and that "this information would become the basis for a campaign strategy" in seeking Jewish votes "which will move into high gear by Labor Day." He said that since the nomination Tuesday of Sargent Shriver as the Democratic Vice-Presidential choice, a number of influential Jews, who had opted for President Nixon's re-election, were now reconsidering returning to the Democratic fold but he declined to mention any names. He described Sen. Abraham Ribicoff, the Connecticut Democrat as chief advisor to Sen. McGovern on Jewish affairs and stressed the Jewish "input" with McGovern in campaign planning and activities.

Massive Funeral Procession

U.S. RABBI BURIED ON MOUNT OF OLIVES; EULOGY BY FATHER

JERUSALEM, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Rabbi David Wachtfogel of Philadelphia, who died in Philadelphia last Saturday at the age of 62 and whose remains were brought to Israel for interment, was buried yesterday on the Mount of Olives. Rabbi Wachtfogel left the Old City of Jerusalem 40 years ago and settled in the United States, serving as a leading Orthodox rabbi for many years in Philadelphia.

The eulogy was given by his father, Rabbi Yitzhak Wachtfogel, who is head of the Mea Shearim Yeshiva in Jerusalem and president of the Jerusalem Rabbinical Court. Though he is believed to be more than 80 years old, the father is still very active as a rabbi and rabbinical judge.

Jerusalem's religious community turned out in force to accompany the bodies of Rabbi Wachtfogel and of Rabbi David Cohen, a faithful disciple of Rabbi Abraham Kook, the first Chief Rabbi in pre-State Palestine. Rabbi Cohen died at the age of 86 after a long illness. President Zalman Shazar and Israel's two Chief Rabbis led one of the largest mourning processions in years for the two rabbinical leaders.

PARATROOPERS HOLD EXERCISES WITH COPTERS IN GOLAN HEIGHTS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 10 (JTA)--Israeli paratroopers concluded yesterday a series of war exercises in the Golan Heights. They used helicopters for quick shifts in simulated attacks and overcoming water obstacles. They assaulted "enemy" positions. The exercises, which are held routinely in occupied areas, began with a mass drop from transport planes.