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Koor Industries, Israel's giant industrial complex, announced in Jerusalem Sunday it would invest nearly \$500,000 to fight industrial pollution.

## SYNOD MEETING IN BEIRUT APPEALS TO WORLD FOR BARAM-IKRIT VILLAGERS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27 (JTA)--The Greek Catholic Synod meeting in Beirut ended a week-long meeting today with an appeal to "the world's conscience" to defend the right of Arab villagers in Israel to return to the sites of their border villages from which they were evacuated for security reasons 25 years ago. The meeting, presided over by Patriarch Maximos Hakim, was attended by Archbishop Joseph Raya of Galilee. Raya has taken up the cause of the former inhabitants of Baram and Ikrit, the villages in question, for which he was praised at the Synod meeting. Last month the Israeli Cabinet upheld the military's contention that the security situation which required the evacuation of Baram and Ikrit still prevailed and barred the return of the former residents. Both villages were razed nearly 20 years ago and their inhabitants resettled.

A split developed over the weekend among the villagers and their supporters in Israel. One group calling itself the Baram Evacuees Committee announced its dissociation from the support given its cause by Archbishop Raya and by a number of extreme leftwing political factions in Israel. Ayub E-Matnas, chairman of the new committee, said he rejected Raya's "crusade" in Jerusalem. The Archbishop led a protest march there last Wednesday. Matnas also rejected plans to raise funds to repay the State Lands Administration for the compensation monies already paid out to the Baram and Ikrit villagers.

But Perez Ofer, a spokesman for the Committee for the Baram-Ikrit Villagers claimed that E-Matnas, deputy chairman of the town council at Gush Halav where many of the evacuees now live, acted without his committee's consent and was trying to exploit Archbishop Raya's absence. He called E-Matnas' statement "provocative" and observed that the latter represented the Labor Alignment, the major party of the coalition government, on the Gush Halav council.

## McGOVERN SAYS USE OF GREECE AS 'HOME PORT' FOR US SHIPS IMPERILS BACKING FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (JTA)--Sen. George McGovern charged today that a Nixon Administration plan to use Greece as the home port for destroyers of the US Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean was "jeopardizing our commitment to Israel." The South Dakotan who is the Democratic Presidential nominee, warned in a statement issued here that the Greek military regime's friendship with Arab nations might cause it to interfere with any attempt to use the ships to support Israel in a time of need.

"Just three weeks ago the Deputy Foreign Minister of Greece told newsmen 'Greece's friendly relations with the Arab world rule out any direct or indirect participation in any acts aimed at our Arab friends,'" McGovern said. The Senator referred to the comment of the Greek Deputy Foreign Minister, Christian Xanthopoulos-Palamas after President Nixon remarked at a press conference last month that continued US aid to Greece and Turkey was especially important now "because of the fact that without aid to Greece and aid to Turkey you have no viable policy to save Israel."

McGovern asked, "What must the brave people of Israel think when they know our strength in the Mediterranean is dependent on the ports of a nation

which is in league with the Arab countries?" He urged that the port arrangements be submitted to the Senate for approval because Congress had "many times expressed views on both Greece and Israel which vary sharply from those of the Administration -- by urging a reluctant Administration to speed up authorized sales of aircraft to Israel and by recommending that aid to the Greek dictatorship be terminated."

(Sen. Frank Church, the Idaho Democrat who is a close adviser to Presidential candidate George McGovern, told Premier Golda Meir yesterday in Jerusalem that it was not true that the Democratic candidate did not fully support Israel. That theme was stressed repeatedly by Sen. Church at his meeting with Mrs. Meir at her home here. Mrs. Meir reminded Sen. Church that she had said in a Knesset speech on July 26, in a foreign policy address, that support for Israel transcended political party lines in the United States.

(Apart from bringing up the McGovern issue, Sen. Church spent most of his 90-minute meeting with Mrs. Meir listening to her views on Mideast political and military affairs following the Soviet military personnel withdrawal from Egypt. The Senator, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who was in Israel on a five-day fact-finding visit, asked to-the-point questions and listened attentively to Mrs. Meir's detailed and lengthy replies. A participant said the subject of Soviet Jewry was touched on.)

## GRENADE BLAST IN GAZA MISSES TARGET, KILLS ARAB BOY

TEL AVIV, Aug. 27 (JTA)--Twenty-five Arab workers were injured and a 12-year-old boy was fatally wounded by the explosion of a hand grenade in a Gaza street Friday. The grenade was thrown at a civilian car driven by an Israeli tourist. An Israeli girl soldier who was a passenger in the car received slight injuries and the car sustained minor damage.

The grenade missed the vehicle and exploded near a group of Arab workers employed in Israel and several other bystanders, among them the boy who later died of his wounds. Police rounded up 30 suspects for questioning. The incident was the first occasion for bloodshed in the Gaza streets in six months. Despite tension Arab workers employed in Israel showed up for work yesterday.

## FOREIGNERS BLAMED FOR RISE IN ISRAEL DRUG USE INCREASE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 27 (JTA)--Foreigners are introducing Israeli youngsters to drugs, the chief pharmacist of the Tel Aviv Health Office charged today. Abraham Tornau, addressing the closing session of the second Congress of the World Alliance for Israeli Pharmacy, blamed the influx of volunteers and tourists from abroad for the rising incidence of drug abuse among minors.

He said the youngest recorded user was a nine-year-old boy who was persuaded to smoke hashish, a form of marijuana by a 13-year-old friend. Tornau said that 182 minors were among the 892 persons arrested for using hashish in 1971. He said 40 percent of the users arrested were foreign tourists including 178 Americans.

Tornau said that 40,000 Israelis are thought to be habitual users of hashish, opium, LSD and other drugs, though heroin, a powerful opium derivative, is not widely used in this country. He reported that police hauls of hashish dropped drastically last year.

### CJF REPORTS 47 FEDERATIONS ALREADY HAVE ALLOCATED TWO-THIRDS OF TOTAL NEEDED TO REBUILD WILKES-BARRE

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (JTA)--Prompt action by 47 Jewish Federations throughout the United States has resulted in allocations totaling \$1,386,000 — two-thirds of the financial aid recently requested by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to help rebuild the flood-shattered Jewish community of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, hard hit by Hurricane Agnes. Max M. Fisher, CJF president, reported today.

He said the CJF, which has been coordinating national help to Wilkes-Barre, as well as to other communities in Pennsylvania and New York ravaged by the June storm, issued a call earlier this month to member Federations for financial assistance for the Wilkes-Barre community totaling more than \$2 million. The call followed approval by the CJF executive committee of an assistance program worked out by the CJF in consultation with the Jewish Federation of Wilkes-Barre, the Wyoming Valley Jewish committee.

Fisher said "this generous outpouring by Jewish communities across the country and the unprecedented speed with which these funds are being made available, is indicative of the concern of the American Jewish community for the well-being of the Wilkes-Barre community." He added that "the response to the urgent need of the Jewish community of Wilkes-Barre and to the CJF call for financial assistance is being met in many cases by commitments greater than what had been asked and is reflective of the deep sense of community shared by the total American Jewish community."

He said the assistance program sent to the Federations for their approval was projected to meet the Jewish community's needs over a two-year period. These include individual needs, continuation of Jewish communal services, restoration of Jewish institutions and initial interest payments for business loans. He said that to meet these needs, the minimum total needed is \$2,396,396. He added that the Wilkes-Barre community is undertaking to provide \$295,000 of that minimum total.

The aid projections are based on the direct experience of a CJF team of experts who have been working with the Wilkes-Barre Jewish community to define both the short-term and long-term aid needed. They are James Young, CJF director of small cities services, Herbert Katzki of the Joint Distribution Committee, Max Pearlman of the Chicago Jewish Federation and Mrs. Mollie Spec-tor of the Philadelphia Jewish Family Service. Fisher stressed that the special Jewish help given and projected is to meet special needs not met by the government, the Red Cross and other agencies and is in no sense a substitute for them.

Help also is coming to the devastated Jewish communities from other sources. B'nai B'rith announced on Aug. 20 the start of a \$500,000 disaster relief campaign to aid the stricken Jewish communities and the Synagogue Council of America earlier in the month sent a delegation to tour the area. SCA officials presented a check for \$15,000 for use in "rebuilding the community" and to supplement aid being sent by the individual constituent organizations of the SCA, which represents the rabbinical and congregational organizations of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Judaism.

Israeli police and soldiers have started rounding up Arabs from the occupied areas who have been staying overnight in Israeli settlements where they work as hired labor, officials reported in Tel Aviv.

### Whether They Remain Or Return to US AMERICAN SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS GAIN SKILLS IN ISRAEL PROGRAM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27 (JTA)--Officials here reported today that nine American social work students have completed a summer-long stay in Israel helping mental patients along the road to recovery. The purpose of the program, now in its second year, is to recruit social workers as new immigrants for Israel. Students in the program who do not opt to remain in Israel gain experience to help staff Jewish social agencies in the US, sponsors of the program said.

The program originated with Joel Bassan, a 35-year-old social worker and former rabbinical student, while on a visit to Israel in 1969. That fall he enrolled at Yeshiva University's graduate school of social work in New York. The program got under way the next year with the backing of Yeshiva University and the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Bassan, who hopes to increase the size of the effort, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "The real goals of the program are to alleviate the shortage of graduate school social workers who can help people in Israel in Hebrew and to do something about the lack of professional social workers in American Jewish life pledged to the continuity of the Jewish tradition."

The students spend 12 weeks at work in various social agencies in Jerusalem. Among the institutions were the Moadon Shalom, a club for former mental patients and Eratz Nashim Hospital, a community mental health center. The program encourages some of its students to participate in other activities, including assisting youngsters in summer recreation, Bassan said. In addition to working at social agencies, the students attend two seminars and take a field trip each week. The program's \$13,000 budget is met by private contributions, the Jewish Agency and the students themselves.

### RABBI LEWIN OFFERS ADDITIONS TO UN STUDY PLANS ON MINORITIES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 27 (JTA)--Rabbi Isaac Lewin, representative here of the Agudas Israel World Organization, has suggested the addition of several paragraphs for a study on the rights of minority groups, being prepared by the United Nations Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Rabbi Lewin spoke before a session on the feasibility of a proposed study to investigate the rights of persons belonging to ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities.

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### RUSSIAN CEMETERY VANDALIZED

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Shimon Alexandroni, Israel's economic minister to the US told the delegates that although Israel has for the first time since the Six-Day War decreased its defense expenditures this year, its defence costs are still running five times higher than they were in 1966, amounting to a third of the total national budget. Julian B. Venezky, national chairman for regions, reported a marked increase in US-Israel trade since 1961 with the US still enjoying a favorable balance. US exports to Israel rose from \$142.9 million to \$1.2 billion in the past 20 years while Israeli exports to this country increased from \$30.3 million to \$379 million over the same period, Venezky said. Rabbi Leon Kronish, of Miami, chairman of the National Rabbinic Cabinet of the IBO predicted that the special bond campaign to be conducted by more than 800 synagogues in the US and Canada over the High Holidays would yield \$35 million compared to \$25 million last year.

#### 40 WORLD JEWISH LEADERS MEET TODAY IN ISRAEL ON EXIT FEES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27 (JTA)--Forty world Jewish leaders will gather here Monday for a two-day meeting of the Jewish Agency's Board of Governors, and heading the agenda will be the newly imposed exit fees for Soviet Jewish academicians. Max M. Fisher, the Detroit industrialist, will preside. The governors' meeting will be preceded by a meeting of the Jewish Agency Executive and a meeting of the Budget and Fund-raising Committees. The sessions will mark the second anniversary of the reconstitution of the Jewish Agency.

Koor Industries, Israel's giant industrial complex, announced in Jerusalem Sunday it would invest nearly \$500,000 to fight industrial pollution.

## SYNOD MEETING IN BEIRUT APPEALS TO WORLD FOR BARAM-IKRIT VILLAGERS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27 (JTA)--The Greek Catholic Synod meeting in Beirut ended a week-long meeting today with an appeal to "the world's conscience" to defend the right of Arab villagers in Israel to return to the sites of their border villages from which they were evacuated for security reasons 25 years ago. The meeting, presided over by Patriarch Maximos Hakim, was attended by Archbishop Joseph Raya of Galilee. Raya has taken up the cause of the former inhabitants of Baram and Ikrit, the villages in question, for which he was praised at the Synod meeting. Last month the Israeli Cabinet upheld the military's contention that the security situation which required the evacuation of Baram and Ikrit still prevailed and barred the return of the former residents. Both villages were razed nearly 20 years ago and their inhabitants resettled.

A split developed over the weekend among the villagers and their supporters in Israel. One group calling itself the Baram Evacuees Committee announced its dissociation from the support given its cause by Archbishop Raya and by a number of extreme leftwing political factions in Israel. Ayub E-Matnas, chairman of the new committee, said he rejected Raya's "crusade" in Jerusalem. The Archbishop led a protest march there last Wednesday. Matnas also rejected plans to raise funds to repay the State Lands Administration for the compensation monies already paid out to the Baram and Ikrit villagers.

But Perez Ofer, a spokesman for the Committee for the Baram-Ikrit Villagers claimed that E-Matnas, deputy chairman of the town council at Gush Halav where many of the evacuees now live, acted without his committee's consent and was trying to exploit Archbishop Raya's absence. He called E-Matnas' statement "provocative" and observed that the latter represented the Labor Alignment, the major party of the coalition government, on the Gush Halav council.

## McGOVERN SAYS USE OF GREECE AS 'HOME PORT' FOR US SHIPS IMPERILS BACKING FOR ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27 (JTA)--Sen. George McGovern charged today that a Nixon Administration plan to use Greece as the home port for destroyers of the US Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean was "jeopardizing our commitment to Israel." The South Dakotan who is the Democratic Presidential nominee, warned in a statement issued here that the Greek military regime's friendship with Arab nations might cause it to interfere with any attempt to use the ships to support Israel in a time of need.

"Just three weeks ago the Deputy Foreign Minister of Greece told newsmen 'Greece's friendly relations with the Arab world rule out any direct or indirect participation in any acts aimed at our Arab friends,'" McGovern said. The Senator referred to the comment of the Greek Deputy Foreign Minister, Christian Xanthopoulos-Palamas after President Nixon remarked at a press conference last month that continued US aid to Greece and Turkey was especially important now "because of the fact that without aid to Greece and aid to Turkey you have no viable policy to save Israel."

McGovern asked, "What must the brave people of Israel think when they know our strength in the Mediterranean is dependent on the ports of a nation

which is in league with the Arab countries?" He urged that the port arrangements be submitted to the Senate for approval because Congress had "many times expressed views on both Greece and Israel which vary sharply from those of the Administration -- by urging a reluctant Administration to speed up authorized sales of aircraft to Israel and by recommending that aid to the Greek dictatorship be terminated."

(Sen. Frank Church, the Idaho Democrat who is a close adviser to Presidential candidate George McGovern, told Premier Golda Meir yesterday in Jerusalem that it was not true that the Democratic candidate did not fully support Israel. That theme was stressed repeatedly by Sen. Church at his meeting with Mrs. Meir at her home here. Mrs. Meir reminded Sen. Church that she had said in a Knesset speech on July 26, in a foreign policy address, that support for Israel transcended political party lines in the United States.

(Apart from bringing up the McGovern issue, Sen. Church spent most of his 90-minute meeting with Mrs. Meir listening to her views on Mideast political and military affairs following the Soviet military personnel withdrawal from Egypt. The Senator, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who was in Israel on a five-day fact-finding visit, asked to-the-point questions and listened attentively to Mrs. Meir's detailed and lengthy replies. A participant said the subject of Soviet Jewry was touched on.)

## GRENADE BLAST IN GAZA MISSES TARGET, KILLS ARAB BOY

TEL AVIV, Aug. 27 (JTA)--Twenty-five Arab workers were injured and a 12-year-old boy was fatally wounded by the explosion of a hand grenade in a Gaza street Friday. The grenade was thrown at a civilian car driven by an Israeli tourist. An Israeli girl soldier who was a passenger in the car received slight injuries and the car sustained minor damage.

The grenade missed the vehicle and exploded near a group of Arab workers employed in Israel and several other bystanders, among them the boy who later died of his wounds. Police rounded up 30 suspects for questioning. The incident was the first occasion for bloodshed in the Gaza streets in six months. Despite tension Arab workers employed in Israel showed up for work yesterday.

## FOREIGNERS BLAMED FOR RISE IN ISRAEL DRUG USE INCREASE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 27 (JTA)--Foreigners are introducing Israeli youngsters to drugs, the chief pharmacist of the Tel Aviv Health Office charged today. Abraham Tornau, addressing the closing session of the second Congress of the World Alliance for Israeli Pharmacy, blamed the influx of volunteers and tourists from abroad for the rising incidence of drug abuse among minors.

He said the youngest recorded user was a nine-year-old boy who was persuaded to smoke hashish, a form of marijuana by a 13-year-old friend. Tornau said that 182 minors were among the 892 persons arrested for using hashish in 1971. He said 40 percent of the users arrested were foreign tourists including 178 Americans.

Tornau said that 40,000 Israelis are thought to be habitual users of hashish, opium, LSD and other drugs, though heroin, a powerful opium derivative, is not widely used in this country. He reported that police hauls of hashish dropped drastically last year.

### CJF REPORTS 47 FEDERATIONS ALREADY HAVE ALLOCATED TWO-THIRDS OF TOTAL NEEDED TO REBUILD WILKES-BARRE

NEW YORK, Aug. 27 (JTA)--Prompt action by 47 Jewish Federations throughout the United States has resulted in allocations totaling \$1,386,000 — two-thirds of the financial aid recently requested by the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to help rebuild the flood-shattered Jewish community of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, hard hit by Hurricane Agnes. Max M. Fisher, CJF president, reported today.

He said the CJF, which has been coordinating national help to Wilkes-Barre, as well as to other communities in Pennsylvania and New York ravaged by the June storm, issued a call earlier this month to member Federations for financial assistance for the Wilkes-Barre community totaling more than \$2 million. The call followed approval by the CJF executive committee of an assistance program worked out by the CJF in consultation with the Jewish Federation of Wilkes-Barre, the Wyoming Valley Jewish committee.

Fisher said "this generous outpouring by Jewish communities across the country and the unprecedented speed with which these funds are being made available, is indicative of the concern of the American Jewish community for the well-being of the Wilkes-Barre community." He added that "the response to the urgent need of the Jewish community of Wilkes-Barre and to the CJF call for financial assistance is being met in many cases by commitments greater than what had been asked and is reflective of the deep sense of community shared by the total American Jewish community."

He said the assistance program sent to the Federations for their approval was projected to meet the Jewish community's needs over a two-year period. These include individual needs, continuation of Jewish communal services, restoration of Jewish institutions and initial interest payments for business loans. He said that to meet these needs, the minimum total needed is \$2,396,396. He added that the Wilkes-Barre community is undertaking to provide \$295,000 of that minimum total.

The aid projections are based on the direct experience of a CJF team of experts who have been working with the Wilkes-Barre Jewish community to define both the short-term and long-term aid needed. They are James Young, CJF director of small cities services, Herbert Katzki of the Joint Distribution Committee, Max Pearlman of the Chicago Jewish Federation and Mrs. Mollie Spec-tor of the Philadelphia Jewish Family Service. Fisher stressed that the special Jewish help given and projected is to meet special needs not met by the government, the Red Cross and other agencies and is in no sense a substitute for them.

Help also is coming to the devastated Jewish communities from other sources. B'nai B'rith announced on Aug. 20 the start of a \$500,000 disaster relief campaign to aid the stricken Jewish communities and the Synagogue Council of America earlier in the month sent a delegation to tour the area. SCA officials presented a check for \$15,000 for use in "rebuilding the community" and to supplement aid being sent by the individual constituent organizations of the SCA, which represents the rabbinical and congregational organizations of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Judaism.

Israeli police and soldiers have started rounding up Arabs from the occupied areas who have been staying overnight in Israeli settlements where they work as hired labor, officials reported in Tel Aviv.

### Whether They Remain Or Return to US AMERICAN SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS GAIN SKILLS IN ISRAEL PROGRAM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 27 (JTA)--Officials here reported today that nine American social work students have completed a summer-long stay in Israel helping mental patients along the road to recovery. The purpose of the program, now in its second year, is to recruit social workers as new immigrants for Israel. Students in the program who do not opt to remain in Israel gain experience to help staff Jewish social agencies in the US, sponsors of the program said.

The program originated with Joel Bassan, a 35-year-old social worker and former rabbinical student, while on a visit to Israel in 1969. That fall he enrolled at Yeshiva University's graduate school of social work in New York. The program got under way the next year with the backing of Yeshiva University and the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Bassan, who hopes to increase the size of the effort, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "The real goals of the program are to alleviate the shortage of graduate school social workers who can help people in Israel in Hebrew and to do something about the lack of professional social workers in American Jewish life pledged to the continuity of the Jewish tradition."

The students spend 12 weeks at work in various social agencies in Jerusalem. Among the institutions were the Moadon Shalom, a club for former mental patients and Eratz Nashim Hospital, a community mental health center. The program encourages some of its students to participate in other activities, including assisting youngsters in summer recreation, Bassan said. In addition to working at social agencies, the students attend two seminars and take a field trip each week. The program's \$13,000 budget is met by private contributions, the Jewish Agency and the students themselves.

### RABBI LEWIN OFFERS ADDITIONS TO UN STUDY PLANS ON MINORITIES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 27 (JTA)--Rabbi Isaac Lewin, representative here of the Agudas Israel World Organization, has suggested the addition of several paragraphs for a study on the rights of minority groups, being prepared by the United Nations Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Rabbi Lewin spoke before a session on the feasibility of a proposed study to investigate the rights of persons belonging to ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities.

Rabbi Lewin suggested the additions of paragraphs dealing with the rights of religious minorities to slaughter animals in religiously prescribed ways, with the restitution of religious monuments and institutions that had been destroyed in wartime, and with the full compensation by the State to minority schools for the secular education given by these schools. He also presented an historical survey of the entire problem of the protection of minorities by international bodies.

### RUSSIAN CEMETERY VANDALIZED

LONDON, Aug. 27 (JTA)--Fifty tombstones at the Vostrekovsky Jewish Cemetery in Moscow were defaced or demolished, Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today. The vandals have not yet been found.