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Friday is the Moslem Sabbath. On Saturday some 30 hasidim of the Karlyn sect in Jerusalem prayed at the Tomb in an area specifically designated for Moslem worshippers. On Saturday night another group from Kiryat Arba came in violation of the regulation barring Jews from prayer there after five p.m. In each case police ordered the violators away and they left without incident.

TREPPER URGENTLY NEEDS OPERATION

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Leopold Trepper has been trying to obtain an exit visa to emigrate to Israel since January without success. Now, because of an urgently needed operation, which cannot be performed in Poland, the former chief of the Soviet spy network, the "Red Orchestra," may yet succeed in leaving.

According to a medical document given to Trepper's son, Michael Brojde, a few days ago by an English tourist and just translated into English, only an operation can save Trepper's leg. The document, signed by a specialist in surgery, Dr. Wesolowski, a non-Jew from the official medical clinic in Warsaw, said the veins are nearly blocked, stopping the flow of blood to the end of the leg.

According to international medical law, a patient can ask for a specialist anywhere in the world if the treatment cannot be performed in his own country. Brojde said the "Save Trepper Committee" in London is prepared to pay the expenses connected with the operation.

CABINET APPROVES SHAPIRO'S RE-APPOINTMENT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4 (JTA)--The re-appointment of Yaacov Shimon Shapiro as Minister of Justice was unanimously approved yesterday by the Cabinet. Shapiro's return to the Government from which he resigned two months ago, will come before the Knesset for approval later this week. It is expected to encounter opposition from the Herut and other opposition factions. Premier Golda Meir plans to address a special vacation session of the Knesset tomorrow to explain her reasons for wanting Shapiro back.

MRS. MEIR SAYS SADAT MUST NEGOTIATE IF HE WANTS PART OF SINAI RETURNED

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir has served notice to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat that he must agree to direct negotiations with Israel if he hopes to get any part of the Sinai back. She declared on a television interview Friday that Israel's principles for peace remained unchanged despite Sadat's ouster of Soviet military advisers. "Once Egypt starts negotiations there will be concessions on our part," she said.

The Premier elaborated on her remarks Saturday night when she addressed the Association of American and Canadian Immigrants honoring Haddassah leader Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson. "If Sadat is going to get part of the Sinai--and he can--it is from us," she said. "He must realize that nobody is going to hand him Sinai on a silver platter intact exactly as it was in 1967 with Israel standing by as a passive onlooker," she said.

Mrs. Meir said on her tv interview that Israel had ideas for maps but has drawn no maps because it wanted to be flexible on territorial issues. She denied that the establishment of Jewish settlements in some of the occupied territories was in effect drawing maps.

Mrs. Violet Khouri, a 43-year-old Arab Christian social worker, was elected Friday to head the town council of Kfar Yassif in Western Galilee, the first Arab woman to head a town council in Israel.

Dr. Goldmann Stirs Controversy PROPOSES WORLD JEWRY, ISRAEL RAISE MONEY TO PAY SOVIET RANSOM DEMANDS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, became the center of a bitter new controversy yesterday over his proposal that world Jewry and the Israel Government raise the money to pay the excessive visa fees demanded by Soviet authorities from educated Jews wishing to leave the Soviet Union.

Dr. Goldmann made the proposal in a statement on the Kol Israel radio "newsreel." It was promptly denounced by spokesmen for the Jewish Agency and the WJC's Israeli Executive who said they dissociated themselves completely from any suggestion that Russian Jews should be ransomed. Jewish Agency Treasurer Leon Dultzin said he was "utterly shocked." Dultzin declared, "We will not agree that Russian Jews be reduced to the status of cattle with a price on their heads."

Herut members of the WJC Executive demanded Goldmann's resignation. Joseph Klarman, a member of the Jewish Agency Executive and a leader of the Herut Hatzair, said Goldmann "has stabbed us in the back." Itzhak Koren, a Labor Party MK and chairman of the WJC's Israeli Executive said he did not share Dr. Goldmann's view and noted that all WJC bodies were involved in the anti-ransom campaign.

Will Have To Finance Payments

Goldmann deplored the Soviet demand that Jews reimburse the State for the higher education they received as a condition for allowing them to leave. However, he said, "It may be unavoidable that apart from a public campaign we will have to finance the payments asked by the Russians." He said "the payments should be made through both Jewish and international foreign loans."

Many countries should be mobilized to influence the Russians, the WJC leader said, "but in the end we will have to get the money together and we have the moral right to demand an international loan." Dr. Goldmann said he could not understand why Israel is not giving this serious consideration.

Dr. Goldmann claimed that he was given a hint some time ago that the Russians were preparing to demand payment from Jewish academicians and intellectuals seeking to leave. "I tried to persuade them not to do so by claiming it was not right for a great country to do that, but they said other countries did the same thing." He said the Russians deliberated the measure for six months before introducing it.

(A report from London today quoted Jewish sources in the Soviet Union as saying that the new visa fees decreed by the Soviet Council of Ministers on Aug. 3 will come up for ratification by the Supreme Soviet on Sept. 19)

EBAN LASHES GOLDMANN'S PROPOSAL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban lashed out today against the "counsels of despair" who propose that Jews raise the money to "ransom" Soviet Jewish academicians and intellectuals seeking to leave the USSR. His remarks were seen as directed at Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress although Eban did not mention Dr. Goldmann by name. Addressing some 3000 school children assembled at the Western Wall plaza, the Foreign Minister said: "We will not rest nor be silent until the (ransom) decree is revoked." Eban told the Cabinet yesterday that he regretted the Goldmann statement.

He told the youngsters today that the Wall represented "the three ideals which permeated the era of the Prophets--Jewish eternal destiny, freedom of the spirit and peace." He said the Soviets "in a cruel blow" were trying to undermine all three of these values. He said it was "rubbish" for the Soviet authorities to claim that

the visa payments they demand represented the cost of educating the Jews seeking to leave: "The scientists of the USSR--Jews among them--have contributed incomparably more to their country than the price fixed on their heads," he said.

DR. PRINZ: WJCONGRESS WILL AROUSE WORLD OPINION AGAINST EXCESSIVE FEES

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the Governing Council of the World Jewish Congress, said today that the organization would "cooperate in every possible way" to arouse world opinion against the Soviet Government's demand for exorbitant visa fees. Dr. Prinz told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had been unable to contact Dr. Nahum Goldmann regarding his remarks that raised a storm of protest.

Dr. Prinz said, "The World Jewish Congress is a participant in the international conference presently being held in London to discuss the outrageous Soviet policy of imposing exorbitant taxes on Soviet Jewish intellectuals who wish to emigrate. The WJC, he said, "will cooperate in every possible way with the world Jewish community to urge Jews and Christians to unite to protest against this flagrant violation of the human rights of Soviet citizens and expresses the hope that the unanimous world opinion will convince the Soviet Government of the injustice of its action."

50 PERCENT OF TEL AVIV U STUDENTS ARE OF ORIENTAL ORIGIN, SAYS ALMOGI

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Fifty percent of the students enrolled at Tel Aviv University are of Oriental origin, coming from communities in North African and Asian countries, Labor Minister Yosef Almogi noted at corner-stone laying ceremonies for the university's new school of engineering. The school is named in honor of Joseph Meyerhoff, an American-Jewish philanthropist from Baltimore.

Almogi said the high enrollment of Oriental Jews was an "achievement of the first order, especially considering that only 17 percent of the student body at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and 27 percent at the Negev University in Beersheba are of Oriental origin."

GOVERNMENT SEEKS TO COUNTER SLOWDOWN OF FOREIGN INVESTMENTS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Government officials, worried over the decline of foreign investments in Israel, have urged a newly appointed high-level economic committee to focus its attention on that problem before tackling other matters. The committee was recently appointed by Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Barlev to advise on future industrial investments in the country.

But Ministry officials said today that the foreign investment slowdown is too urgent to be ignored. They noted that while investments in existing plants have doubled from \$74 million to \$150 million, approvals for the creation of new plants, an index to foreign investments, have dropped from \$144 million to \$78 million. "Not only are new projects lacking," one official said, "but there is a dearth of new ideas."

He noted that prior to 1967 investments were aimed at "export at any price" and after the Six-Day War the emphasis was on war industries. Recently there has been some stress on science-based industries "but in the last two years there seems to be no clear direction," the official said.

Rosh Hashana Greetings:NIXON PRAISES JEWISH LEADERSHIP...

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (JTA)--President Richard M. Nixon issued the traditional Presidential greetings to the American Jewish community today on the occasion of the forthcoming High Holy Days. In a 200-word message, the President said that "We are reminded" by the "message of these solemn religious days" of "the dynamic leadership which Jews have always displayed in man's struggle for freedom, human dignity and justice."

The President's message said: "The spirit of self-examination and moral re-dedication in which fellow citizens of the Jewish faith across the country observe the High Holy Days is one from which all of us can draw courage and inspiration. It is the spirit on which the greatness of the Jewish people has been built. And it is also the spirit in which America's greatness has flourished."

"So as we send greetings to our Jewish friends on the coming of a New Year of their calendar, it is well that we reaffirm the ethical principles and traditional values we so proudly share. As we ponder the message of these solemn religious days we are reminded of the dynamic leadership which Jews have always displayed in man's struggle for freedom, human dignity and justice. And we find sustenance and strength not only in the significance of their beliefs but in the substance of their deeds."

"May the New Year bring our fellow Americans of the Jewish faith nearer to the fulfillment of their individual hopes, and may it bring the world a just and lasting peace."

...McGOVERN SEES REAFFIRMATION OF VALUES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Sen. George McGovern, the Democratic Presidential candidate, greeted American Jews today on the occasion of the High Holy Days. "Mrs. McGovern joins me in wishing our Jewish friends and Jews around the world a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year," the South Dakotan said.

"Traditionally," McGovern's message continued, "the High Holy Days has been a period for reflection and rededication. Jews have chosen the Days of Awe as a time for the individual to look at himself to examine how he can better fulfill his responsibilities to his Maker and his fellow man."

"Rosh Hashana symbolizes a reaffirmation of the values that have shaped the Jewish role within the world community. It marks a renewed commitment to the task of improving the world unto the Almighty. I join the Jewish community in the prayer that the New Year 5733 will bring a time of peace, justice and brotherhood for all men," McGovern's message concluded.

PRO-NIXON, PRO-McGOVERN GROUPS ESTABLISHED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Partisan politics over America's quadrennial presidential elections has begun in Israel. Pro-Nixon and pro-McGovern groups have sprung up among the country's 50,000 Americans — permanent residents and olim—although the numbers initially involved in each are minute. A group supporting the re-election of President Nixon was established here last week with a membership of 15, most of them olim who have retained their American citizenship and can cast absentee ballots.

The group is headed by a 39-year-old former New York real estate man, Michael Kaniel, who identified himself as a former officer of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and a member of

the board of Torah Umersorah. Kaniel's group is in touch with the Committee for the Re-Election of President Nixon in Washington, D.C.

A pro-McGovern group, "Americans in Israel for McGovern," was established at about the same time. No numbers were immediately available of its membership. It is headed by Dr. Miron-Sheskin, a retired lawyer from the US who is Russian-speaking and heads the Association of Professional Immigrants from the USSR.

Other members include Mrs. Hal Lieberman, a New York lawyer teaching in Israel; Miss Judith Robin, who once worked in the John F. Kennedy campaign headquarters; and Samuel Felman of Pittsburgh, who has business interests in Haifa. The pro-Nixon group has begun campaigning among the American colony. They claim that Nixon's re-election would be "better for Israel" than a McGovern administration.

NIXON'S MIDEAST POLICY TO CHANGE, SAYS McGOVERN'S POLICY ADVISER

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Prof. Abraham Chayes, Sen. George McGovern's foreign policy adviser, claimed here that President Nixon's Middle East policy would change as a result of the Soviet pull-out from Egypt. Chayes, who is in Israel on a five-day visit to explain the Democratic presidential candidate's views to Israeli political leaders, alleged that Nixon viewed Israel's security in cold war, bulwark-against-Communism terms.

According to Chayes, the Nixon Administration and especially the President's national security advisor, Henry Kissinger, believed in summits to solve world problems. With the Soviet military threat reduced it was likely that the Nixon Administration would try to solve the Middle East problem through Big Power summits, Chayes said.

He stated McGovern believed that foreign policy should not be conducted by the White House to the extent that it was under Nixon. He acknowledged that a greater role for the State Department "does not sound good for Israel" but said McGovern was aware of the State Department's pro-Arab history and that inevitably the major decisions must involve the White House.

MRS. KUZNETSOV TRANSFERRED FROM LABOR CAMP TO PRISON

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Sylvia Zalmanson Kuznetsov, 28-year-old engineer serving a 10-year strict-regime sentence in the Soviet Union, has been transferred from labor camp to prison for six months, according to Jewish sources here. The sources said the move, similar to that ordered recently for Valery Kukul, was probably in "retaliation" for overseas protests against her incarceration. Mrs. Kuznetsov, arrested in June, 1970, for alleged complicity in a purported hijacking plot, was convicted in Dec., 1970.

GAZA AUTHORITY CONDEMNS TERRORIST ACTS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4 (JTA)--For the first time in the relationship between the Gaza Strip civilian administration and the Israeli military government, a local authority has officially condemned terrorist acts. At a municipal meeting this weekend in Khan Yunis to which sheikhs and other Strip notables were invited, a unanimous resolution condemned the hand-grenade incident that injured three local workers.

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Last Friday a group of Orthodox settlers from the new Kiryat Arba quarter visited the Tomb although

Friday is the Moslem Sabbath. On Saturday some 30 hasidim of the Karlyn sect in Jerusalem prayed at the Tomb in an area specifically designated for Moslem worshippers. On Saturday night another group from Kiryat Arba came in violation of the regulation barring Jews from prayer there after five p.m. In each case police ordered the violators away and they left without incident.

TREPPER URGENTLY NEEDS OPERATION

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Leopold Trepper has been trying to obtain an exit visa to emigrate to Israel since January without success. Now, because of an urgently needed operation, which cannot be performed in Poland, the former chief of the Soviet spy network, the "Red Orchestra," may yet succeed in leaving.

According to a medical document given to Trepper's son, Michael Brojde, a few days ago by an English tourist and just translated into English, only an operation can save Trepper's leg. The document, signed by a specialist in surgery, Dr. Wesolowski, a non-Jew from the official medical clinic in Warsaw, said the veins are nearly blocked, stopping the flow of blood to the end of the leg.

According to international medical law, a patient can ask for a specialist anywhere in the world if the treatment cannot be performed in his own country. Brojde said the "Save Trepper Committee" in London is prepared to pay the expenses connected with the operation.

CABINET APPROVES SHAPIRO'S RE-APPOINTMENT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4 (JTA)--The re-appointment of Yaacov Shimon Shapiro as Minister of Justice was unanimously approved yesterday by the Cabinet. Shapiro's return to the Government from which he resigned two months ago, will come before the Knesset for approval later this week. It is expected to encounter opposition from the Herut and other opposition factions. Premier Golda Meir plans to address a special vacation session of the Knesset tomorrow to explain her reasons for wanting Shapiro back.

MRS. MEIR SAYS SADAT MUST NEGOTIATE IF HE WANTS PART OF SINAI RETURNED

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir has served notice to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat that he must agree to direct negotiations with Israel if he hopes to get any part of the Sinai back. She declared on a television interview Friday that Israel's principles for peace remained unchanged despite Sadat's ouster of Soviet military advisers. "Once Egypt starts negotiations there will be concessions on our part," she said.

The Premier elaborated on her remarks Saturday night when she addressed the Association of American and Canadian Immigrants honoring Hadasah leader Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson. "If Sadat is going to get part of the Sinai--and he can--it is from us," she said. "He must realize that nobody is going to hand him Sinai on a silver platter intact exactly as it was in 1967 with Israel standing by as a passive onlooker," she said.

Mrs. Meir said on her tv interview that Israel had ideas for maps but has drawn no maps because it wanted to be flexible on territorial issues. She denied that the establishment of Jewish settlements in some of the occupied territories was in effect drawing maps.

Mrs. Violet Khouri, a 43-year-old Arab Christian social worker, was elected Friday to head the town council of Kfar Yassif in Western Galilee, the first Arab woman to head a town council in Israel.

Dr. Goldmann Stirs Controversy PROPOSES WORLD JEWRY, ISRAEL RAISE MONEY TO PAY SOVIET RANSOM DEMANDS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, became the center of a bitter new controversy yesterday over his proposal that world Jewry and the Israel Government raise the money to pay the excessive visa fees demanded by Soviet authorities from educated Jews wishing to leave the Soviet Union.

Dr. Goldmann made the proposal in a statement on the Kol Israel radio "newsreel." It was promptly denounced by spokesmen for the Jewish Agency and the WJC's Israeli Executive who said they dissociated themselves completely from any suggestion that Russian Jews should be ransomed. Jewish Agency Treasurer Leon Dultzin said he was "utterly shocked." Dultzin declared, "We will not agree that Russian Jews be reduced to the status of cattle with a price on their heads."

Herut members of the WJC Executive demanded Goldmann's resignation. Joseph Klarman, a member of the Jewish Agency Executive and a leader of the Herut Hatzair, said Goldmann "has stabbed us in the back." Itzhak Koren, a Labor Party MK and chairman of the WJC's Israeli Executive said he did not share Dr. Goldmann's view and noted that all WJC bodies were involved in the anti-ransom campaign.

Will Have To Finance Payments

Goldmann deplored the Soviet demand that Jews reimburse the State for the higher education they received as a condition for allowing them to leave. However, he said, "It may be unavoidable that apart from a public campaign we will have to finance the payments asked by the Russians." He said "the payments should be made through both Jewish and international foreign loans."

Many countries should be mobilized to influence the Russians, the WJC leader said, "but in the end we will have to get the money together and we have the moral right to demand an international loan." Dr. Goldmann said he could not understand why Israel is not giving this serious consideration.

Dr. Goldmann claimed that he was given a hint some time ago that the Russians were preparing to demand payment from Jewish academicians and intellectuals seeking to leave. "I tried to persuade them not to do so by claiming it was not right for a great country to do that, but they said other countries did the same thing." He said the Russians deliberated the measure for six months before introducing it.

(A report from London today quoted Jewish sources in the Soviet Union as saying that the new visa fees decreed by the Soviet Council of Ministers on Aug. 3 will come up for ratification by the Supreme Soviet on Sept. 19)

EBAN LASHES GOLDMANN'S PROPOSAL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban lashed out today against the "counsels of despair" who propose that Jews raise the money to "ransom" Soviet Jewish academicians and intellectuals seeking to leave the USSR. His remarks were seen as directed at Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress although Eban did not mention Dr. Goldmann by name. Addressing some 3000 school children assembled at the Western Wall plaza, the Foreign Minister said: "We will not rest nor be silent until the (ransom) decree is revoked." Eban told the Cabinet yesterday that he regretted the Goldmann statement.

He told the youngsters today that the Wall represented "the three ideals which permeated the era of the Prophets--Jewish eternal destiny, freedom of the spirit and peace." He said the Soviets "in a cruel blow" were trying to undermine all three of these values. He said it was "rubbish" for the Soviet authorities to claim that

the visa payments they demand represented the cost of educating the Jews seeking to leave; "The scientists of the USSR--Jews among them--have contributed incomparably more to their country than the price fixed on their heads," he said.

DR. PRINZ: WJCONGRESS WILL AROUSE WORLD OPINION AGAINST EXCESSIVE FEES

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Dr. Joachim Prinz, chairman of the Governing Council of the World Jewish Congress, said today that the organization would "cooperate in every possible way" to arouse world opinion against the Soviet Government's demand for exorbitant visa fees. Dr. Prinz told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had been unable to contact Dr. Nahum Goldmann regarding his remarks that raised a storm of protest.

Dr. Prinz said, "The World Jewish Congress is a participant in the international conference presently being held in London to discuss the outrageous Soviet policy of imposing exorbitant taxes on Soviet Jewish intellectuals who wish to emigrate. The WJC, he said, "will cooperate in every possible way with the world Jewish community to urge Jews and Christians to unite to protest against this flagrant violation of the human rights of Soviet citizens and expresses the hope that the unanimous world opinion will convince the Soviet Government of the injustice of its action."

50 PERCENT OF TEL AVIV U STUDENTS ARE OF ORIENTAL ORIGIN, SAYS ALMOGI

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Fifty percent of the students enrolled at Tel Aviv University are of Oriental origin, coming from communities in North African and Asian countries, Labor Minister Yosef Almogi noted at corner-stone laying ceremonies for the university's new school of engineering. The school is named in honor of Joseph Meyerhoff, an American-Jewish philanthropist from Baltimore.

Almogi said the high enrollment of Oriental Jews was an "achievement of the first order, especially considering that only 17 percent of the student body at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and 27 percent at the Negev University in Beersheba are of Oriental origin."

GOVERNMENT SEEKS TO COUNTER SLOWDOWN OF FOREIGN INVESTMENTS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Government officials, worried over the decline of foreign investments in Israel, have urged a newly appointed high-level economic committee to focus its attention on that problem before tackling other matters. The committee was recently appointed by Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Barlev to advise on future industrial investments in the country.

But Ministry officials said today that the foreign investment slowdown is too urgent to be ignored. They noted that while investments in existing plants have doubled from \$74 million to \$150 million, approvals for the creation of new plants, an index to foreign investments, have dropped from \$144 million to \$78 million. "Not only are new projects lacking," one official said, "but there is a dearth of new ideas."

He noted that prior to 1967 investments were aimed at "export at any price" and after the Six-Day War the emphasis was on war industries. Recently there has been some stress on science-based industries "but in the last two years there seems to be no clear direction," the official said.

Rosh Hashana Greetings:NIXON PRAISES JEWISH LEADERSHIP...

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (JTA)--President Richard M. Nixon issued the traditional Presidential greetings to the American Jewish community today on the occasion of the forthcoming High Holy Days. In a 200-word message, the President said that "We are reminded" by the "message of these solemn religious days" of "the dynamic leadership which Jews have always displayed in man's struggle for freedom, human dignity and justice."

The President's message said: "The spirit of self-examination and moral re-dedication in which fellow citizens of the Jewish faith across the country observe the High Holy Days is one from which all of us can draw courage and inspiration. It is the spirit on which the greatness of the Jewish people has been built. And it is also the spirit in which America's greatness has flourished."

"So as we send greetings to our Jewish friends on the coming of a New Year of their calendar, it is well that we reaffirm the ethical principles and traditional values we so proudly share. As we ponder the message of these solemn religious days we are reminded of the dynamic leadership which Jews have always displayed in man's struggle for freedom, human dignity and justice. And we find sustenance and strength not only in the significance of their beliefs but in the substance of their deeds."

"May the New Year bring our fellow Americans of the Jewish faith nearer to the fulfillment of their individual hopes, and may it bring the world a just and lasting peace."

...McGOVERN SEES REAFFIRMATION OF VALUES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Sen. George McGovern, the Democratic Presidential candidate, greeted American Jews today on the occasion of the High Holy Days. "Mrs. McGovern joins me in wishing our Jewish friends and Jews around the world a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year," the South Dakotan said.

"Traditionally," McGovern's message continued, "the High Holy Days has been a period for reflection and rededication. Jews have chosen the Days of Awe as a time for the individual to look at himself to examine how he can better fulfill his responsibilities to his Maker and his fellow man."

"Rosh Hashana symbolizes a reaffirmation of the values that have shaped the Jewish role within the world community. It marks a renewed commitment to the task of improving the world unto the Almighty. I join the Jewish community in the prayer that the New Year 5733 will bring a time of peace, justice and brotherhood for all men," McGovern's message concluded.

PRO-NIXON, PRO-McGOVERN GROUPS ESTABLISHED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Partisan politics over America's quadrennial presidential elections has begun in Israel. Pro-Nixon and pro-McGovern groups have sprung up among the country's 50,000 Americans — permanent residents and olim—although the numbers initially involved in each are minute. A group supporting the re-election of President Nixon was established here last week with a membership of 15, most of them olim who have retained their American citizenship and can cast absentee ballots.

The group is headed by a 39-year-old former New York real estate man, Michael Kaniel, who identified himself as a former officer of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and a member of

the board of Torah Umersorah. Kaniel's group is in touch with the Committee for the Re-Election of President Nixon in Washington, D.C.

A pro-McGovern group, "Americans in Israel for McGovern," was established at about the same time. No numbers were immediately available of its membership. It is headed by Dr. Miron-Sheskin, a retired lawyer from the US who is Russian-speaking and heads the Association of Professional Immigrants from the USSR.

Other members include Mrs. Hal Lieberman, a New York lawyer teaching in Israel; Miss Judith Robin, who once worked in the John F. Kennedy campaign headquarters; and Samuel Felman of Pittsburgh, who has business interests in Haifa. The pro-Nixon group has begun campaigning among the American colony. They claim that Nixon's re-election would be "better for Israel" than a McGovern administration.

NIXON'S MIDEAST POLICY TO CHANGE, SAYS McGOVERN'S POLICY ADVISER

JERUSALEM, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Prof. Abraham Chayes, Sen. George McGovern's foreign policy adviser, claimed here that President Nixon's Middle East policy would change as a result of the Soviet pull-out from Egypt. Chayes, who is in Israel on a five-day visit to explain the Democratic presidential candidate's views to Israeli political leaders, alleged that Nixon viewed Israel's security in cold war, bulwark-against-Communism terms.

According to Chayes, the Nixon Administration and especially the President's national security advisor, Henry Kissinger, believed in summits to solve world problems. With the Soviet military threat reduced it was likely that the Nixon Administration would try to solve the Middle East problem through Big Power summits, Chayes said.

He stated McGovern believed that foreign policy should not be conducted by the White House to the extent that it was under Nixon. He acknowledged that a greater role for the State Department "does not sound good for Israel" but said McGovern was aware of the State Department's pro-Arab history and that inevitably the major decisions must involve the White House.

MRS. KUZNETSOV TRANSFERRED FROM LABOR CAMP TO PRISON

NEW YORK, Sept. 4 (JTA)--Sylvia Zalmanson Kuznetsov, 28-year-old engineer serving a 10-year strict-regime sentence in the Soviet Union, has been transferred from labor camp to prison for six months, according to Jewish sources here. The sources said the move, similar to that ordered recently for Valeriy Kukul, was probably in "retaliation" for overseas protests against her incarceration. Mrs. Kuznetsov, arrested in June, 1970, for alleged complicity in a purported hijacking plot, was convicted in Dec., 1970.

GAZA AUTHORITY CONDEMNS TERRORIST ACTS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 4 (JTA)--For the first time in the relationship between the Gaza Strip civilian administration and the Israeli military government, a local authority has officially condemned terrorist acts. At a municipal meeting this weekend in Khan Yunis to which sheikhs and other Strip notables were invited, a unanimous resolution condemned the hand-grenade incident that injured three local workers.

Wednesday's Bulletin will contain a Rosh Hashana Supplement.