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During the debate yesterday, China defended the actions of Arab terrorists, contending that it was perfectly just for oppressed nations and peoples to use revolutionary violence against "imperialism, colonialism, racism and Israeli Zionism." Alarcon Quesada, the Cuban delegate maintained that violence was a social phenomenon arising from historical factors and in response to "reactionary violence and aggression." He said the UN should be concerned about the violence of the colonialists and racists in Africa, of the "fascist oppressors" in some Latin American countries and of "Zionists against the Palestinians and the peoples of the Arab territories occupied by Israel."

EBAN: W. GERMANY ACTED CORRECTLY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (JTA)--Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban said today that the West German government acted correctly in its handling of the Palestinian terrorists who killed 11 Israeli athletes on Sept. 5. Speaking on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation," Eban said that although he was not satisfied with the results, the basic decision of the West German government was correct.

He denied speculation that Israel will conduct anti-terrorist activities on foreign soil, noting that Israel was not in a position to do so and that it respected the sovereignty of other nations. Eban proposed that countries end commercial air traffic with those nations that aid and harbor terrorists. Referring to the air strikes against terrorist strongholds in Lebanon and Syria last weekend, the Foreign Minister described them as "resistance" to Arab terrorism.

U.S.-ISRAEL TO PUSH FOR STRONG ANTI-TERRORIST ACTION IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 24 (JTA)--The United States and Israel will both seek determined action

by the United Nations for the suppression of terrorism. The US-Israeli affinity of thought on the matter emerged after a 75-minute meeting Friday in Washington between US Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel. Rogers will address the General Assembly tomorrow. Eban is scheduled to speak at a later date.

State Department spokesman Charles Bray said after the Rogers-Eban meeting and a meeting between Rogers and French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann, that what the US has "in mind for discussion and decision (at the UN) is the kind of inadmissible, criminal and essentially international" terrorism which includes "death by mail" such as the spate of letter bombs sent recently to Israeli diplomats in many countries, one of which killed the Israeli Agricultural Attache in London last week.

In his address tomorrow to the Assembly, Rogers reportedly will urge all nations to pool efforts to combat terrorists such as the Black September group that was responsible for the murder of 11 Israeli Olympic athletes in Munich Sept. 5. He is also expected to seek coordinated international efforts against terrorism at a meeting in Frankfurt next week of the international police organization, Interpol.

Sanctions To Eliminate Hijackings

Eban said after his meeting with Rogers that the US Secretary of State had indicated "great sympathy" with Israel's need to concentrate against the "terrorist plague." The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned that Rogers did not suggest, at his meeting with Eban, that Israel refrain from bombing terrorist strongholds in Lebanon as it did after the Munich murders or from ground sweeps in neighboring countries to flush out terrorists. The JTA was told that the subject of reprisals did not arise at the Rogers-Eban meeting.

Rogers reportedly stressed to Schumann US concern on the need to combat terrorism and indicated that the US would press hard for sanctions to eliminate aerial hijackings, a common form of terrorism employed by Arab guerrillas and others. US moves in that direction in the UN have strong Congressional backing.

On Thursday, the US Senate overwhelmingly adopted a stern anti-hijacking measure. It gives the Federal Aviation Administration both the authority and means to impose total pre-flight screening of passengers and their carry-on baggage at all American airports. It also establishes Presidential authority to impose unilateral sanctions against other nations failing to take appropriate action against hijacking and hijackers. The Senate bill demands harsher penalties for hijackers--an attempt to re-introduce the death penalty for that crime, a penalty struck down by the US Supreme Court last June.

Israel Will Hit Terrorists

Israeli sources in Washington were reported to feel that the US has moved closer to Israel on the Mideast situation as a result of the Munich killings. They cited President Nixon's strong statement against the Arab terrorist killings in Munich and the US veto two weeks ago of a Security Council resolution which urged an end to all military action in the Middle East without referring to the Arab terrorist attacks, as the US had sought.

Eban reiterated previously reported assertions by Israeli sources that Israel would hit at terrorists and saboteurs, adding that "it is not our obligation to sit back and have the terrorists cut our throats." But Eban rejected the idea that Israel

was refusing to negotiate for a Middle East settlement because of its current stress on combatting terrorists.

Eban told reporters that he had raised with Rogers the issue of the "ransom" demands of the Soviet government against university-educated Russian Jews seeking to emigrate. But he declined to comment on possibilities on a US linkage of Soviet Jewish emigration to American-Soviet trade agreements now being discussed by the two nations. Eban stressed that public and governmental opinion should be brought to bear on the Soviet Union "precisely because we do want co-existence."

FOREIGN AID BILL OPPOSES EXIT FEES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (JTA)--The House approved, with shouts of approval, an amendment to the Foreign Aid bill Thursday night which expressed the opposition of the House to the huge exit fees imposed on Jewish academicians. The amendment, approved by voice vote, was proposed by Rep. Charles E. Vanik (D. Ohio), and would ban assistance from the Export-Import Bank or the Office of Government Insurance for overseas investment to any country whose emigration fee is in excess of \$50 or the equivalent of that amount.

The House also approved by 169-141 the \$4.2 billion foreign aid bill in which more than \$400 million is earmarked for Israel. Of that amount, up to \$300 million is for military sales credits for Israel, \$50 million is for economic support aid for Soviet Jewish refugees settling in Israel and about \$3 million is for American schools and hospitals in Israel.

Opposition to the Vanik amendment was expressed by Republican House leader Gerald Ford of Michigan and Rep. Otto Passman (D. La.) chairman of the House subcommittee handling the foreign aid bill. The bill now goes to the Senate, where the future of the amendment is uncertain.

McGOVERN HAILED FOR USSR STAND

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (JTA)--Richard Maass, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, today hailed Sen. George McGovern for urging a delay in the granting of most favored nation status to the Soviet Union until the USSR announces the lifting of the heavy exit fees on educated Soviet Jews. McGovern, Democratic Party Presidential nominee, told a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations last Friday that he would do everything in his power to resist what he termed "flagrant violation of human rights."

Noting that "all honest efforts toward world peace and towards detente" between the US and USSR deserve support, Maass added that, until the Soviet exit fee is lifted, and until harassment and imprisonment of Jews end, "it is moral and right for American leaders to link the issue of Soviet-American relations to this moral concern." Meanwhile, the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry announced there will be a "mass confrontation" with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko Tuesday when the Soviet diplomat addresses the United Nations General Assembly. The rally is scheduled for 12 noon at the Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza opposite the UN.

Brazil and Israel have agreed to exchange data on the peaceful uses of atomic energy, it was announced Friday in Brasilia. The two countries will also exchange students. Shal Heveth Freier, director general of Israel's Atomic Energy Commission, said that one of the contributions Israel can make to Brazil's technology is to provide information on the use of atomic energy for desalinating water.

\$3.6M IN ISRAEL BONDS SOLD; SAPIR SAYS ISRAEL'S 1973 DEFENSE BUDGET UP \$300 M

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (JTA)--Pinhas Sapir, Israel's Finance Minister, told 200 Israel Bond leaders at a luncheon here Thursday that next year's defense budget might be increased to \$1.75 billion or \$300 million more than the current year. More than \$3.6 million in Israel Bonds was sold at the luncheon in tribute to the Finance Minister. Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, was luncheon chairman and Shimon Alexandroni, Israel's Minister of Economic Affairs to the US and Canada was the host.

Sapir cited increased costs of US military equipment, which is becoming more and more sophisticated, and pointed out that this year's defense budget of \$1.45 billion, representing 23 percent of the country's GNP, would have to be increased by some \$300 million for next year. Sapir said that, "the most important event during the past Jewish year has been the immigration of Russian Jews." He said that 30,000 Russian-Jewish immigrants are expected in 1972.

"The cost of absorbing these people into Israel's economy and making housing and jobs available to them will be \$350 million," Sapir said. "And this does not take into account the fact that we expect a total of 60,000 immigrants in 1972." Looking back on the twenty-five years of Israel's existence as an independent State, the Finance Minister declared that "we must now project for the next twenty-five years, during which we must continue to be partners in this historic work."

14 NOBEL LAUREATES DENOUNCE HEAD TAX

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (JTA)--Fourteen Nobel Laureates have denounced the Soviet decree imposing a head tax on educated Jewish citizens who seek the right to leave the USSR, according to the Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry. The committee, which claims a membership of 6000 academicians representing 200 campuses in this country, reported that the Nobel Laureates signed a statement which condemned "the massive violation of human rights" implicit in the head tax policy "and its burdensome consequences for the scores of thousands of people who have openly expressed their desire to leave the USSR."

The statement urged the Soviet authorities to rescind the head tax and to "accept fully and without hindrance everyone's right to leave his country." It noted that to infringe on the right to leave; on the right to an education and on the right to pursue one's career where one chooses "is to transform educated persons into indentured servants." The statement warned that the head tax decree can "only have a depressing effect on the possibility of expansion and enhancement of academic, cultural and scientific exchanges between the peoples of the United States and the Soviet Union."

The 14 Nobel Laureates included Isidor Rabi, Columbia University, 1944 for physics; Polykarp Kusch, visiting professor, University of Texas, 1955 for physics; George Wald, Harvard University, 1967 for medicine; Julius Axelrod, National Institute of Mental Health, 1970 for medicine; and Paul A. Samuelson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1970 for economics.

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC UNDER HEAVY GUARD

CARACAS, Sept. 24 (JTA)--Tightened security measures were ordered here during the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's scheduled appearance. The orchestra, which gave two performances under the direction of Zubin Mehta, was heavily guarded by police and military units, particularly the concert

attended by Venezuela's President, Rafael Caldera and his wife.

Orchestra members told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that at no time after the Munich massacre occurred on Sept. 5, when the orchestra was in Brazil, was any consideration given to cancellation of the tour. The orchestra and its director received much critical acclaim here.

JOSEPH WEITZ, JNF LEADER, DIES AT 82

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24 (JTA)--Joseph Weitz, a veteran of the Jewish National Fund, died Friday at the age of 82. He was a leading figure in the second aliya and considered the "father of Israeli forestry." Born in Wolhynia, Russia, Mr. Weitz came to Palestine in 1908 and became active in the agricultural workers union. After World War I he was appointed inspector general of the JNF forests, and 10 years later was appointed head of the JNF's lands and forests department.

In the latter post, which he held for 10 years, he was instrumental in helping new kibbutzim and moshavim strike roots in Israel. During the 1950's and 1960's he was a leading member of various JNF departments and the Israel Land Authority, Israel Soil Development Council. In addition to his field work and administrative activities, Mr. Weitz wrote many works on agriculture and was the author of children's books. Frequently he wrote under the pen name of Ben Porat and Yosi Hagalili.

LETTER BOMBS MAILED TO ISRAEL EMBASSY

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 24 (JTA)--Five letter bombs mailed from Holland arrived at the Israel Embassy here Thursday. The police department bomb squad was summoned and bomb experts detonated four of the bombs in a compound outside the city. The fifth bomb was taken to the police laboratory for analysis. Police said the letter bombs were extraordinarily potent. An area of the compound in which the bombs were detonated was pulverized. The letters were addressed to Ambassador Eliezer Doron, Israel Gur Aryeh, Aaron Gafni, Joseph Shavit, and former Military Attache Eliezer Lif who left his post more than six months ago.

The DAIA issued a statement regarding the bomb attacks last Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning on two synagogues here. The statement noted that the Munich massacre appears to have opened a general offensive aimed at spreading the conflict in the Middle East throughout the world. "The Argentine Jewish community appeals to public opinion, democratic groups and to national authorities to take immediate steps to avoid further attacks," the DAIA stated. "Failure to halt the attackers only encourages the criminal activities."

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 24 (JTA)--Police at Copenhagen Airport will carry arms for the first time, according to reports published last week. In a related development, postal authorities have announced increased controls of mail addressed to Israeli institutes, persons and delegations. Until last week's letter bomb outbreak, no special precautions were taken, a postal authority spokesman said. Permanent guards have been stationed at the Israeli Embassy here and at Israeli institutions.

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A hard core of Arab and African nations with Communist and Asian support sought Friday to keep the item off the agenda. Some countries sought the creation of a special committee to study the issue of terrorism, a move that would have effectively kept it away from the current Assembly session. At one point during the debate, Bush remarked that "If the nations of the world cannot debate the pressing global problems of the day and seek their solutions...what purpose do we serve here?"

The Assembly's General Committee voted 15-7 Friday to include item 99 - Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's proposal - on the Assembly's agenda. The item was entitled "Measures to prevent terrorism and other forms of violence which endanger or take innocent human lives or jeopardize fundamental freedoms." Surprisingly, the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia abstained. After the defeat of the Yemeni measure, a somewhat softened version of a draft originally proposed by Waldheim was placed on the Assembly agenda by a vote of 66-27 with 33 abstentions. It was assigned to the Assembly's Sixth Committee.

During the debate yesterday, China defended the actions of Arab terrorists, contending that it was perfectly just for oppressed nations and peoples to use revolutionary violence against "imperialism, colonialism, racism and Israeli Zionism." Alarcon Quesada, the Cuban delegate maintained that violence was a social phenomenon arising from historical factors and in response to "reactionary violence and aggression." He said the UN should be concerned about the violence of the colonialists and racists in Africa, of the "fascist oppressors" in some Latin American countries and of "Zionists against the Palestinians and the peoples of the Arab territories occupied by Israel."

EBAN: W. GERMANY ACTED CORRECTLY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (JTA)--Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban said today that the West German government acted correctly in its handling of the Palestinian terrorists who killed 11 Israeli athletes on Sept. 5. Speaking on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation," Eban said that although he was not satisfied with the results, the basic decision of the West German government was correct.

He denied speculation that Israel will conduct anti-terrorist activities on foreign soil, noting that Israel was not in a position to do so and that it respected the sovereignty of other nations. Eban proposed that countries end commercial air traffic with those nations that aid and harbor terrorists. Referring to the air strikes against terrorist strongholds in Lebanon and Syria last weekend, the Foreign Minister described them as "resistance" to Arab terrorism.

U.S.-ISRAEL TO PUSH FOR STRONG ANTI-TERRORIST ACTION IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 24 (JTA)--The United States and Israel will both seek determined action

by the United Nations for the suppression of terrorism. The US-Israeli affinity of thought on the matter emerged after a 75-minute meeting Friday in Washington between US Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel. Rogers will address the General Assembly tomorrow. Eban is scheduled to speak at a later date.

State Department spokesman Charles Bray said after the Rogers-Eban meeting and a meeting between Rogers and French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann, that what the US has "in mind for discussion and decision (at the UN) is the kind of inadmissible, criminal and essentially international" terrorism which includes "death by mail" such as the spate of letter bombs sent recently to Israeli diplomats in many countries, one of which killed the Israeli Agricultural Attache in London last week.

In his address tomorrow to the Assembly, Rogers reportedly will urge all nations to pool efforts to combat terrorists such as the Black September group that was responsible for the murder of 11 Israeli Olympic athletes in Munich Sept. 5. He is also expected to seek coordinated international efforts against terrorism at a meeting in Frankfurt next week of the international police organization, Interpol.

Sanctions To Eliminate Hijackings

Eban said after his meeting with Rogers that the US Secretary of State had indicated "great sympathy" with Israel's need to concentrate against the "terrorist plague." The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned that Rogers did not suggest, at his meeting with Eban, that Israel refrain from bombing terrorist strongholds in Lebanon as it did after the Munich murders or from ground sweeps in neighboring countries to flush out terrorists. The JTA was told that the subject of reprisals did not arise at the Rogers-Eban meeting.

Rogers reportedly stressed to Schumann US concern on the need to combat terrorism and indicated that the US would press hard for sanctions to eliminate aerial hijackings, a common form of terrorism employed by Arab guerrillas and others. US moves in that direction in the UN have strong Congressional backing.

On Thursday, the US Senate overwhelmingly adopted a stern anti-hijacking measure. It gives the Federal Aviation Administration both the authority and means to impose total pre-flight screening of passengers and their carry-on baggage at all American airports. It also establishes Presidential authority to impose unilateral sanctions against other nations failing to take appropriate action against hijacking and hijackers. The Senate bill demands harsher penalties for hijackers--an attempt to re-introduce the death penalty for that crime, a penalty struck down by the US Supreme Court last June.

Israel Will Hit Terrorists

Israeli sources in Washington were reported to feel that the US has moved closer to Israel on the Mideast situation as a result of the Munich killings. They cited President Nixon's strong statement against the Arab terrorist killings in Munich and the US veto two weeks ago of a Security Council resolution which urged an end to all military action in the Middle East without referring to the Arab terrorist attacks, as the US had sought.

Eban reiterated previously reported assertions by Israeli sources that Israel would hit at terrorists and saboteurs, adding that "it is not our obligation to sit back and have the terrorists cut our throats." But Eban rejected the idea that Israel

was refusing to negotiate for a Middle East settlement because of its current stress on combatting terrorists.

Eban told reporters that he had raised with Rogers the issue of the "ransom" demands of the Soviet government against university-educated Russian Jews seeking to emigrate. But he declined to comment on possibilities on a US linkage of Soviet Jewish emigration to American-Soviet trade agreements now being discussed by the two nations. Eban stressed that public and governmental opinion should be brought to bear on the Soviet Union "precisely because we do want co-existence."

FOREIGN AID BILL OPPOSES EXIT FEES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (JTA)--The House approved, with shouts of approval, an amendment to the Foreign Aid bill Thursday night which expressed the opposition of the House to the huge exit fees imposed on Jewish academicians. The amendment, approved by voice vote, was proposed by Rep. Charles E. Vanik (D. Ohio), and would ban assistance from the Export-Import Bank or the Office of Government Insurance for overseas investment to any country whose emigration fee is in excess of \$50 or the equivalent of that amount.

The House also approved by 169-141 the \$4.2 billion foreign aid bill in which more than \$400 million is earmarked for Israel. Of that amount, up to \$300 million is for military sales credits for Israel, \$50 million is for economic support aid for Soviet Jewish refugees settling in Israel and about \$3 million is for American schools and hospitals in Israel.

Opposition to the Vanik amendment was expressed by Republican House leader Gerald Ford of Michigan and Rep. Otto Passman (D. La.) chairman of the House subcommittee handling the foreign aid bill. The bill now goes to the Senate, where the future of the amendment is uncertain.

McGOVERN HAILED FOR USSR STAND

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (JTA)--Richard Maass, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, today hailed Sen. George McGovern for urging a delay in the granting of most favored nation status to the Soviet Union until the USSR announces the lifting of the heavy exit fees on educated Soviet Jews. McGovern, Democratic Party Presidential nominee, told a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations last Friday that he would do everything in his power to resist what he termed "flagrant violation of human rights."

Noting that "all honest efforts toward world peace and towards detente" between the US and USSR deserve support, Maass added that, until the Soviet exit fee is lifted, and until harassment and imprisonment of Jews end, "it is moral and right for American leaders to link the issue of Soviet-American relations to this moral concern." Meanwhile, the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry announced there will be a "mass confrontation" with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko Tuesday when the Soviet diplomat addresses the United Nations General Assembly. The rally is scheduled for 12 noon at the Dag Hammarskjold Plaza opposite the UN.

Brazil and Israel have agreed to exchange data on the peaceful uses of atomic energy, it was announced Friday in Brasilia. The two countries will also exchange students. Shal Heveth Freier, director general of Israel's Atomic Energy Commission, said that one of the contributions Israel can make to Brazil's technology is to provide information on the use of atomic energy for desalinating water.

\$3.6M IN ISRAEL BONDS SOLD; SAPIR SAYS ISRAEL'S 1973 DEFENSE BUDGET UP \$300 M

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (JTA)--Pinhas Sapir, Israel's Finance Minister, told 200 Israel Bond leaders at a luncheon here Thursday that next year's defense budget might be increased to \$1.75 billion or \$300 million more than the current year. More than \$3.6 million in Israel Bonds was sold at the luncheon in tribute to the Finance Minister. Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, was luncheon chairman and Shimon Alexandroni, Israel's Minister of Economic Affairs to the US and Canada was the host.

Sapir cited increased costs of US military equipment, which is becoming more and more sophisticated, and pointed out that this year's defense budget of \$1.45 billion, representing 23 percent of the country's GNP, would have to be increased by some \$300 million for next year. Sapir said that, "the most important event during the past Jewish year has been the immigration of Russian Jews." He said that 30,000 Russian-Jewish immigrants are expected in 1972.

"The cost of absorbing these people into Israel's economy and making housing and jobs available to them will be \$350 million," Sapir said. "And this does not take into account the fact that we expect a total of 60,000 immigrants in 1972." Looking back on the twenty-five years of Israel's existence as an independent State, the Finance Minister declared that "we must now project for the next twenty-five years, during which we must continue to be partners in this historic work."

14 NOBEL LAUREATES DENOUNCE HEAD TAX

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (JTA)--Fourteen Nobel Laureates have denounced the Soviet decree imposing a head tax on educated Jewish citizens who seek the right to leave the USSR, according to the Academic Committee on Soviet Jewry. The committee, which claims a membership of 6000 academicians representing 200 campuses in this country, reported that the Nobel Laureates signed a statement which condemned "the massive violation of human rights" implicit in the head tax policy "and its burdensome consequences for the scores of thousands of people who have openly expressed their desire to leave the USSR."

The statement urged the Soviet authorities to rescind the head tax and to "accept fully and without hindrance everyone's right to leave his country." It noted that to infringe on the right to leave; on the right to an education and on the right to pursue one's career where one chooses "is to transform educated persons into indentured servants." The statement warned that the head tax decree can "only have a depressing effect on the possibility of expansion and enhancement of academic, cultural and scientific exchanges between the peoples of the United States and the Soviet Union."

The 14 Nobel Laureates included Isidor Rabi, Columbia University, 1944 for physics; Polykarp Kusch, visiting professor, University of Texas, 1955 for physics; George Wald, Harvard University, 1967 for medicine; Julius Axelrod, National Institute of Mental Health, 1970 for medicine; and Paul A. Samuelson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1970 for economics.

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC UNDER HEAVY GUARD

CARACAS, Sept. 24 (JTA)--Tightened security measures were ordered here during the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's scheduled appearance. The orchestra, which gave two performances under the direction of Zubin Mehta, was heavily guarded by police and military units, particularly the concert

attended by Venezuela's President, Rafael Caldera and his wife.

Orchestra members told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that at no time after the Munich massacre occurred on Sept. 5, when the orchestra was in Brazil, was any consideration given to cancellation of the tour. The orchestra and its director received much critical acclaim here.

JOSEPH WEITZ, JNF LEADER, DIES AT 82

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24 (JTA)--Joseph Weitz, a veteran of the Jewish National Fund, died Friday at the age of 82. He was a leading figure in the second aliya and considered the "father of Israeli forestry." Born in Wolhynia, Russia, Mr. Weitz came to Palestine in 1908 and became active in the agricultural workers union. After World War I he was appointed inspector general of the JNF forests, and 10 years later was appointed head of the JNF's lands and forests department.

In the latter post, which he held for 10 years, he was instrumental in helping new kibbutzim and moshavim strike roots in Israel. During the 1950's and 1960's he was a leading member of various JNF departments and the Israel Land Authority, Israel Soil Development Council. In addition to his field work and administrative activities, Mr. Weitz wrote many works on agriculture and was the author of children's books. Frequently he wrote under the pen name of Ben Porat and Yosi Hagalili.

LETTER BOMBS MAILED TO ISRAEL EMBASSY

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 24 (JTA)--Five letter bombs mailed from Holland arrived at the Israel Embassy here Thursday. The police department bomb squad was summoned and bomb experts detonated four of the bombs in a compound outside the city. The fifth bomb was taken to the police laboratory for analysis. Police said the letter bombs were extraordinarily potent. An area of the compound in which the bombs were detonated was pulverized. The letters were addressed to Ambassador Eliezer Doron, Israel Gur Aryeh, Aaron Gafni, Joseph Shavit, and former Military Attache Eliezer Lif who left his post more than six months ago.

The DAIA issued a statement regarding the bomb attacks last Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning on two synagogues here. The statement noted that the Munich massacre appears to have opened a general offensive aimed at spreading the conflict in the Middle East throughout the world. "The Argentine Jewish community appeals to public opinion, democratic groups and to national authorities to take immediate steps to avoid further attacks," the DAIA stated. "Failure to halt the attackers only encourages the criminal activities."

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 24 (JTA)--Police at Copenhagen Airport will carry arms for the first time, according to reports published last week. In a related development, postal authorities have announced increased controls of mail addressed to Israeli institutes, persons and delegations. Until last week's letter bomb outbreak, no special precautions were taken, a postal authority spokesman said. Permanent guards have been stationed at the Israeli Embassy here and at Israeli institutions.

Abraham Shlonsky, the contemporary Hebrew poet and promoter of Israel's current cultural and poetic renaissance, was honored in Paris Friday. The evening was organized by the Friends of Mapam, and presided over by the writer M. Litvine.