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Paglin spent the Succoth holiday at a Tel Aviv hotel under the surveillance of plainclothesmen. He received visitors and reportedly had many telephone calls including one from a general on active duty. He is to remain at the hotel another three days. Police sources said his further interrogation would depend on the outcome of the interrogation of Joseph Schneider, an emigre from the Soviet Union who is secretary of the Israeli chapter of the JDL. Schneider, arrested last Friday, was released yesterday.

SOVIET JEWS WORSE OFF AFTER NIXON VISIT

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 25 (JTA)--The White House has a private memorandum from a knowledgeable non-government source saying that Soviet Jews feel their position has worsened as a result of President Nixon's Moscow summit visit last May, the Los Angeles Times reported today.

Times reporter Richard Reston said he obtained a copy of the memorandum, prepared by

Leonard W. Schroeter, a Seattle attorney who visited Jews in Russia following the Nixon trip. The memorandum was sent to Leonard Garment, the President's top assistant on minority questions. Garment acknowledged having received it but refused to comment on its content, Reston said.

According to Reston, the memo states that "It is the conviction of the Soviet Jewish leadership that the President's trip was a disaster for them. They expressed the opinion that the United States seemed more interested in selling corn than in protecting human rights and individual freedom."

Reston described Schroeter as an employee of the Israeli Ministry of Justice from 1970 until earlier this year. He said the Israel Embassy in Washington received and studied a copy of the Schroeter memo and confirmed that everything Schroeter stated "is correct" and that he "saw the right people."

According to Reston, Schroeter spoke to Soviet Jewish leaders and intellectual dissidents in Moscow, Leningrad, Minsk and Riga, and was informed that since the Nixon trip conditions have worsened for Jews and even harsher measures are feared for the future.

U.S. TAKING LEAD TO COMBAT TERRORISM

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (JTA)--An administration spokesman said last night that the US government was committed to combatting international terrorism by bringing together the combined efforts of the world community--its governments, law enforcement agencies and citizens--"to prevent any safe havens for terrorists throughout the world and especially to provide for extradition or punishment of guilty parties."

"Terrorist acts of violence and anarchy anywhere in the world must be stopped decisively," declared Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Eugene T. Rossides addressing the national officer installation of Bnai Zion, the Zionist fraternal order. Rossides stressed that "If terrorism succeeds in one instance, then the price goes up in the next instance."

He said that "the tragedy at Tel Aviv's Lod Airport, the murders in Munich and the sending of bombs through the mail obviously command headlines, but what should not be overlooked, particularly by those who resort to terrorist activities, is that substantial progress is being made by the world community toward containing these threats." He noted that in the aftermath of the Munich killings the US moved swiftly to tighten security in this country.

Special Security Force Created

Other immediate measures taken, Rossides said was the tightening of security at Israeli and other foreign missions and the establishment of a high level intelligence committee under State Department direction, to establish special relations with the intelligence groups of friendly nations for the exchange of information about terrorists.

Observing that the US Customs Service intercepted three letter bombs addressed to Israeli officials in New York last week, Rossides said the US Treasury Department has created a semi-permanent force of 1300 Customs Security Officers to protect against aerial hijacking and other forms of terrorism at airports by thorough pre-flight screening of airline passengers and as guards aboard planes in flight. Rossides said US diplomacy was working for agreement within the world community so that no nation will offer sanctuary to skyjackers. The meeting paid tribute to the 11 slain Israeli Olympians. Harold Bern-

stein was installed as president of Bnai Zion.

SOVIET JEWISH IMMIGRANTS WANT RECOGNITION FOR TIME SPENT IN RUSSIAN PRISONS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 25 (JTA)--Jewish immigrants who served time in Soviet jails for alleged Zionist activities demanded today that the Israel government and the Jewish Agency extend them official recognition for the time they spent in prison. Leaders of the Prisoners of Zion Association charged at a press conference that the Finance Ministry, so far, has blocked recognition of their imprisonment as "service as soldiers on the second front." They said they would appeal to the World Zionist Executive for support.

The Association presently numbers about 350 members and has another 150 applicants. It plans to hold its first annual convention here next week. Rabbi Mordechai Chen, chairman, said that many of the members were arrested in the midst of their studies and are now finding it difficult to finance their children's high school and university education in Israel.

He charged that Kupat Holim, the national sick fund, has refused treatment to former prisoners who contracted chronic illnesses in Soviet jails. The only positive step taken so far was Histadrut's decision to apply five years' imprisonment served by some of the emigres toward their seniority in wage calculation, Rabbi Chen said.

CASSIN CONDEMNS EXIT VISA FEES

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (JTA)--Rene Cassin, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize and chairman of the international colloquium on the Right to Leave and the Right to Return, recently held at Uppsala University, Sweden, has joined the many world-renowned personalities who have condemned Soviet exit fees for educated Jews seeking to emigrate.

Prof. Cassin is President of the International Institute for Human Rights, with headquarters in Strasbourg, France. The colloquium was cosponsored by the Strasbourg Institute, the Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights of New York and the Law Faculty of the University of Uppsala.

In a statement issued here, Prof. Cassin compared the Soviet actions to the "policies of Hitler." He warned that "this policy is damaging not alone to the individuals..." but that "it constitutes a particularly offensive precedent for other countries, particularly undeveloped ones."

ARAB SYMPATHIZES WITH LANSKY'S FLIGHT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25 (JTA)--Anwar Nuseibeh, a former Foreign Minister of Jordan now living in East Jerusalem, expressed sympathy today for the plight of Meyer Lansky, alleged one-time US underworld chieftain, who has been ordered out of Israel. In a letter published in the Jerusalem Post, Nuseibeh described Lansky as the "victim of legal illogic and human inadequacy."

He criticized the Israeli Supreme Court's recent ruling upholding the Interior Ministry's decision to oust Lansky because of his "criminal past." According to Nuseibeh, Israel's Law of Return, under which the 70-year-old Lansky sought sanctuary here, places too much emphasis on a person's "criminal past" and not enough on the present threat he poses to society.

The former Jordanian official linked Lansky's situation with that of the Palestinians. He said the letter was prompted by the fact that the Lansky case "brought into sharp relief the unfortunate frustration of one individual...against the deeper frustration of those who do not even have that qualified solace" of laws designed to help individuals.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

COPENHAGEN (JTA)--An "Israel Week" will be celebrated in Albertslunds Center near Copenhagen between March 12-24, it was announced this weekend. It will be organized by the Israeli commercial secretary in Denmark in cooperation with the Israel tourist office here. For one month preceding the week, there will be lectures, films and performances of Israeli songs and dances.

LONDON (JTA)--Theodor Kaddar, who was injured by the letter bomb last Tuesday in the Israel Embassy which killed the Israel Agricultural Attache Ami Shechori, left the hospital last Friday. He gave details of what happened but no new aspects emerged. He was actually too dazed to remember much but recalled that Shechori raised an alarm before he collapsed. An Israel Embassy spokesman said Friday that there is no definite evidence that the letter bombs mailed from Amsterdam to various Israeli Embassies and legations around the world were actually assembled in Holland. He said the bombs could have been assembled in any Arab country and posted from Holland.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Dr. Danuta Czaykowska-Medryk, 51, a Warsaw dentist who was an inmate in the Maidanek death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland, testified Friday at a deportation hearing for Mrs. Russell Ryan of Queens that she saw her help pick Jewish women inmates in Aug. 1943 for the Nazi gas chambers. She testified also that in the same month she saw Mrs. Ryan, then Hermine Braunsteiner, push children into a truck for delivery to the gas chambers. The dentist pointed to Mrs. Ryan as the former Maidanek prison guard and said: "The moment I walked in, I recognized her." Mrs. Ryan has testified that she had known nothing about the events in the death camp. The government is seeking her deportation as an alien of undesirable character.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann asserted Friday that he had been misquoted on his statement last month proposing that arrangements be made to ransom university-educated Soviet Jews unable to pay the high exit fees. The World Jewish Congress leader said he agreed with Jewish and Israeli leaders generally that a worldwide struggle should be conducted against such "ransom" charges. But, he said, if after another six months the USSR remained adamant, "there will be no other way but to recruit the money and save as many intellectuals as possible from Russia." He added, "we need them, in addition to clerks and tailors." Dr. Goldmann made his comment on his return from Rumania where, he said, he met with President Nicolae Ceausescu and Dr. Moses Rosen, President of the Rumanian Federation of Jewish Communities.

TOKYO (JTA)--A five-day cultural exhibition on ancient Israeli civilization was held in the Mitsukoshi department store in Nihombashi. The exhibition, which ended Sunday, was cosponsored by the Israel government and Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Two American scientists have been selected as the first winners of the Harvey Prize of the American Society for Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. Each prize carries a cash award of \$35,000. The winners, announced

by Laurence A. Tisch, president of the American Technion Society, were Dr. William J. Kolff of the University of Utah College of Medicine, for his pioneering work in the development of artificial organs, and Dr. Claude E. Shannon of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, for his contributions to science and technology. The prizes bear the name of Leo M. Harvey of Los Angeles who was born in Vilna 86 years ago and came to the US at the age of 20. The Harvey Prize Fund was established by a gift of \$1 million from the Lena P. Harvey Foundation in L.A. to the American Technion Society in 1971. The award ceremony will be Oct. 22 at the home of Israel's President Zalman Shazar.

JOHANNESBURG (JTA)--East London, one of South Africa's largest ports, has honored David Lazarus. The City Council has agreed to name the new bridge over the Nahoon River on the North-East expressway the "David Lazarus Bridge." Lazarus, East London's Mayor, is a Freeman of the city and has served the Council for 35 years. He also represented East London City on the Cape Provincial Council for 23 years. Lazarus plays a prominent part in the city's communal affairs.

LONDON (JTA)--An appeal that British Jews should not take the law into their own hands to counter terrorist action was made by Maurice Edelman, MP and chairman of the external affairs committee of the Anglo-Jewish Association. He told a meeting of the Association's council that action against terrorists should be left to those responsible for maintaining law and order. "But we must urge that the system should be strengthened," he said. Edelman also said that he did not believe that British Jews should in any sense feel that it was the responsibility of the Israel government to look after the interests of the Anglo-Jewish community.

NEW YORK (JTA)--The Israel Ministry of Commerce and Industry has announced that exports of Israeli metal products totaled \$75 million in 1971 and have risen an average of 25 percent since 1965. By 1975, Israel expects to reach the \$185 million mark in metal exports. Spurred by the overwhelming success and vast potential of the industry and the impressive results of the First Metal Industries Week, which took place in Tel Aviv in Nov. 1970, a Second Metal Industries Week has been scheduled in Tel Aviv from Dec. 4-8 and is sponsored by the Israeli authorities.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--A 50-year-old Jewish woman tourist from West Germany was sentenced last Thursday by a district court here to three months imprisonment after being convicted of having mistreated other women in a Nazi labor camp during World War II. Duba Gritzmacher was identified by two sisters, who had been inmates of the Landsberg camp, as the woman named by the Nazis to supervise other women inmates. The sisters and other former inmates of the camp testified during the trial that Mrs. Gritzmacher had perpetrated a number of cruelties. Other witnesses, however, testified that she behaved favorably. The court said it took into consideration the positive testimony in imposing the light sentence. The defendant's attorney was given permission to appeal.



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Shapiro told the JDL leader that the government had no intention of letting other people handle the security of Israelis and other Jews abroad. Kahane reportedly conceded this and admitted that the JDL "made a mistake." He promised that no more attempts would be made by the JDL to smuggle arms out of Israel. But he said that before the "deal" was final, he had to "consult" with Paglin and Abraham Hershkovitz, a JDL member arrested at Lod Airport a week ago when he tried to leave the country with a crate of weapons and ammunition falsely labeled "disco-machinery."

Paglin, 50, remained under semi-house arrest today. He was detained after Hershkovitz was arrested. Police failed on Friday to obtain an extension of their detention order for Paglin but a district court judge agreed to order the former Irgun operations chief to remain in a hotel and authorized police to monitor telephone calls he made and received.

Paglin spent the Succoth holiday at a Tel Aviv hotel under the surveillance of plainclothesmen. He received visitors and reportedly had many telephone calls including one from a general on active duty. He is to remain at the hotel another three days. Police sources said his further interrogation would depend on the outcome of the interrogation of Joseph Schneider, an emigre from the Soviet Union who is secretary of the Israeli chapter of the JDL. Schneider, arrested last Friday, was released yesterday.

SOVIET JEWS WORSE OFF AFTER NIXON VISIT

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 25 (JTA)--The White House has a private memorandum from a knowledgeable non-government source saying that Soviet Jews feel their position has worsened as a result of President Nixon's Moscow summit visit last May, the Los Angeles Times reported today.

Times reporter Richard Reston said he obtained a copy of the memorandum, prepared by

Leonard W. Schroeter, a Seattle attorney who visited Jews in Russia following the Nixon trip. The memorandum was sent to Leonard Garment, the President's top assistant on minority questions. Garment acknowledged having received it but refused to comment on its content, Reston said.

According to Reston, the memo states that "It is the conviction of the Soviet Jewish leadership that the President's trip was a disaster for them. They expressed the opinion that the United States seemed more interested in selling corn than in protecting human rights and individual freedom."

Reston described Schroeter as an employee of the Israeli Ministry of Justice from 1970 until earlier this year. He said the Israel Embassy in Washington received and studied a copy of the Schroeter memo and confirmed that everything Schroeter stated "is correct" and that he "saw the right people."

According to Reston, Schroeter spoke to Soviet Jewish leaders and intellectual dissidents in Moscow, Leningrad, Minsk and Riga, and was informed that since the Nixon trip conditions have worsened for Jews and even harsher measures are feared for the future.

U.S. TAKING LEAD TO COMBAT TERRORISM

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (JTA)--An administration spokesman said last night that the US government was committed to combatting international terrorism by bringing together the combined efforts of the world community--its governments, law enforcement agencies and citizens--"to prevent any safe havens for terrorists throughout the world and especially to provide for extradition or punishment of guilty parties."

"Terrorist acts of violence and anarchy anywhere in the world must be stopped decisively," declared Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Eugene T. Rossides addressing the national officer installation of Bnai Zion, the Zionist fraternal order. Rossides stressed that "If terrorism succeeds in one instance, then the price goes up in the next instance."

He said that "the tragedy at Tel Aviv's Lod Airport, the murders in Munich and the sending of bombs through the mail obviously command headlines, but what should not be overlooked, particularly by those who resort to terrorist activities, is that substantial progress is being made by the world community toward containing these threats." He noted that in the aftermath of the Munich killings the US moved swiftly to tighten security in this country.

Special Security Force Created

Other immediate measures taken, Rossides said was the tightening of security at Israeli and other foreign missions and the establishment of a high level intelligence committee under State Department direction, to establish special relations with the intelligence groups of friendly nations for the exchange of information about terrorists.

Observing that the US Customs Service intercepted three letter bombs addressed to Israeli officials in New York last week, Rossides said the US Treasury Department has created a semi-permanent force of 1300 Customs Security Officers to protect against aerial hijacking and other forms of terrorism at airports by thorough pre-flight screening of airline passengers and as guards aboard planes in flight. Rossides said US diplomacy was working for agreement within the world community so that no nation will offer sanctuary to skyjackers. The meeting paid tribute to the 11 slain Israeli Olympians. Harold Bern-

stein was installed as president of Bnai Zion.

SOVIET JEWISH IMMIGRANTS WANT RECOGNITION FOR TIME SPENT IN RUSSIAN PRISONS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 25 (JTA)--Jewish immigrants who served time in Soviet jails for alleged Zionist activities demanded today that the Israel government and the Jewish Agency extend them official recognition for the time they spent in prison. Leaders of the Prisoners of Zion Association charged at a press conference that the Finance Ministry, so far, has blocked recognition of their imprisonment as "service as soldiers on the second front." They said they would appeal to the World Zionist Executive for support.

The Association presently numbers about 350 members and has another 150 applicants. It plans to hold its first annual convention here next week. Rabbi Mordechai Chen, chairman, said that many of the members were arrested in the midst of their studies and are now finding it difficult to finance their children's high school and university education in Israel.

He charged that Kupat Holim, the national sick fund, has refused treatment to former prisoners who contracted chronic illnesses in Soviet jails. The only positive step taken so far was Histadrut's decision to apply five years' imprisonment served by some of the emigres toward their seniority in wage calculation, Rabbi Chen said.

CASSIN CONDEMNS EXIT VISA FEES

NEW YORK, Sept. 25 (JTA)--Rene Cassin, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize and chairman of the international colloquium on the Right to Leave and the Right to Return, recently held at Uppsala University, Sweden, has joined the many world-renowned personalities who have condemned Soviet exit fees for educated Jews seeking to emigrate.

Prof. Cassin is President of the International Institute for Human Rights, with headquarters in Strasbourg, France. The colloquium was cosponsored by the Strasbourg Institute, the Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights of New York and the Law Faculty of the University of Uppsala.

In a statement issued here, Prof. Cassin compared the Soviet actions to the "policies of Hitler." He warned that "this policy is damaging not alone to the individuals..." but that "it constitutes a particularly offensive precedent for other countries, particularly undeveloped ones."

ARAB SYMPATHIZES WITH LANSKY'S FLIGHT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 25 (JTA)--Anwar Nuseibeh, a former Foreign Minister of Jordan now living in East Jerusalem, expressed sympathy today for the plight of Meyer Lansky, alleged one-time US underworld chieftain, who has been ordered out of Israel. In a letter published in the Jerusalem Post, Nuseibeh described Lansky as the "victim of legal illogic and human inadequacy."

He criticized the Israeli Supreme Court's recent ruling upholding the Interior Ministry's decision to oust Lansky because of his "criminal past." According to Nuseibeh, Israel's Law of Return, under which the 70-year-old Lansky sought sanctuary here, places too much emphasis on a person's "criminal past" and not enough on the present threat he poses to society.

The former Jordanian official linked Lansky's situation with that of the Palestinians. He said the letter was prompted by the fact that the Lansky case "brought into sharp relief the unfortunate frustration of one individual...against the deeper frustration of those who do not even have that qualified solace" of laws designed to help individuals.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

COPENHAGEN (JTA)--An "Israel Week" will be celebrated in Albertslunds Center near Copenhagen between March 12-24, it was announced this weekend. It will be organized by the Israeli commercial secretary in Denmark in cooperation with the Israel tourist office here. For one month preceding the week, there will be lectures, films and performances of Israeli songs and dances.

LONDON (JTA)--Theodor Kaddar, who was injured by the letter bomb last Tuesday in the Israel Embassy which killed the Israel Agricultural Attache Ami Shechori, left the hospital last Friday. He gave details of what happened but no new aspects emerged. He was actually too dazed to remember much but recalled that Shechori raised an alarm before he collapsed. An Israel Embassy spokesman said Friday that there is no definite evidence that the letter bombs mailed from Amsterdam to various Israeli Embassies and legations around the world were actually assembled in Holland. He said the bombs could have been assembled in any Arab country and posted from Holland.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Dr. Danuta Czaykowska-Medryk, 51, a Warsaw dentist who was an inmate in the Maidanek death camp in Nazi-occupied Poland, testified Friday at a deportation hearing for Mrs. Russell Ryan of Queens that she saw her help pick Jewish women inmates in Aug. 1943 for the Nazi gas chambers. She testified also that in the same month she saw Mrs. Ryan, then Hermine Braunsteiner, push children into a truck for delivery to the gas chambers. The dentist pointed to Mrs. Ryan as the former Maidanek prison guard and said: "The moment I walked in, I recognized her." Mrs. Ryan has testified that she had known nothing about the events in the death camp. The government is seeking her deportation as an alien of undesirable character.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann asserted Friday that he had been misquoted on his statement last month proposing that arrangements be made to ransom university-educated Soviet Jews unable to pay the high exit fees. The World Jewish Congress leader said he agreed with Jewish and Israeli leaders generally that a worldwide struggle should be conducted against such "ransom" charges. But, he said, if after another six months the USSR remained adamant, "there will be no other way but to recruit the money and save as many intellectuals as possible from Russia." He added, "we need them, in addition to clerks and tailors." Dr. Goldmann made his comment on his return from Rumania where, he said, he met with President Nicolae Ceausescu and Dr. Moses Rosen, President of the Rumanian Federation of Jewish Communities.

TOKYO (JTA)--A five-day cultural exhibition on ancient Israeli civilization was held in the Mitsukoshi department store in Nihombashi. The exhibition, which ended Sunday, was cosponsored by the Israel government and Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Two American scientists have been selected as the first winners of the Harvey Prize of the American Society for Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. Each prize carries a cash award of \$35,000. The winners, announced

by Laurence A. Tisch, president of the American Technion Society, were Dr. William J. Kolff of the University of Utah College of Medicine, for his pioneering work in the development of artificial organs, and Dr. Claude E. Shannon of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, for his contributions to science and technology. The prizes bear the name of Leo M. Harvey of Los Angeles who was born in Vilna 86 years ago and came to the US at the age of 20. The Harvey Prize Fund was established by a gift of \$1 million from the Lena P. Harvey Foundation in L.A. to the American Technion Society in 1971. The award ceremony will be Oct. 22 at the home of Israel's President Zalman Shazar.

JOHANNESBURG (JTA)--East London, one of South Africa's largest ports, has honored David Lazarus. The City Council has agreed to name the new bridge over the Nahoon River on the North-East expressway the "David Lazarus Bridge." Lazarus, East London's Mayor, is a Freeman of the city and has served the Council for 35 years. He also represented East London City on the Cape Provincial Council for 23 years. Lazarus plays a prominent part in the city's communal affairs.

LONDON (JTA)--An appeal that British Jews should not take the law into their own hands to counter terrorist action was made by Maurice Edelman, MP and chairman of the external affairs committee of the Anglo-Jewish Association. He told a meeting of the Association's council that action against terrorists should be left to those responsible for maintaining law and order. "But we must urge that the system should be strengthened," he said. Edelman also said that he did not believe that British Jews should in any sense feel that it was the responsibility of the Israel government to look after the interests of the Anglo-Jewish community.

NEW YORK (JTA)--The Israel Ministry of Commerce and Industry has announced that exports of Israeli metal products totaled \$75 million in 1971 and have risen an average of 25 percent since 1965. By 1975, Israel expects to reach the \$185 million mark in metal exports. Spurred by the overwhelming success and vast potential of the industry and the impressive results of the First Metal Industries Week, which took place in Tel Aviv in Nov. 1970, a Second Metal Industries Week has been scheduled in Tel Aviv from Dec. 4-8 and is sponsored by the Israeli authorities.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--A 50-year-old Jewish woman tourist from West Germany was sentenced last Thursday by a district court here to three months imprisonment after being convicted of having mistreated other women in a Nazi labor camp during World War II. Duba Gritzmacher was identified by two sisters, who had been inmates of the Landsberg camp, as the woman named by the Nazis to supervise other women inmates. The sisters and other former inmates of the camp testified during the trial that Mrs. Gritzmacher had perpetrated a number of cruelties. Other witnesses, however, testified that she behaved favorably. The court said it took into consideration the positive testimony in imposing the light sentence. The defendant's attorney was given permission to appeal.
