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It was reported from Frankfurt that according to Interpol's Secretary General Jean Nepot, a criminal act combined with what some countries might regard as a political act would still be classified by Interpol as a criminal act. The adoption of the resolution was announced by Rogers during his General Assembly address.

It reportedly cited "certain aspects of modern international criminality, such as the holding of hostages with the intention of perpetrating blackmail or other forms of extortion." The resolution called on member countries to take appropriate measures within the limits of articles 2-3 of the Interpol constitution. Those articles bar the organization from involvement in political, religious or military matters.

Pollner said there "might be differences over what Interpol would regard as a political crime." But he cited Rogers' statement to the Assembly that "political passion however deeply held, cannot be a justification for criminal violence against innocent persons."

11 JEWS RELEASED, ONE FACING TRIAL

NEW YORK, Sept. 26 (JTA)--The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry said today that 11 Jews arrested at Bab Yar while conducting Rosh Hashana services Sept. 7 have been released. An SSSJ spokesman also reported that five Kiev Jews, including a leading activist, Mark Yampolsky, have been given permission to emigrate conditional on payment of high visa fees for the education they received from the State. Meanwhile, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported today that Yankel Khantsis of Kishinev, a Jewish activist, goes on trial tomorrow in Kirov on charges of slandering the Soviet State.

SEPHARDI SYNAGOGUES REDEDICATED

JERUSALEM, Sept. 26 (JTA)--President Zalman Shazar and Premier Golda Meir joined hundreds of guests last night at ceremonies rededicating four ancient Sephardi synagogues in East Jerusalem. The rededication was the first official event opening Israel's 25th anniversary year. The four synagogues - Yohanan Ben Zakkai; the Eliahu Hanavi; Istanbuli; and Kahal Zion - are more than 400 years old.

SENATE RESTORES \$35M FOR SOVIET EMIGRANTS; OTHER ALLOCATIONS APPROVED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (JTA)--The Senate this afternoon restored \$35 million to its allocation for Soviet emigrants in adopting its foreign aid authorization bill for the fiscal year which began July 1. Sen. Hugh Scott (R. Pa.), the Republican leader in the Senate, called for the increase in the authorization from \$50 million to \$85 million as originally recommended by bipartisan sponsors. With bipartisan backing again today, the Scott amendment was voted 56-32. The bill as a whole was passed narrowly by 46-41.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in preparing new authorization legislation after the Senate killed a previous authorization measure on the Vietnam issue, had cut the amount for the Soviet refugees from \$85 million to \$50 million.

The House, which had also originally authorized \$85 million, adopted the \$50 million figure without a floor fight by the sponsors of the higher figure. Tomorrow, the Senate Appropriations Committee is expected to consider the final version of its appropriation measure which is required to fund the provision of the authorization legislation.

The authorization measure approved in the Senate today also contains provisions allocating up to \$300 million in military sales credit for Israel and a grant of \$50 million in economic support, plus an unspecified grant for American schools and hospitals in Israel. The latter is expected to total about \$3 million. These provisions are virtually identical to the House legislation.

American Jewry's 'Fair Share' ZUCKERMAN REPORTS UJA GOAL FOR 1973 SET AT \$505 MILLION

NEW YORK, Sept. 26 (JTA)--Paul Zuckerman of Detroit, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, reported here today that the goal for the 1973 UJA campaign in the United States has been set at \$505 million, which he described as American Jewry's "fair share" of the minimum 1973 budget of the Jewish Agency of \$758 million.

Speaking at a press conference, he also said that "all early indications" are that for a 1973 drive for more than half a billion dollars, which is 75 percent more than the 1972 total of \$270 million, would top the 1972 contributions. In support of that prediction he cited results at the recent Prime Minister's Mission to Israel, which inaugurated the 1973 campaign. He said that 132 Jewish leaders pledged, in Prime Minister Golda Meir's presence, \$14,355 million, compared with \$11.64 million pledged during the 1972 Prime Minister's Mission.

The 1973 goal of \$505 million, which Zuckerman described as "enormous," will be presented at the UJA annual national conference in New York Dec. 7-9. He said the conference would "define the critical needs of the 1973 campaign and explore various avenues of response to them." He said the overall international financing effort in 1973 is designed "to help absorb and integrate more than 70,000 new immigrants in 1973, and provide ongoing vital social services to Jews in Israel and all over the world."

Soviet 'Head Tax' Denounced

Zuckerman said the Jewish Agency 1973 budget was a "bare needs" budget, arrived at after "much paring and cutting from essential programs." He said failure of world Jewry to raise that sum would "cause distress and human suffering. He said that in addition to the anticipated immigration needs, in Israel "there are still 60,000 families of between 7 and 12 members living in one or one and one and a half rooms and much remains to be

done."

In response to a question as to what precise plans the Jewish Agency had for ending the housing pinch for those families, Irving Bernstein, UJA executive vice-chairman, said that would depend on how close the 1973 campaign internationally came to meeting the Jewish Agency budget. If cuts must be made in outlays, he said, they would be made only after essential immigration costs had been met.

Zuckerman denounced the "head tax" imposed on Aug. 3 on university-educated Soviet Jews. He said that the "explanations" being given by Soviet spokesmen on the need to prevent a brain drain were "hypocrisy." He said that as soon as any Russian Jew applies for an exit visa, he is fired from his job, which includes the Jewish scientists and academicians.

He said that if the "destructive forces" in the world had "concocted" such infamies as the new high exit fees for educated Russian Jews and such terrorist outrages as the Sept. 5 murder of 11 Israeli athletes in Munich, in the expectation that "our support of Israel will somehow falter, then they face the painful discovery that they have achieved precisely the opposite." He said "events such as these serve to further unite the Jewish people, to draw them closer together rather than divide them."

TERRORIST CELL WAS ALL IN THE FAMILY

TEL AVIV, Sept. 26 (JTA)--A Bedouin mother and her five children were remanded to Acre prison for 15 days today while police gathered evidence indicating that the family constituted a terrorist cell bent on sabotage against the civilian population. The family, whose names were not disclosed, belongs to the Arab el Aramsheh Bedouins, a tribe that tents near the Lebanese border.

Police said they discovered a large quantity of detonators, explosives, arms and activating devices as well as a large sum of foreign and Israeli currency in the family's living quarters. They said the cell was headed by two brothers, aided by two sisters and a younger brother who apparently operated with the knowledge and approval of their 50-year-old mother. There was no mention of a father.

A police spokesman said the cell was organized to carry out acts of sabotage in the northern district of Israel and was supplied with cash and other support by terrorist agents from across the border.

4000 PROTEST JAILING OF YESHIVA STUDENTS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 26 (JTA)--An estimated 4000 Orthodox Jews shouted and pounded their fists against passing buses in the central square outside the Mea Shearim quarter this afternoon in a noisy but otherwise peaceful demonstration to protest the jailing of two yeshiva students convicted of fire-bombing the "Eros" shop in Tel Aviv.

Police were on hand in large numbers to enforce a ban against a protest parade through the city which an Orthodox group, calling itself the "Committee for the Preservation of Israel's Sacred Heritage," had applied for Sunday.

The objects of the protest were Shmuel Wiestern and Israel Brand, both 19, who were arrested last July and subsequently convicted of throwing a fire-bomb into the "Eros" shop. The pair comes up for sentencing Oct. 1. Police today made no effort to disperse the crowd but prevented it from spilling into the streets leading from the square. No arrests were reported.

INTERFAITH CEREMONY LAUNCHES**ISRAEL'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY**

Nixon, McGovern, Pledge Continued Support To State Of Israel

NEW YORK, Sept. 26 (JTA)--President Nixon and Sen. George McGovern today pledged continued commitment to Israel. The occasion of their pledges was a ceremony at the International Synagogue of the John F. Kennedy Airport where 25 prominent Americans of all faiths lit a 25-branch candelabra launching the American celebration of Israel's 25th anniversary. Mayor John F. Lindsay, one of the 25 participating in the ceremony, later in the day at City Hall, issued a proclamation designating the period through August 1973 as "Israel's 25th Anniversary Year" and announced the appointment of a special mayor's committee of 75 people for the anniversary celebration. Jack D. Weller was named temporary chairman of the committee.

Nixon, in his statement read at the airport ceremony by Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, declared that the commitment of the United States to Israel "is an article of American faith." He stated further that "a keystone of my foreign policy is, and shall remain a relentless search for peace in the Middle East; a lasting peace that will guarantee Israel's survival and the future of all peace-loving people of the Middle East; an enduring peace that will enable today's celebration of Israel's nationhood to echo down the centuries."

In a statement read by Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D. Conn), McGovern pledged "continued commitment to Israel's progress and prosperity and to the right of Jews in the Soviet Union to join their brothers in Israel, free from ransom." He hailed Israel as "a courageous country" and expressed the hope that "the years ahead bring lasting peace to Israel and the entire world."

The candle lighting ceremony was conducted by the American Committee for Israel's 25th Anniversary Celebration and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. A torch kindled in Israel by President Zalman Shazar on Sunday was brought to the US by Moshe Kol, Israel's Minister of Tourism, one of the 14 survivors of the 37 men and women who signed the Israel Proclamation of Independence on May 14, 1948.

In bringing the Torch of Independence to the United States "on behalf of Shazar," Kol urged Jews to make the 25th anniversary year "a year of pilgrimages to Eretz Israel." He said that the torch he brought from Israel is a "token of the expression of Israel's appreciation to the people of the United States and to its large and most devoted Jewish community. May this torch symbolize the strong bonds which bind our two democracies."

In his short address, Rockefeller, calling this an "inspiring anniversary," expressed the solidarity and admiration of the people of New York with the people of Israel. "We share with you in the pride, the sense of achievement, the victory of the human spirit that Israel's very existence represents." Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Ambassador to the US, praised the American Jewish community for the role it played during the 25-year history of the State of Israel.

Presiding at the ceremonies was Jacob Stein, chairman of both the 25th Anniversary Committee and the Presidents Conference. He said, "We celebrate, conscious of the somber events of recent days, a quarter of a century of human courage, of devotion and faith in the face of incredible odds of the will of a people to live and build as free men, no matter what."

The lighting ceremony was accompanied by a

narrative detailing Israel's twenty-five-year-old history. The twenty-five branched candelabra used for the lighting ceremonies was specially designed for the occasion by the noted sculptor, Ludwig Wolpert, resident artist of the Jewish Museum of New York City.

The lighters of the candelabra, in addition to Rockefeller, Ribicoff, Stein and Kol were: Albert E. Arent, National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council; Rabbi William Berkowitz, president, New York Board of Rabbis; Rev. L. Maynard Catchings, associate general secretary National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States; Melvin Dubinsky, United Israel Appeal; Abraham Feinberg, New York City Committee to Celebrate Israel's 25th Anniversary; Father Edward H. Flannery, Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations, National Conference of Catholic Bishops; Samuel Hausman, treasurer, United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York; Moses Hornstein, treasurer, Synagogue Council of America; Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman, American Section of the World Zionist Organization; Mrs. Mae N. Matzkin, president, Hadassah.

Other lighters were Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman, American Zionist Federation; Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz, member of the board of trustees, American Zionist Youth Foundation; Jacob Potofsky, president, Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Samuel Rothberg, general chairman, Israel Bonds; Bayard Rustin, executive director, A. Phillips Randolph Institute; Rabbi Solomon Sharfman, vice chairman, New York Board of Rabbis; Charles Silver, president, International Synagogue; Jacqueline K. Levine, vice president, Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds; Meyer Weisgal, Rehovot, Israel, Chancellor, Weizmann Institute of Science; Norbert Wolheim, vice-president, World Federation of Bergen-Belsen Survivors; and Paul Zuckerman, general chairman, United Jewish Appeal.

**ISRAEL EMBASSY DENIES RECEIVING,
ENDORING MEMO ON SOVIET JEWS**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (JTA)--The Israeli Embassy denied today that it had received or endorsed a copy of a private memorandum reportedly sent to the White House stating that Soviet Jews feel their position has worsened since President Nixon's Moscow summit visit last May. The memorandum was reported yesterday by Richard Reston in the Los Angeles Times. Reston attributed it to Leonard W. Schroeter, a Seattle attorney whom he described as an employee of the Israeli Justice Ministry from 1970 until earlier this year.

According to Reston, a copy of the Schroeter memo was received and studied by the Israeli Embassy here which said that everything it stated "is correct." In its statement today, an Embassy spokesman said that "Mr. Schroeter presently is in no way connected with the Israeli government. The above-mentioned document has not been submitted to the Embassy and has in no way been endorsed by it."

LOD AIRPORT HIT BY WORK SLOWDOWN

TEL AVIV, Sept. 26 (JTA)--About 1500 employees of the Civil Aviation Authority staged a work slowdown today which delayed outgoing and incoming flights at Lod Airport by an average of two hours and created congestion and confusion among passengers. The delays were a deliberate measure taken by the CAA employees to support their demands for a wage scale equal to that paid by El Al, Israel's national airline. A spokesman for the employees said that more serious action would be taken if their demands are not met within four days. The matter is expected to be taken up at the next Cabinet meeting.



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While Rogers spoke, the White House disclose that President Nixon had established a high-level Cabinet committee "to deal quickly and effectively" with terrorism. The committee, to be headed by Rogers, will coordinate government activities to prevent terrorism at home and abroad and to set up procedures to "take appropriate action quickly and effectively" should terrorism occur.

It was reported from Frankfurt that according to Interpol's Secretary General Jean Nepot, a criminal act combined with what some countries might regard as a political act would still be classified by Interpol as a criminal act. The adoption of the resolution was announced by Rogers during his General Assembly address.

It reportedly cited "certain aspects of modern international criminality, such as the holding of hostages with the intention of perpetrating blackmail or other forms of extortion." The resolution called on member countries to take appropriate measures within the limits of articles 2-3 of the Interpol constitution. Those articles bar the organization from involvement in political, religious or military matters.

Pollner said there "might be differences over what Interpol would regard as a political crime." But he cited Rogers' statement to the Assembly that "political passion however deeply held, cannot be a justification for criminal violence against innocent persons."

11 JEWS RELEASED, ONE FACING TRIAL

NEW YORK, Sept. 26 (JTA)--The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry said today that 11 Jews arrested at Bab Yar while conducting Rosh Hashana services Sept. 7 have been released. An SSSJ spokesman also reported that five Kiev Jews, including a leading activist, Mark Yampolsky, have been given permission to emigrate conditional on payment of high visa fees for the education they received from the State. Meanwhile, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported today that Yankel Khantssis of Kishinev, a Jewish activist, goes on trial tomorrow in Kirov on charges of slandering the Soviet State.

SEPHARDI SYNAGOGUES REDEDICATED

JERUSALEM, Sept. 26 (JTA)--President Zalman Shazar and Premier Golda Meir joined hundreds of guests last night at ceremonies rededicating four ancient Sephardi synagogues in East Jerusalem. The rededication was the first official event opening Israel's 25th anniversary year. The four synagogues - Yohanan Ben Zakkai; the Eliahu Hanavi; Istanbuli; and Kahal Zion - are more than 400 years old.

SENATE RESTORES \$35M FOR SOVIET EMIGRANTS; OTHER ALLOCATIONS APPROVED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (JTA)--The Senate this afternoon restored \$35 million to its allocation for Soviet emigrants in adopting its foreign aid authorization bill for the fiscal year which began July 1. Sen. Hugh Scott (R. Pa.), the Republican leader in the Senate, called for the increase in the authorization from \$50 million to \$85 million as originally recommended by bipartisan sponsors. With bipartisan backing again today, the Scott amendment was voted 56-32. The bill as a whole was passed narrowly by 46-41.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in preparing new authorization legislation after the Senate killed a previous authorization measure on the Vietnam issue, had cut the amount for the Soviet refugees from \$85 million to \$50 million.

The House, which had also originally authorized \$85 million, adopted the \$50 million figure without a floor fight by the sponsors of the higher figure. Tomorrow, the Senate Appropriations Committee is expected to consider the final version of its appropriation measure which is required to fund the provision of the authorization legislation.

The authorization measure approved in the Senate today also contains provisions allocating up to \$300 million in military sales credit for Israel and a grant of \$50 million in economic support, plus an unspecified grant for American schools and hospitals in Israel. The latter is expected to total about \$3 million. These provisions are virtually identical to the House legislation.

American Jewry's 'Fair Share' ZUCKERMAN REPORTS UJA GOAL FOR 1973 SET AT \$505 MILLION

NEW YORK, Sept. 26 (JTA)--Paul Zuckerman of Detroit, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, reported here today that the goal for the 1973 UJA campaign in the United States has been set at \$505 million, which he described as American Jewry's "fair share" of the minimum 1973 budget of the Jewish Agency of \$758 million.

Speaking at a press conference, he also said that "all early indications" are that for a 1973 drive for more than half a billion dollars, which is 75 percent more than the 1972 total of \$270 million, would top the 1972 contributions. In support of that prediction he cited results at the recent Prime Minister's Mission to Israel, which inaugurated the 1973 campaign. He said that 132 Jewish leaders pledged, in Prime Minister Golda Meir's presence, \$14,355 million, compared with \$11.64 million pledged during the 1972 Prime Minister's Mission.

The 1973 goal of \$505 million, which Zuckerman described as "enormous," will be presented at the UJA annual national conference in New York Dec. 7-9. He said the conference would "define the critical needs of the 1973 campaign and explore various avenues of response to them." He said the overall international financing effort in 1973 is designed "to help absorb and integrate more than 70,000 new immigrants in 1973, and provide ongoing vital social services to Jews in Israel and all over the world."

Soviet 'Head Tax' Denounced

Zuckerman said the Jewish Agency 1973 budget was a "bare needs" budget, arrived at after "much paring and cutting from essential programs." He said failure of world Jewry to raise that sum would "cause distress and human suffering. He said that in addition to the anticipated immigration needs, in Israel "there are still 60,000 families of between 7 and 12 members living in one or one and one and a half rooms and much remains to be

done."

In response to a question as to what precise plans the Jewish Agency had for ending the housing pinch for those families, Irving Bernstein, UJA executive vice-chairman, said that would depend on how close the 1973 campaign internationally came to meeting the Jewish Agency budget. If cuts must be made in outlays, he said, they would be made only after essential immigration costs had been met.

Zuckerman denounced the "head tax" imposed on Aug. 3 on university-educated Soviet Jews. He said that the "explanations" being given by Soviet spokesmen on the need to prevent a brain drain were "hypocrisy." He said that as soon as any Russian Jew applies for an exit visa, he is fired from his job, which includes the Jewish scientists and academicians.

He said that if the "destructive forces" in the world had "concocted" such infamies as the new high exit fees for educated Russian Jews and such terrorist outrages as the Sept. 5 murder of 11 Israeli athletes in Munich, in the expectation that "our support of Israel will somehow falter, then they face the painful discovery that they have achieved precisely the opposite." He said "events such as these serve to further unite the Jewish people, to draw them closer together rather than divide them."

TERRORIST CELL WAS ALL IN THE FAMILY

TEL AVIV, Sept. 26 (JTA)--A Bedouin mother and her five children were remanded to Acre prison for 15 days today while police gathered evidence indicating that the family constituted a terrorist cell bent on sabotage against the civilian population. The family, whose names were not disclosed, belongs to the Arab el Aramsheh Bedouins, a tribe that tents near the Lebanese border.

Police said they discovered a large quantity of detonators, explosives, arms and activating devices as well as a large sum of foreign and Israeli currency in the family's living quarters. They said the cell was headed by two brothers, aided by two sisters and a younger brother who apparently operated with the knowledge and approval of their 50-year-old mother. There was no mention of a father.

A police spokesman said the cell was organized to carry out acts of sabotage in the northern district of Israel and was supplied with cash and other support by terrorist agents from across the border.

4000 PROTEST JAILING OF YESHIVA STUDENTS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 26 (JTA)--An estimated 4000 Orthodox Jews shouted and pounded their fists against passing buses in the central square outside the Mea Shearim quarter this afternoon in a noisy but otherwise peaceful demonstration to protest the jailing of two yeshiva students convicted of fire-bombing the "Eros" shop in Tel Aviv.

Police were on hand in large numbers to enforce a ban against a protest parade through the city which an Orthodox group, calling itself the "Committee for the Preservation of Israel's Sacred Heritage," had applied for Sunday.

The objects of the protest were Shmuel Wiestern and Israel Brand, both 19, who were arrested last July and subsequently convicted of throwing a fire-bomb into the "Eros" shop. The pair comes up for sentencing Oct. 1. Police today made no effort to disperse the crowd but prevented it from spilling into the streets leading from the square. No arrests were reported.

INTERFAITH CEREMONY LAUNCHES**ISRAEL'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY**

Nixon, McGovern, Pledge Continued Support To State Of Israel

NEW YORK, Sept. 26 (JTA)--President Nixon and Sen. George McGovern today pledged continued commitment to Israel. The occasion of their pledges was a ceremony at the International Synagogue of the John F. Kennedy Airport where 25 prominent Americans of all faiths lit a 25-branch candelabra launching the American celebration of Israel's 25th anniversary. Mayor John F. Lindsay, one of the 25 participating in the ceremony, later in the day at City Hall, issued a proclamation designating the period through August 1973 as "Israel's 25th Anniversary Year" and announced the appointment of a special mayor's committee of 75 people for the anniversary celebration. Jack D. Weller was named temporary chairman of the committee.

Nixon, in his statement read at the airport ceremony by Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, declared that the commitment of the United States to Israel "is an article of American faith." He stated further that "a keystone of my foreign policy is, and shall remain a relentless search for peace in the Middle East; a lasting peace that will guarantee Israel's survival and the future of all peace-loving people of the Middle East; an enduring peace that will enable today's celebration of Israel's nationhood to echo down the centuries."

In a statement read by Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D. Conn), McGovern pledged "continued commitment to Israel's progress and prosperity and to the right of Jews in the Soviet Union to join their brothers in Israel, free from ransom." He hailed Israel as "a courageous country" and expressed the hope that "the years ahead bring lasting peace to Israel and the entire world."

The candle lighting ceremony was conducted by the American Committee for Israel's 25th Anniversary Celebration and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. A torch kindled in Israel by President Zalman Shazar on Sunday was brought to the US by Moshe Kol, Israel's Minister of Tourism, one of the 14 survivors of the 37 men and women who signed the Israel Proclamation of Independence on May 14, 1948.

In bringing the Torch of Independence to the United States "on behalf of Shazar," Kol urged Jews to make the 25th anniversary year "a year of pilgrimages to Eretz Israel." He said that the torch he brought from Israel is a "token of the expression of Israel's appreciation to the people of the United States and to its large and most devoted Jewish community. May this torch symbolize the strong bonds which bind our two democracies."

In his short address, Rockefeller, calling this an "inspiring anniversary," expressed the solidarity and admiration of the people of New York with the people of Israel. "We share with you in the pride, the sense of achievement, the victory of the human spirit that Israel's very existence represents." Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's Ambassador to the US, praised the American Jewish community for the role it played during the 25-year history of the State of Israel.

Presiding at the ceremonies was Jacob Stein, chairman of both the 25th Anniversary Committee and the Presidents Conference. He said, "We celebrate, conscious of the somber events of recent days, a quarter of a century of human courage, of devotion and faith in the face of incredible odds of the will of a people to live and build as free men, no matter what."

The lighting ceremony was accompanied by a

narrative detailing Israel's twenty-five-year-old history. The twenty-five branched candelabra used for the lighting ceremonies was specially designed for the occasion by the noted sculptor, Ludwig Wolpert, resident artist of the Jewish Museum of New York City.

The lighters of the candelabra, in addition to Rockefeller, Ribicoff, Stein and Kol were: Albert E. Arent, National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council; Rabbi William Berkowitz, president, New York Board of Rabbis; Rev. L. Maynard Catchings, associate general secretary National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States; Melvin Dubinsky, United Israel Appeal; Abraham Feinberg, New York City Committee to Celebrate Israel's 25th Anniversary; Father Edward H. Flannery, Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations, National Conference of Catholic Bishops; Samuel Hausman, treasurer, United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York; Moses Hornstein, treasurer, Synagogue Council of America; Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman, American Section of the World Zionist Organization; Mrs. Mae N. Matzkin, president, Hadassah.

Other lighters were Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman, American Zionist Federation; Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz, member of the board of trustees, American Zionist Youth Foundation; Jacob Potofsky, president, Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Samuel Rothberg, general chairman, Israel Bonds; Bayard Rustin, executive director, A. Phillips Randolph Institute; Rabbi Solomon Sharfman, vice chairman, New York Board of Rabbis; Charles Silver, president, International Synagogue; Jacqueline K. Levine, vice president, Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds; Meyer Weisgal, Rehovot, Israel, Chancellor, Weizmann Institute of Science; Norbert Wolheim, vice-president, World Federation of Bergen-Belsen Survivors; and Paul Zuckerman, general chairman, United Jewish Appeal.

**ISRAEL EMBASSY DENIES RECEIVING,
ENDORING MEMO ON SOVIET JEWS**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (JTA)--The Israeli Embassy denied today that it had received or endorsed a copy of a private memorandum reportedly sent to the White House stating that Soviet Jews feel their position has worsened since President Nixon's Moscow summit visit last May. The memorandum was reported yesterday by Richard Reston in the Los Angeles Times. Reston attributed it to Leonard W. Schroeter, a Seattle attorney whom he described as an employee of the Israeli Justice Ministry from 1970 until earlier this year.

According to Reston, a copy of the Schroeter memo was received and studied by the Israeli Embassy here which said that everything it stated "is correct." In its statement today, an Embassy spokesman said that "Mr. Schroeter presently is in no way connected with the Israeli government. The above-mentioned document has not been submitted to the Embassy and has in no way been endorsed by it."

LOD AIRPORT HIT BY WORK SLOWDOWN

TEL AVIV, Sept. 26 (JTA)--About 1500 employees of the Civil Aviation Authority staged a work slowdown today which delayed outgoing and incoming flights at Lod Airport by an average of two hours and created congestion and confusion among passengers. The delays were a deliberate measure taken by the CAA employees to support their demands for a wage scale equal to that paid by El Al, Israel's national airline. A spokesman for the employees said that more serious action would be taken if their demands are not met within four days. The matter is expected to be taken up at the next Cabinet meeting.