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NEW EFFORTS TO AID TREPPER

PARIS, Sept. 27 (JTA)--New efforts in support of World War II master spy Leopold Trepper's attempts to get an exit visa from Polish authorities so that he can settle in Israel will be made here next month when Edward Giersek, chief of Poland's Communist Party, visits Paris. Soulez Lariviere, Trepper's French attorney, said yesterday that the local Trepper Committee would organize a hunger strike to coincide with Giersek's visit Oct. 2-6.

Gilles Perrault, a French writer, disclosed at a press conference yesterday that he met Trepper in East Berlin last month where he reaffirmed his wish to live in Israel. Perrault said that Trepper, who lives in Warsaw, was invited to the East German capital to help prepare ceremonies honoring members of Trepper's spy ring, the "Red Orchestra," who were executed by the Nazis. The ceremonies are scheduled for Nov.-Dec.

Trepper was received in East Berlin with "all the honors of a visiting dignitary," Perrault said. He said the invitation by East German authorities originated in Moscow where there is a desire to find some solution to the embarrassing Trepper affair. Meanwhile, Trepper has filed a libel suit against Jean Rochet, chief of French counter-intelligence, who accused him publicly of collaborating with the Gestapo during the war. The trial opens here Oct. 26.

SIR ALEC BRANDS TERRORISM A DISEASE; WELCOMES ROGERS INITIATIVE ON ISSUE

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Britain's Foreign Secretary, Sir Alec Douglas-Home told the General Assembly today that terrorism of innocents "in the name of some hideously distorted interpretation of justice" was a "disease" that "must be stopped unless law and order for world society is to be totally undermined." Eradication of terrorism must be "vigorously pursued," Sir Alec declared, adding: "We in Britain will support drastic measures to stop this rot, and we welcome the initiative taken on Monday by Mr. Rogers (US Secretary of State William P. Rogers)." The Briton did not elaborate on his reference to "drastic measures."

While praising Rogers' anti-terrorism proposals, Sir Alec did not specifically mention, as the American did, the massacre of Israelis and others at Lydda Airport in Tel Aviv and at the Olympic Games in Munich, the murder-by-mail program of Palestinian terrorists and other terrorist acts against Israel and Israelis. Yesterday, the Munich killings and other acts of Palestinian terrorism were unexpectedly condemned by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko. The only specific terrorism cited by Sir Alec was that in Northern Ireland.

The British Foreign Secretary urged States to endorse the Hague and Montreal anti-hijacking conventions "with all possible speed"; called for the effecting of "further measures to close every haven to the hijacker and saboteur," and asked States to extradite and prosecute terrorists, prevent international travel by them and coordinate police activities against them.

On the Middle East, Sir Alec welcomed the "dramatic change" resulting from Egypt's having "dispensed with Soviet military support." This "step towards de-polarization is an opportunity to resume the quest for a peaceful settlement," and "should be seized," he said, adding: "We should not be deflected from this aim by the cycle of violence and reprisal which has been given fresh impetus in recent weeks." He recommended that the UN "stick to" Security Council Resolution 242 and endorse again the Jarring peace mission.

LETTER TO NIXON DEMANDS U.S. USE ECONOMIC POWER TO CHANGE SOVIET JEWS' SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Two spokesmen for American Jewry made public today a letter to President Nixon demanding that the United States use its economic power to bring about changes in the Soviet Union's treatment of its Jewish citizens who wish to emigrate. The letter asked the President "to make known to Soviet leaders our country's inability to enter into new and close trade relationships" unless the Soviet measures against would-be emigrants "are stopped."

The letter, signed by Richard Maass, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, and Jacob Stein, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, was made public following an "emergency meeting" at B'nai B'rith headquarters here last night at which the deteriorating situation of Jews in the Soviet Union was discussed. It followed hard on statements made in New York yesterday by Presidential press secretary Ronald Ziegler that President Nixon told a group of Jewish leaders that he was working through "diplomatic channels" to help Soviet Jews.

The letter to Nixon urged the President "to make known to us, to all American people and to the Soviet leadership your determination not to recommend most favored nation treatment for the Soviet Union nor to qualify the Soviet Union for large-scale loans or credits so long as it continues its unconscionable demands upon a defenseless minority." The letter stated that the situation of Soviet Jewry had "worsened" since the President's summit visit to Moscow last May.

Jackson Offers Trade Act Amendment

In a related development today, Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D. Wash.) offered an amendment to the East-West trade relations act in the Senate which would bar any country from receiving most favored nation treatment or to participate in US credit and investment guarantee programs "unless that country permits its citizens the opportunity to emigrate to the country of their choice."

Jackson's office told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D. Conn.) was a co-sponsor of the amendment but declined to name other co-sponsors at this time. Jackson said his measure "arises out of, and is rooted in, our traditional commitment to the cause of individual liberty."

It was disclosed, meanwhile, that Maass and several other leaders of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry went to the White House today but it was not announced with whom they met. Maass announced earlier that he, Max Fisher of Detroit, and Stein will meet with Secretary of State William P. Rogers at the White House.

In response to questions at a press conference, Maass, Jerry Goodman, the NCSJ executive director, and Dr. William Korey, head of the B'nai B'rith United Nations office, observed that the US has already raised the issue in various forms, including the UN, and called attention to former Attorney General John Mitchell's action toward admitting Soviet Jews to the US. However, Goodman noted, "there is no

question" that since the Soviet-American summit conference the Jewish situation in the Soviet Union has "drastically" worsened and "Soviet propaganda has increased for whatever reason."

3 JDLers ADMIT INVOLVEMENT IN ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVES

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Three Jewish Defense Leaguers were continued in \$10,000 bail each yesterday after admitting in Brooklyn Federal Court that they had been involved in the illegal possession of explosives. Sheldon Seigel of Brooklyn, 26, admitted conspiring to plant two bombs at the Soviet Union's Amtorg Trading Corporation in Manhattan last year, one of which caused considerable damage.

Jacob Weisel, 25, and Eileen Garfinkle, 21, also of Brooklyn, admitted illegal possession of dynamite that the government claims they planted at the USSR's estate in Glen Cove, Long Island. Seigel faces up to five years' imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine; Weisel and Miss Garfinkle, up to one year and \$1000 each. Yesterday afternoon, 18 JDLers were arrested after staging a sit-down in the street when the police barred a demonstration outside the Soviet Mission.

CONGRESS COMMENDS OLYMPIC TEAM, SPITZ

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Both Houses of Congress have unanimously adopted identical resolutions commending the 1972 American Olympic team and swimmer Mark Andrew Spitz in particular for their performances at the 20th Olympiad in Munich. The resolutions devote the first of their two paragraphs to Spitz who is "commended for the individual excellence, skill and perseverance" in becoming the first Olympic contestant ever to win seven gold medals in one Olympiad and earned the "recognition of being the outstanding Olympian of modern times."

RABBI IN 10TH DAY OF FAST TO PROTEST VIETNAM WAR, SOVIET HEAD TAX

WAYNE, N.J., Sept. 27 (JTA)--Rabbi Israel S. Dresner, president of the New Jersey region of the American Jewish Congress, entered his tenth day of fasting today to protest the Soviet government's head tax on Russian Jews applying for exit visas and the American military participation in Vietnam. Rabbi Dresner, spiritual leader of Temple Beth Tikvah, began his fast Sept. 17 on the eve of Yom Kippur. He announced to his congregation that he would continue his fast until "at least" the end of the Jewish holiday season at sundown Sunday.

Rabbi Dresner called it "downright obscene" for American grain dealers, exporters, international grain operators and inside dopesters to be reaping windfall profits of more than \$100 million at a time when the Soviet government has placed thousands of educated Jews on the slave block for exorbitant ransom fees. "Also fasting for 'the good name and good conscience of my country, the United States of America,'" he condemned the slaughter of Vietnamese, Cambodians, and Laotians by what he called the "heaviest aerial bombing and naval shelling in human history."

The Bronfman family, in accordance with the will of the late Samuel Bronfman who died in Montreal last year, has decided to set up a foundation to be known as the Samuel and Saidye Bronfman's Family Foundation. It will be located in Montreal. The Foundation, although not yet chartered, will include Jewish charities and donations to the State of Israel. Dr. Peter Swann, former director of the Royal Ontario Museum of Arts, was appointed director general of the Foundation.

SYRIAN JEWS STAGE FIRST DEMONSTRATION AGAINST AUTHORITIES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27 (JTA)--The first public demonstration by Damascus Jews against their oppression by Syrian authorities was reported today by Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohen. Cohen, who heads the Public Committee for Jews in Arab Lands, said he learned that a few weeks ago several hundred Jews demonstrated in Damascus. He did not say how Syrian authorities reacted.

Cohen addressed a rally near the Western Wall. Another speaker, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel, said the Israeli government has made every effort to improve the situation of Jews in the Arab countries. He warned the Syrian government to stop persecuting its Jewish citizens.

POLICE CONDUCT WIDESPREAD SEARCH OF JDLers HOMES Report JDL To Run In Elections

TEL AVIV, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Police carried out a widespread search of the homes of Jewish Defense League members last night in their continuing investigation of the JDL's attempts to smuggle arms out of the country for a private war against Arab terrorists abroad. Apparently as a result of a tip-off, police found many of the flats locked and their occupants gone. The JDL accused the police of planting an informer in its ranks who allegedly provided the names and addresses of members.

Meanwhile, a reputed "deal" between JDL leader Rabbi Meir Kahane and Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro reportedly collapsed yesterday when the government made it clear that it would not drop charges against JDL members and others accused of arms smuggling. Rabbi Kahane had reportedly promised to reveal information to government authorities if the charges were quashed.

Circles close to the JDL said last night that it would establish a political party headed by Rabbi Kahane to run in the next general elections. The circles said that would be the JDL's response to alleged attempts by the Israeli authorities to eliminate the JDL and stifle its activities. The JDL claims to have 500 active members in Israel.

Meanwhile, police sources pressing the investigation of arms smuggling said today that they had evidence that at least two Israeli soldiers were involved. The soldiers allegedly stole weapons from arsenals which JDL members tried to smuggle abroad, police said.

YARIV: TERRORISM CAN BE MINIMIZED BUT NOT ELIMINATED

TEL AVIV, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Maj. Gen. Aharon Yariv, the retiring chief of military intelligence, said today that there was no way of eliminating Arab terrorism entirely but that it could be reduced to a minimum by counter-terrorist acts on a wide front geographically, employing a wide range of methods and means. He said Israel's recent attacks on terrorist strongholds in Lebanon were intended to force the Lebanese authorities to crack down on terrorists operating from their territory.

Meanwhile, Al Ahram, the influential Cairo daily, reported today that Palestinian terrorists in Lebanon agreed to suspend actions against Israel from Lebanese territory. According to the report the terrorists made this agreement with the Lebanese government to adhere to the 1969 Cairo accord. The provisions of that accord are not known.

Yariv addressed newsmen at a farewell press conference here marking his retirement after 31 years of service in Haganah and the Israel Army.

He served as intelligence chief for the last eight years. He said the Soviet weapons airlift to Syria was a fact that the Russians made no attempt to conceal, and noted that Moscow wanted to strengthen its position in Syria after the ouster of Soviet personnel from Egypt last July. He said there are already SAM-3 missile bases in Syria. Commenting on Western intelligence reports that Soviet naval units have returned to Egyptian ports, Yariv said they didn't have to return because they never left.

HUNDREDS OF ORTHODOX JEWS CLASH WITH POLICE: 22 ARRESTED, 8 INJURED

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Twenty-two persons were arrested last night after hundreds of Orthodox Jews clashed with police in the Mea Shearim district during a protest against the jailing of two yeshiva students convicted of fire-bombing the "Eros" shop in Tel Aviv. At least eight demonstrators and several newsmen were injured as riot police swung clubs and hosed the crowd with green dye. One policeman was hit on the head with a stone and another was pummeled and had his shirt torn off by the demonstrators.

The protest rally brought several thousand Orthodox Jews to the central square of the district yesterday afternoon. They milled about shouting, pounding buses with their fists and blocking traffic. But no arrests were made until after nightfall when the crowd grew increasingly disorderly and tried to spill out into the streets leading from the square. Police authorities had refused last Sunday to grant the protestors a permit to parade through the city.

The demonstrators demanded the release on bail of Shmuel Wiesenstern and Israel Brand, both 19, who were convicted on Aug. 8 of fire-bombing the Tel Aviv shop that sells erotic literature and photos. The pair will be sentenced on Sunday.

U.S.-ISRAEL TO SIGN \$60M SCIENCE PACT

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (JTA)--The United States and Israel were scheduled to sign an agreement here tonight under which each would contribute \$30 million for a binational science foundation in Israel. The pact was to be signed this evening in the Waldorf Towers suite of Secretary of State William P. Rogers, with Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir representing Israel. Also due to attend were Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco and Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's ambassador to the U.S.

13 JEWISH FAMILIES ARRIVE IN U.S. FROM COMMUNIST BLOC COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (JTA)--The United Hias Service reported today that 24 Jewish emigrants comprising 13 family units from the Soviet Union, Hungary, Rumania and Poland arrived here on separate flights. The emigrants will be resettled in Greater New York; Teaneck, N.J.; Los Angeles; Philadelphia; Atlanta, Ga.; and Montreal. Four of the arrivals from the USSR entered this country through the parole authority of the US Attorney General. The families settling in the NY area are being assisted by the NY Association for New Americans. Families in other cities are being assisted by the local Jewish communities.

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East solution which he had brought up in his Assembly speech last year. Israel at the time expressed strong reservations over Rogers' detailed initiative. In his speech Monday, Rogers concentrated on the need to crack down on terrorists and on an interim Suez agreement, views which Israel shares.

NEW EFFORTS TO AID TREPPER

PARIS, Sept. 27 (JTA)--New efforts in support of World War II master spy Leopold Trepper's attempts to get an exit visa from Polish authorities so that he can settle in Israel will be made here next month when Edward Giersek, chief of Poland's Communist Party, visits Paris. Soulez Lariviere, Trepper's French attorney, said yesterday that the local Trepper Committee would organize a hunger strike to coincide with Giersek's visit Oct. 2-6.

Gilles Perrault, a French writer, disclosed at a press conference yesterday that he met Trepper in East Berlin last month where he reaffirmed his wish to live in Israel. Perrault said that Trepper, who lives in Warsaw, was invited to the East German capital to help prepare ceremonies honoring members of Trepper's spy ring, the "Red Orchestra," who were executed by the Nazis. The ceremonies are scheduled for Nov.-Dec.

Trepper was received in East Berlin with "all the honors of a visiting dignitary," Perrault said. He said the invitation by East German authorities originated in Moscow where there is a desire to find some solution to the embarrassing Trepper affair. Meanwhile, Trepper has filed a libel suit against Jean Rochet, chief of French counter-intelligence, who accused him publicly of collaborating with the Gestapo during the war. The trial opens here Oct. 26.

SIR ALEC BRANDS TERRORISM A DISEASE; WELCOMES ROGERS INITIATIVE ON ISSUE

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Britain's Foreign Secretary, Sir Alec Douglas-Home told the General Assembly today that terrorism of innocents "in the name of some hideously distorted interpretation of justice" was a "disease" that "must be stopped unless law and order for world society is to be totally undermined." Eradication of terrorism must be "vigorously pursued," Sir Alec declared, adding: "We in Britain will support drastic measures to stop this rot, and we welcome the initiative taken on Monday by Mr. Rogers (US Secretary of State William P. Rogers)." The Briton did not elaborate on his reference to "drastic measures."

While praising Rogers' anti-terrorism proposals, Sir Alec did not specifically mention, as the American did, the massacre of Israelis and others at Lydda Airport in Tel Aviv and at the Olympic Games in Munich, the murder-by-mail program of Palestinian terrorists and other terrorist acts against Israel and Israelis. Yesterday, the Munich killings and other acts of Palestinian terrorism were unexpectedly condemned by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko. The only specific terrorism cited by Sir Alec was that in Northern Ireland.

The British Foreign Secretary urged States to endorse the Hague and Montreal anti-hijacking conventions "with all possible speed"; called for the effecting of "further measures to close every haven to the hijacker and saboteur," and asked States to extradite and prosecute terrorists, prevent international travel by them and coordinate police activities against them.

On the Middle East, Sir Alec welcomed the "dramatic change" resulting from Egypt's having "dispensed with Soviet military support." This "step towards de-polarization is an opportunity to resume the quest for a peaceful settlement," and "should be seized," he said, adding: "We should not be deflected from this aim by the cycle of violence and reprisal which has been given fresh impetus in recent weeks." He recommended that the UN "stick to" Security Council Resolution 242 and endorse again the Jarring peace mission.

LETTER TO NIXON DEMANDS U.S. USE ECONOMIC POWER TO CHANGE SOVIET JEWS' SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Two spokesmen for American Jewry made public today a letter to President Nixon demanding that the United States use its economic power to bring about changes in the Soviet Union's treatment of its Jewish citizens who wish to emigrate. The letter asked the President "to make known to Soviet leaders our country's inability to enter into new and close trade relationships" unless the Soviet measures against would-be emigrants "are stopped."

The letter, signed by Richard Maass, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, and Jacob Stein, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, was made public following an "emergency meeting" at B'nai B'rith headquarters here last night at which the deteriorating situation of Jews in the Soviet Union was discussed. It followed hard on statements made in New York yesterday by Presidential press secretary Ronald Ziegler that President Nixon told a group of Jewish leaders that he was working through "diplomatic channels" to help Soviet Jews.

The letter to Nixon urged the President "to make known to us, to all American people and to the Soviet leadership your determination not to recommend most favored nation treatment for the Soviet Union nor to qualify the Soviet Union for large-scale loans or credits so long as it continues its unconscionable demands upon a defenseless minority." The letter stated that the situation of Soviet Jewry had "worsened" since the President's summit visit to Moscow last May.

Jackson Offers Trade Act Amendment

In a related development today, Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D. Wash.) offered an amendment to the East-West trade relations act in the Senate which would bar any country from receiving most favored nation treatment or to participate in US credit and investment guarantee programs "unless that country permits its citizens the opportunity to emigrate to the country of their choice."

Jackson's office told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D. Conn.) was a co-sponsor of the amendment but declined to name other co-sponsors at this time. Jackson said his measure "arises out of, and is rooted in, our traditional commitment to the cause of individual liberty."

It was disclosed, meanwhile, that Maass and several other leaders of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry went to the White House today but it was not announced with whom they met. Maass announced earlier that he, Max Fisher of Detroit, and Stein will meet with Secretary of State William P. Rogers at the White House.

In response to questions at a press conference, Maass, Jerry Goodman, the NCSJ executive director, and Dr. William Korey, head of the B'nai B'rith United Nations office, observed that the US has already raised the issue in various forms, including the UN, and called attention to former Attorney General John Mitchell's action toward admitting Soviet Jews to the US. However, Goodman noted, "there is no

question" that since the Soviet-American summit conference the Jewish situation in the Soviet Union has "drastically" worsened and "Soviet propaganda has increased for whatever reason."

3 JDLers ADMIT INVOLVEMENT IN ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVES

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Three Jewish Defense Leaguers were continued in \$10,000 bail each yesterday after admitting in Brooklyn Federal Court that they had been involved in the illegal possession of explosives. Sheldon Seigel of Brooklyn, 26, admitted conspiring to plant two bombs at the Soviet Union's Amtorg Trading Corporation in Manhattan last year, one of which caused considerable damage.

Jacob Weisel, 25, and Eileen Garfinkle, 21, also of Brooklyn, admitted illegal possession of dynamite that the government claims they planted at the USSR's estate in Glen Cove, Long Island. Seigel faces up to five years' imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine; Weisel and Miss Garfinkle, up to one year and \$1000 each. Yesterday afternoon, 18 JDLers were arrested after staging a sit-down in the street when the police barred a demonstration outside the Soviet Mission.

CONGRESS COMMENDS OLYMPIC TEAM, SPITZ

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Both Houses of Congress have unanimously adopted identical resolutions commending the 1972 American Olympic team and swimmer Mark Andrew Spitz in particular for their performances at the 20th Olympiad in Munich. The resolutions devote the first of their two paragraphs to Spitz who is "commended for the individual excellence, skill and perseverance" in becoming the first Olympic contestant ever to win seven gold medals in one Olympiad and earned the "recognition of being the outstanding Olympian of modern times."

RABBI IN 10TH DAY OF FAST TO PROTEST VIETNAM WAR, SOVIET HEAD TAX

WAYNE, N.J., Sept. 27 (JTA)--Rabbi Israel S. Dresner, president of the New Jersey region of the American Jewish Congress, entered his tenth day of fasting today to protest the Soviet government's head tax on Russian Jews applying for exit visas and the American military participation in Vietnam. Rabbi Dresner, spiritual leader of Temple Beth Tikvah, began his fast Sept. 17 on the eve of Yom Kippur. He announced to his congregation that he would continue his fast until "at least" the end of the Jewish holiday season at sundown Sunday.

Rabbi Dresner called it "downright obscene" for American grain dealers, exporters, international grain operators and inside dopesters to be reaping windfall profits of more than \$100 million at a time when the Soviet government has placed thousands of educated Jews on the slave block for exorbitant ransom fees. "Also fasting for 'the good name and good conscience of my country, the United States of America,'" he condemned the slaughter of Vietnamese, Cambodians, and Laotians by what he called the "heaviest aerial bombing and naval shelling in human history."

The Bronfman family, in accordance with the will of the late Samuel Bronfman who died in Montreal last year, has decided to set up a foundation to be known as the Samuel and Saidye Bronfman's Family Foundation. It will be located in Montreal. The Foundation, although not yet chartered, will include Jewish charities and donations to the State of Israel. Dr. Peter Swann, former director of the Royal Ontario Museum of Arts, was appointed director general of the Foundation.

SYRIAN JEWS STAGE FIRST DEMONSTRATION AGAINST AUTHORITIES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27 (JTA)--The first public demonstration by Damascus Jews against their oppression by Syrian authorities was reported today by Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohen. Cohen, who heads the Public Committee for Jews in Arab Lands, said he learned that a few weeks ago several hundred Jews demonstrated in Damascus. He did not say how Syrian authorities reacted.

Cohen addressed a rally near the Western Wall. Another speaker, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel, said the Israeli government has made every effort to improve the situation of Jews in the Arab countries. He warned the Syrian government to stop persecuting its Jewish citizens.

POLICE CONDUCT WIDESPREAD SEARCH OF JDLers HOMES Report JDL To Run In Elections

TEL AVIV, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Police carried out a widespread search of the homes of Jewish Defense League members last night in their continuing investigation of the JDL's attempts to smuggle arms out of the country for a private war against Arab terrorists abroad. Apparently as a result of a tip-off, police found many of the flats locked and their occupants gone. The JDL accused the police of planting an informer in its ranks who allegedly provided the names and addresses of members.

Meanwhile, a reputed "deal" between JDL leader Rabbi Meir Kahane and Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro reportedly collapsed yesterday when the government made it clear that it would not drop charges against JDL members and others accused of arms smuggling. Rabbi Kahane had reportedly promised to reveal information to government authorities if the charges were quashed.

Circles close to the JDL said last night that it would establish a political party headed by Rabbi Kahane to run in the next general elections. The circles said that would be the JDL's response to alleged attempts by the Israeli authorities to eliminate the JDL and stifle its activities. The JDL claims to have 500 active members in Israel.

Meanwhile, police sources pressing the investigation of arms smuggling said today that they had evidence that at least two Israeli soldiers were involved. The soldiers allegedly stole weapons from arsenals which JDL members tried to smuggle abroad, police said.

YARIV: TERRORISM CAN BE MINIMIZED BUT NOT ELIMINATED

TEL AVIV, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Maj. Gen. Aharon Yariv, the retiring chief of military intelligence, said today that there was no way of eliminating Arab terrorism entirely but that it could be reduced to a minimum by counter-terrorist acts on a wide front geographically, employing a wide range of methods and means. He said Israel's recent attacks on terrorist strongholds in Lebanon were intended to force the Lebanese authorities to crack down on terrorists operating from their territory.

Meanwhile, Al Ahram, the influential Cairo daily, reported today that Palestinian terrorists in Lebanon agreed to suspend actions against Israel from Lebanese territory. According to the report the terrorists made this agreement with the Lebanese government to adhere to the 1969 Cairo accord. The provisions of that accord are not known.

Yariv addressed newsmen at a farewell press conference here marking his retirement after 31 years of service in Haganah and the Israel Army.

He served as intelligence chief for the last eight years. He said the Soviet weapons airlift to Syria was a fact that the Russians made no attempt to conceal, and noted that Moscow wanted to strengthen its position in Syria after the ouster of Soviet personnel from Egypt last July. He said there are already SAM-3 missile bases in Syria. Commenting on Western intelligence reports that Soviet naval units have returned to Egyptian ports, Yariv said they didn't have to return because they never left.

HUNDREDS OF ORTHODOX JEWS CLASH WITH POLICE: 22 ARRESTED, 8 INJURED

JERUSALEM, Sept. 27 (JTA)--Twenty-two persons were arrested last night after hundreds of Orthodox Jews clashed with police in the Mea Shearim district during a protest against the jailing of two yeshiva students convicted of fire-bombing the "Eros" shop in Tel Aviv. At least eight demonstrators and several newsmen were injured as riot police swung clubs and hosed the crowd with green dye. One policeman was hit on the head with a stone and another was pummeled and had his shirt torn off by the demonstrators.

The protest rally brought several thousand Orthodox Jews to the central square of the district yesterday afternoon. They milled about shouting, pounding buses with their fists and blocking traffic. But no arrests were made until after nightfall when the crowd grew increasingly disorderly and tried to spill out into the streets leading from the square. Police authorities had refused last Sunday to grant the protestors a permit to parade through the city.

The demonstrators demanded the release on bail of Shmuel Wiesenstern and Israel Brand, both 19, who were convicted on Aug. 8 of fire-bombing the Tel Aviv shop that sells erotic literature and photos. The pair will be sentenced on Sunday.

U.S.-ISRAEL TO SIGN \$60M SCIENCE PACT

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (JTA)--The United States and Israel were scheduled to sign an agreement here tonight under which each would contribute \$30 million for a binational science foundation in Israel. The pact was to be signed this evening in the Waldorf Towers suite of Secretary of State William P. Rogers, with Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir representing Israel. Also due to attend were Assistant Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco and Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's ambassador to the U.S.

13 JEWISH FAMILIES ARRIVE IN U.S. FROM COMMUNIST BLOC COUNTRIES

NEW YORK, Sept. 27 (JTA)--The United Hias Service reported today that 24 Jewish emigrants comprising 13 family units from the Soviet Union, Hungary, Rumania and Poland arrived here on separate flights. The emigrants will be resettled in Greater New York; Teaneck, N.J.; Los Angeles; Philadelphia; Atlanta, Ga.; and Montreal. Four of the arrivals from the USSR entered this country through the parole authority of the US Attorney General. The families settling in the NY area are being assisted by the NY Association for New Americans. Families in other cities are being assisted by the local Jewish communities.

The Grand Duke of Luxembourg yesterday placed flowers on the monument to the Jewish dead of Bellevue in Limpertsberg, Luxembourg, in memory of the Munich victims.