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He denounced Soviet arguments that the Aug. 3 decree of high exit charges for university-educated Russian Jews was meant to end a "brain drain." He said the USSR was not a "needy developing" country and Israel was not offering Jewish professionals from Russia "superior financial rewards. He also dismissed as "irrelevant" the Soviet argument that graduates were obliged "to repay the cost of their education." He said the decree had created "a new enslavement" of scientists and intellectuals.

Referring to the plight of Syrian Jews, Eban said that 4500 Jews were being held in Syria as "helpless hostages, forbidden to depart, discriminated against and humiliated, their movement within the country restricted, essential services denied to them, their property confiscated, their livelihood in constant jeopardy." He said some Arab countries had responded to the "humanitarian pressure" of world public opinion and allowed their Jewish nationals to leave. Only Syria "has persisted in its stubborn position," he said, adding, public opinion "will not rest or remain silent" until the Jews of Syria "are permitted to reach safety."

#### JAPANESE CHRISTIAN-ZIONIST SECT GRIEVED BY MASSACRE AT LOD

JERUSALEM, Sept. 28 (JTA)--Prof. Ikuro Teshima, the head of the 50,000-member Makuya sect - Christian Zionists in Japan - arrived in Israel today to present a \$10,000 ambulance to Lod Airport as a sign of the grief felt by the sect over the Lod massacre on May 30 in which 26 persons were killed by three Japanese terrorists. When news reached Japan of the mass killing, the Makuya sect conducted a three-day fast of repentance. "We were stunned and grieved by the senseless murders committed by three of our countrymen," Prof. Teshima said. "We sought some way to express our feelings."

Immediately after the Lod incident, Prof. Teshima sent his son Yaacov to Israel to visit with survivors and to apologize to them for what happened. The Makuyas, who are not affiliated with any western church, call themselves Judeo-Christians. As fundamentalist Christians, they regard the restoration of Jewish rule over Jerusalem as a fulfillment of Biblical prophecy and a heralding of the coming of the Messiah. The Makuyas plan to send next year 200-300 members to Jerusalem which they regard as their holy city.

### LEGISLATIVE ACTION SOUGHT ON SOVIET EXIT VISA FEES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 (JTA)--Strong bipartisan support for legislative action to cause a change in the Soviet Union's fees on would-be emigrants was building up on both sides of the Congress today. Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D. Wash.) author of a tough nine-point proposal governing American trade relations with the Soviet Union, and 10 co-sponsoring Senators were circulating a letter to their Senatorial colleagues urging them to support it. Jackson made known the text of his proposal in a Senate speech yesterday but has not yet formally introduced it for action pending the gathering of additional support. The introduction will probably take place early next week.

In the House, meanwhile, Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal (D.N.Y.), chairman of the subcommittee on Europe of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, introduced a resolution backed by 57 Democrats and Republicans declaring that it is the "sense of Congress" that President Nixon "suspend all steps taken or contemplated to expand trade and other economic activities with the Soviet Union, and with any other country that uses arbitrary and discriminatory methods to limit the right of emigration, until the President determines that the Soviet Union or such other country as the case may be is no longer using such methods to limit emigration." The resolution would have Nixon take such action within 30 days of the resolution's enactment. If adopted by Congress, the resolution would have the force of law.

Meanwhile, the White House reserved comment on the letter delivered yesterday by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations which called on the President to refrain from entering into "new and close trade relationships" with the Soviet Union unless its "extortionate and inhumane emigration tax" practices are stopped. The letter was given to Leonard Garment, special advisor to the President, by a group headed by Richard Maass, the NCSJ chairman. Nixon is returning to Washington tonight and a response is expected tomorrow.

### 400 ATTEND CEREMONY MARKING ISRAEL'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

MONTREAL, Sept. 28 (JTA)--An impressive ceremony was held yesterday afternoon at the Hilton-Dorval Airport Hotel where some 400 people were on hand for the arrival of a torch from Israel symbolizing Israel's 25th anniversary. For security reasons the presentation of the torch, which should have taken place on the airport tarmac, was switched to the Hilton Hotel where representatives of federal, provincial and municipal governments were in attendance.

Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau, in a message read at the ceremony by Postmaster General Jean-Pierre Cote, expressed hope that peace will come soon to the Middle East. Israel's Ambassador to Canada, Dr. Theodore Meron said that the people of Israel can neither be frightened by terror nor driven away by stress. "We must do everything to insure our security. But let us create a just society and let there be peace," he said.

Senator Therese-Casgrain, on behalf of the Premier of Quebec, Robert Bourassa, and Abraham Cohn, representing the Mayor of Montreal, Jean Drapeau, presented wishes of happiness to the State of Israel. Dr. W. Gunther Plaut, chief rabbi of the Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto, said that the 25th anniversary of Israel is "the assurance of Jewish survival. Never again will Auschwitz stare us in the face."

Hyman Bessin, president of the Canadian Zionist

Federation and executive member of the Canadian Jewish Congress, told the gathering that "Canada and other nations must have the courage to sever ties with Arab countries abetting terrorists because it is not enough to merely condemn terrorism." He also said that the CJC had been unsuccessful in its attempts to arrange a meeting with Trudeau to discuss terrorist activities.

### THREE FOREIGN MINISTERS TO VISIT ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 28 (JTA)--The Foreign Ministers of Denmark, Brazil and the Dominican Republic have accepted an invitation from Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban to visit Israel, it was announced today by the Israel Mission. The three Foreign Ministers are expected to visit Israel late this year or early next year. Eban also met with other Foreign Ministers including those of Great Britain, France, Italy, Uruguay, Australia, Peru, Argentina, Senegal and Austria to discuss the Middle East, terrorism, France's proposal for European free-trade zones, and the Oct. 9 conference of European Foreign Ministers.

British Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home assured Eban that Britain has no intention of upsetting the balance of power in the Middle East by supplying offensive weapons to Egypt. Sir Alec reportedly offered no British or European plan for a Mideast settlement but he did say that Britain would be willing to make its good offices available to the disputing parties should they seek assistance in diplomatic talks. Italy's Foreign Minister, Giuseppe Medici, told Eban that Europe should help in the search for a Middle East settlement if both sides agreed.

In his meeting with French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann, Eban expressed support for the French plan to make the Mediterranean a free-trade zone that would include Israel. Eban reportedly requested that a special committee be appointed by the EEC to deal with the idea. He said the free-trade zone plan should have broad terms of reference and that the EEC should sign an interim agreement with Israel if deliberations on the zone proposal extend beyond 1972.

### ALLON URGES MORE JEWISH SETTLEMENTS BE ESTABLISHED ALONG CEASE-FIRE LINES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 28 (JTA)--Deputy Premier Yigal Allon urged yesterday that more Jewish settlements be established along the cease-fire lines to give Israel political leverage in future negotiations with the Arabs. He said Israel did not want to become "like an aircraft carrier," meaning a country that had to rely on military means alone to defend itself. Allon, speaking at the 50th anniversary of Benyamina settlement, said that Jewish settlements along the cease-fire lines would further the expansion of the nation's economic infrastructure and "will serve as a lever in our struggle over the future map of Israel in the political arena."

All delegates attending a meeting in London of Arab League offices in western Europe, which opened last night, reportedly agreed that the Arab cause lost much support in the west since the murder on Sept. 5 of the 11 Israeli athletes in Munich. A British Home Office spokesman said that all the delegates passed through British customs without difficulty because there was "nothing against them." He added that it should not be assumed that British security checks had slackened for the entry of the delegates.

Two hundred and thirty physicians and scientists participating in the world medical congress in Amsterdam signed a petition demanding the abolition of the Soviet head tax.

**NIXON CRITICIZED FOR STAND ON SOVIET JEWRY**

NEW YORK, Sept. 28 (JTA)--Two Jewish leaders criticized today the Nixon administration policy on Soviet Jewry that was presented by President Nixon on Tuesday to 32 Jewish leaders meeting with him at the Waldorf-Astoria. Rabbi Arthur J. Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, and Harold Ostroff, president of the Workmen's Circle, criticized Nixon's decision not to make the plight of Soviet Jewry an issue of public "confrontation" but to deal with it through "diplomatic channels."

"The abhorrence our government feels over the persecution of Soviet Jewry is consoling but ineffective as long as it finds no expression in practical action," Rabbi Hertzberg asserted. "We do not see it as 'confrontation' for the President to make clear both to the American people and to the Soviet leadership that the US will not grant major economic benefits to the Soviet Union while that country continues to blackmail Russian Jews seeking to emigrate."

Rabbi Hertzberg, who on Tuesday asked Nixon not to seek most favored nation status for the USSR until it retracts its exit fees for educated Jewish emigrants, added today: "There is gross immorality to placing a prohibitive price tag on human freedom. It is incumbent upon our government not to acquiesce in that injustice but to resist it in all its dealings with the USSR."

Ostroff advised Nixon in a telegram that he was "shocked" at the view that "pressures" on the Soviet Union to eliminate exit fees on Jewish citizens "constitutes unwarranted 'harsh confrontation' and that the issue is not worthy of public debate." Voicing additional "shock" at the administration's "opposition to withholding favored nation treatment until the ransom demands are withdrawn," Ostroff wrote that "Gains for Soviet Jews have surely been abetted by nonpartisan and vigorous public activities on their behalf."

**TEKOAH: LEBANESE CHARGES BASELESS**

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 28 (JTA)--Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, yesterday repudiated a charge by the Lebanese Ambassador to the UN that Israel deliberately bombed a refugee camp in Nabatiya during the retaliatory raid against terrorist bases in Lebanon on Sept. 18. He also labeled as "utterly baseless" another Lebanese charge that Israel used napalm during the same raid. Tekoah issued these statements in a letter to the President of the Security Council, Huang Hua, the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China. The Lebanese charges were contained in a letter to Hua on Sept. 21.

In his letter, Tekoah stated that Israel's action on Sept. 18 was directed against the bases of the terror organizations. "These were the targets actually hit. This has been confirmed by the terrorist organizations themselves in communiques issued by them during and after the action, broadcast by Syrian and Egyptian radio and disseminated by the news agency of the terrorist organizations. This has been further confirmed by reports of Agence France Presse, Associated Press, Reuters and other international news agencies."

Tekoah declared further that "To the extent that there were also casualties among civilians, which are to be regretted, the responsibility must be borne by the Lebanese authorities which continue to support and shelter the terrorist organizations thus compelling Israel to strike back at them in the exercise of legitimate self-defense."

Continuing, Tekoah affirmed that the Israeli forces "acted under strict instructions to do all in their power to avoid civilian casualties. Thus the

structures destroyed were those used as centers and hideouts by the murder squads and their demolition took place only after confirmation of such use had been obtained on the spot." The Israel diplomat also stated, "Eyewitness reports by representatives of international media of information belie the malicious allegation in the Lebanese letter that there was looting."

Tekoah warned that "as long as the Lebanese government does not fulfill its elementary international obligations and does not put an end to the gory killings initiated and perpetrated from its territory it will remain branded as an accomplice in these crimes."

**3000 DEMONSTRATE FOR SOVIET JEWRY**

NEW YORK, Sept. 28 (JTA)--An estimated 3000 students and adults danced, sang and listened to a number of speakers in a Simchat Torah "Festival of Defiance" for Soviet Jews in Manhattan's Central Park yesterday afternoon. Despite a heavy rain, few participants left, according to a spokesman for the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.

The SSSJ and the Young Israel Intercollegiate Council, in cooperation with the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, staged the event as part of a continuing campaign to force the US government to cancel a pending \$750 million wheat sale and other planned steps toward American-Soviet trade expansion, unless the USSR cancels its heavy exit fees for university-educated Soviet Jews seeking to emigrate.

Howard Samuels, head of the Off-Track Betting Corporation, electioneering for Sen. George McGovern, said that if 3 1/2 million Soviet Jews could be "sold" for a billion dollars worth of wheat, "who is to say" that the three million Jews of Israel might not someday be sold for a billion dollars worth of oil. Samuels criticized President Nixon's approach to the issue of Soviet Jewry as he expressed it during a meeting with Jewish leaders here on Tuesday night.

Rabbi Steven Riskin, chairman of the SSSJ called for a march on Washington in support of passage of an amendment proposed by Sen. Henry Jackson (D. Wash.) to the East-West trade relations act in the Senate. The amendment would bar any country from receiving most favored nation status or participation in US credit and investment guarantee programs "unless that country permits its citizens the opportunity to emigrate to the country of their choice."

**CORRECTION**

The story in Wednesday's Bulletin on the interfaith ceremony at the International Synagogue at Kennedy Airport launching the American celebration of Israel's 25th anniversary inadvertently omitted the name of Mrs. Rose Halprin as one of the 25 persons lighting the 25-branch candelabra. She in fact lit the first candle. Mrs. Halprin, honorary vice-president of Hadassah, had the honor of lighting the first candle because she was the only surviving member at this ceremony of the Jewish Agency representatives that presented to the United Nations in 1948 the case for the creation of the State of Israel. At that time, Mrs. Halprin was a member of the American Section of the Jewish Agency Executive.

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He touched on the problems of Soviet Jews and Jews in Syria. He noted that the problem of Soviet Jews was regularly raised in the General Assembly and that the situation had worsened recently. He said that while the Soviets continued to permit Jews to emigrate, they had arrested many for seeking exit permits to Israel and sent many to jail, while the Soviet information media "unceasingly publish calumnies, slanders and incitements against them." He said that during 1971-72 alone, "dozens of anti-Semitic books have been published in the Soviet Union."

He denounced Soviet arguments that the Aug. 3 decree of high exit charges for university-educated Russian Jews was meant to end a "brain drain." He said the USSR was not a "needy developing" country and Israel was not offering Jewish professionals from Russia "superior financial rewards. He also dismissed as "irrelevant" the Soviet argument that graduates were obliged "to repay the cost of their education." He said the decree had created "a new enslavement" of scientists and intellectuals.

Referring to the plight of Syrian Jews, Eban said that 4500 Jews were being held in Syria as "helpless hostages, forbidden to depart, discriminated against and humiliated, their movement within the country restricted, essential services denied to them, their property confiscated, their livelihood in constant jeopardy." He said some Arab countries had responded to the "humanitarian pressure" of world public opinion and allowed their Jewish nationals to leave. Only Syria "has persisted in its stubborn position," he said, adding, public opinion "will not rest or remain silent" until the Jews of Syria "are permitted to reach safety."

#### JAPANESE CHRISTIAN-ZIONIST SECT GRIEVED BY MASSACRE AT LOD

JERUSALEM, Sept. 28 (JTA)--Prof. Ikuro Teshima, the head of the 50,000-member Makuya sect - Christian Zionists in Japan - arrived in Israel today to present a \$10,000 ambulance to Lod Airport as a sign of the grief felt by the sect over the Lod massacre on May 30 in which 26 persons were killed by three Japanese terrorists. When news reached Japan of the mass killing, the Makuya sect conducted a three-day fast of repentance. "We were stunned and grieved by the senseless murders committed by three of our countrymen," Prof. Teshima said. "We sought some way to express our feelings."

Immediately after the Lod incident, Prof. Teshima sent his son Yaacov to Israel to visit with survivors and to apologize to them for what happened. The Makuyas, who are not affiliated with any western church, call themselves Judeo-Christians. As fundamentalist Christians, they regard the restoration of Jewish rule over Jerusalem as a fulfillment of Biblical prophecy and a heralding of the coming of the Messiah. The Makuyas plan to send next year 200-300 members to Jerusalem which they regard as their holy city.

### LEGISLATIVE ACTION SOUGHT ON SOVIET EXIT VISA FEES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28 (JTA)--Strong bipartisan support for legislative action to cause a change in the Soviet Union's fees on would-be emigrants was building up on both sides of the Congress today. Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D. Wash.) author of a tough nine-point proposal governing American trade relations with the Soviet Union, and 10 co-sponsoring Senators were circulating a letter to their Senatorial colleagues urging them to support it. Jackson made known the text of his proposal in a Senate speech yesterday but has not yet formally introduced it for action pending the gathering of additional support. The introduction will probably take place early next week.

In the House, meanwhile, Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal (D.N.Y.), chairman of the subcommittee on Europe of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, introduced a resolution backed by 57 Democrats and Republicans declaring that it is the "sense of Congress" that President Nixon "suspend all steps taken or contemplated to expand trade and other economic activities with the Soviet Union, and with any other country that uses arbitrary and discriminatory methods to limit the right of emigration, until the President determines that the Soviet Union or such other country as the case may be is no longer using such methods to limit emigration." The resolution would have Nixon take such action within 30 days of the resolution's enactment. If adopted by Congress, the resolution would have the force of law.

Meanwhile, the White House reserved comment on the letter delivered yesterday by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations which called on the President to refrain from entering into "new and close trade relationships" with the Soviet Union unless its "extortionate and inhumane emigration tax" practices are stopped. The letter was given to Leonard Garment, special advisor to the President, by a group headed by Richard Maass, the NCSJ chairman. Nixon is returning to Washington tonight and a response is expected tomorrow.

### 400 ATTEND CEREMONY MARKING ISRAEL'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

MONTREAL, Sept. 28 (JTA)--An impressive ceremony was held yesterday afternoon at the Hilton-Dorval Airport Hotel where some 400 people were on hand for the arrival of a torch from Israel symbolizing Israel's 25th anniversary. For security reasons the presentation of the torch, which should have taken place on the airport tarmac, was switched to the Hilton Hotel where representatives of federal, provincial and municipal governments were in attendance.

Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau, in a message read at the ceremony by Postmaster General Jean-Pierre Cote, expressed hope that peace will come soon to the Middle East. Israel's Ambassador to Canada, Dr. Theodore Meron said that the people of Israel can neither be frightened by terror nor driven away by stress. "We must do everything to insure our security. But let us create a just society and let there be peace," he said.

Senator Therese-Casgrain, on behalf of the Premier of Quebec, Robert Bourassa, and Abraham Cohn, representing the Mayor of Montreal, Jean Drapeau, presented wishes of happiness to the State of Israel. Dr. W. Gunther Plaut, chief rabbi of the Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto, said that the 25th anniversary of Israel is "the assurance of Jewish survival. Never again will Auschwitz stare us in the face."

Hyman Bessin, president of the Canadian Zionist

Federation and executive member of the Canadian Jewish Congress, told the gathering that "Canada and other nations must have the courage to sever ties with Arab countries abetting terrorists because it is not enough to merely condemn terrorism." He also said that the CJC had been unsuccessful in its attempts to arrange a meeting with Trudeau to discuss terrorist activities.

### THREE FOREIGN MINISTERS TO VISIT ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 28 (JTA)--The Foreign Ministers of Denmark, Brazil and the Dominican Republic have accepted an invitation from Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban to visit Israel, it was announced today by the Israel Mission. The three Foreign Ministers are expected to visit Israel late this year or early next year. Eban also met with other Foreign Ministers including those of Great Britain, France, Italy, Uruguay, Australia, Peru, Argentina, Senegal and Austria to discuss the Middle East, terrorism, France's proposal for European free-trade zones, and the Oct. 9 conference of European Foreign Ministers.

British Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home assured Eban that Britain has no intention of upsetting the balance of power in the Middle East by supplying offensive weapons to Egypt. Sir Alec reportedly offered no British or European plan for a Mideast settlement but he did say that Britain would be willing to make its good offices available to the disputing parties should they seek assistance in diplomatic talks. Italy's Foreign Minister, Giuseppe Medici, told Eban that Europe should help in the search for a Middle East settlement if both sides agreed.

In his meeting with French Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann, Eban expressed support for the French plan to make the Mediterranean a free-trade zone that would include Israel. Eban reportedly requested that a special committee be appointed by the EEC to deal with the idea. He said the free-trade zone plan should have broad terms of reference and that the EEC should sign an interim agreement with Israel if deliberations on the zone proposal extend beyond 1972.

### ALLON URGES MORE JEWISH SETTLEMENTS BE ESTABLISHED ALONG CEASE-FIRE LINES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 28 (JTA)--Deputy Premier Yigal Allon urged yesterday that more Jewish settlements be established along the cease-fire lines to give Israel political leverage in future negotiations with the Arabs. He said Israel did not want to become "like an aircraft carrier," meaning a country that had to rely on military means alone to defend itself. Allon, speaking at the 50th anniversary of Benyamina settlement, said that Jewish settlements along the cease-fire lines would further the expansion of the nation's economic infrastructure and "will serve as a lever in our struggle over the future map of Israel in the political arena."

All delegates attending a meeting in London of Arab League offices in western Europe, which opened last night, reportedly agreed that the Arab cause lost much support in the west since the murder on Sept. 5 of the 11 Israeli athletes in Munich. A British Home Office spokesman said that all the delegates passed through British customs without difficulty because there was "nothing against them." He added that it should not be assumed that British security checks had slackened for the entry of the delegates.

Two hundred and thirty physicians and scientists participating in the world medical congress in Amsterdam signed a petition demanding the abolition of the Soviet head tax.

**NIXON CRITICIZED FOR STAND ON SOVIET JEWRY**

NEW YORK, Sept. 28 (JTA)--Two Jewish leaders criticized today the Nixon administration policy on Soviet Jewry that was presented by President Nixon on Tuesday to 32 Jewish leaders meeting with him at the Waldorf-Astoria. Rabbi Arthur J. Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, and Harold Ostroff, president of the Workmen's Circle, criticized Nixon's decision not to make the plight of Soviet Jewry an issue of public "confrontation" but to deal with it through "diplomatic channels."

"The abhorrence our government feels over the persecution of Soviet Jewry is consoling but ineffective as long as it finds no expression in practical action," Rabbi Hertzberg asserted. "We do not see it as 'confrontation' for the President to make clear both to the American people and to the Soviet leadership that the US will not grant major economic benefits to the Soviet Union while that country continues to blackmail Russian Jews seeking to emigrate."

Rabbi Hertzberg, who on Tuesday asked Nixon not to seek most favored nation status for the USSR until it retracts its exit fees for educated Jewish emigrants, added today: "There is gross immorality to placing a prohibitive price tag on human freedom. It is incumbent upon our government not to acquiesce in that injustice but to resist it in all its dealings with the USSR."

Ostroff advised Nixon in a telegram that he was "shocked" at the view that "pressures" on the Soviet Union to eliminate exit fees on Jewish citizens "constitutes unwarranted 'harsh confrontation' and that the issue is not worthy of public debate." Voicing additional "shock" at the administration's "opposition to withholding favored nation treatment until the ransom demands are withdrawn," Ostroff wrote that "Gains for Soviet Jews have surely been abetted by nonpartisan and vigorous public activities on their behalf."

**TEKOAH: LEBANESE CHARGES BASELESS**

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 28 (JTA)--Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, yesterday repudiated a charge by the Lebanese Ambassador to the UN that Israel deliberately bombed a refugee camp in Nabatiya during the retaliatory raid against terrorist bases in Lebanon on Sept. 18. He also labeled as "utterly baseless" another Lebanese charge that Israel used napalm during the same raid. Tekoah issued these statements in a letter to the President of the Security Council, Huang Hua, the Ambassador of the People's Republic of China. The Lebanese charges were contained in a letter to Hua on Sept. 21.

In his letter, Tekoah stated that Israel's action on Sept. 18 was directed against the bases of the terror organizations. "These were the targets actually hit. This has been confirmed by the terrorist organizations themselves in communiques issued by them during and after the action, broadcast by Syrian and Egyptian radio and disseminated by the news agency of the terrorist organizations. This has been further confirmed by reports of Agence France Presse, Associated Press, Reuters and other international news agencies."

Tekoah declared further that "To the extent that there were also casualties among civilians, which are to be regretted, the responsibility must be borne by the Lebanese authorities which continue to support and shelter the terrorist organizations thus compelling Israel to strike back at them in the exercise of legitimate self-defense."

Continuing, Tekoah affirmed that the Israeli forces "acted under strict instructions to do all in their power to avoid civilian casualties. Thus the

structures destroyed were those used as centers and hideouts by the murder squads and their demolition took place only after confirmation of such use had been obtained on the spot." The Israel diplomat also stated, "Eyewitness reports by representatives of international media of information belie the malicious allegation in the Lebanese letter that there was looting."

Tekoah warned that "as long as the Lebanese government does not fulfill its elementary international obligations and does not put an end to the gory killings initiated and perpetrated from its territory it will remain branded as an accomplice in these crimes."

**3000 DEMONSTRATE FOR SOVIET JEWRY**

NEW YORK, Sept. 28 (JTA)--An estimated 3000 students and adults danced, sang and listened to a number of speakers in a Simchat Torah "Festival of Defiance" for Soviet Jews in Manhattan's Central Park yesterday afternoon. Despite a heavy rain, few participants left, according to a spokesman for the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.

The SSSJ and the Young Israel Intercollegiate Council, in cooperation with the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, staged the event as part of a continuing campaign to force the US government to cancel a pending \$750 million wheat sale and other planned steps toward American-Soviet trade expansion, unless the USSR cancels its heavy exit fees for university-educated Soviet Jews seeking to emigrate.

Howard Samuels, head of the Off-Track Betting Corporation, electioneering for Sen. George McGovern, said that if 3 1/2 million Soviet Jews could be "sold" for a billion dollars worth of wheat, "who is to say" that the three million Jews of Israel might not someday be sold for a billion dollars worth of oil. Samuels criticized President Nixon's approach to the issue of Soviet Jewry as he expressed it during a meeting with Jewish leaders here on Tuesday night.

Rabbi Steven Riskin, chairman of the SSSJ called for a march on Washington in support of passage of an amendment proposed by Sen. Henry Jackson (D. Wash.) to the East-West trade relations act in the Senate. The amendment would bar any country from receiving most favored nation status or participation in US credit and investment guarantee programs "unless that country permits its citizens the opportunity to emigrate to the country of their choice."

**CORRECTION**

The story in Wednesday's Bulletin on the interfaith ceremony at the International Synagogue at Kennedy Airport launching the American celebration of Israel's 25th anniversary inadvertently omitted the name of Mrs. Rose Halprin as one of the 25 persons lighting the 25-branch candelabra. She in fact lit the first candle. Mrs. Halprin, honorary vice-president of Hadassah, had the honor of lighting the first candle because she was the only surviving member at this ceremony of the Jewish Agency representatives that presented to the United Nations in 1948 the case for the creation of the State of Israel. At that time, Mrs. Halprin was a member of the American Section of the Jewish Agency Executive.

Hebrew will be among the "ethnic" languages to be taught in public high schools in Greater Toronto. Five high schools in the North York suburb and one school in Toronto will provide modern Hebrew under the new plan. The Board of Jewish Education of Toronto helped arrange for the courses and teachers.