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Israel's policy of "bondage and enslavement," he said, poses "a mortal threat to the very survival of Jordan as a state and as a people." He assailed Israel for opposing the "constructive" idea of a Jordanian-Palestinian United Arab Kingdom with Arab Jerusalem as its capital.

Following Abu Zaid's speech, the Israeli Mission issued a one-sentence assertion that "the Jordanian Foreign Minister's acrimonious statement has again demonstrated that public polemics cannot contribute to the search for understanding between the parties to the Middle East conflict and that quiet, reticent dialogue is the only way to a peaceful agreement."

DAYAN DISMISSES IDEA OF PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 4 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan indicated on a television interview last night that he attaches little importance to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's recent call to the Palestinians to set up a government-in-exile that Egypt would recognize. "The Palestinian government is in Amman and if they are not satisfied with that regime they should try to change it," Dayan said. His remark was the first public comment on the Sadat proposal by any Israeli government leader.

Dayan, addressing himself to the problem of terrorism, said that Israel must step up its war against the terrorists by employing the proper methods to counter the changing mode of terrorist operations. He did not elaborate but he is believed to have been referring to the extension of terrorist acts from the Middle East to European countries. Dayan praised the recent appointment of retired Gen. Aharon Yariv, former chief of military intelligence, to the newly created post of special advisor to the Prime Minister. He refused to comment when asked if Yariv's appointment had anything to do with the campaign against terrorists.

The Jordanian government, meanwhile, was reported today to be strengthening its armed forces.

ces on its northern border following reports that several hundred terrorists have been shifted from Lebanon to southern Syria. Jordan has reportedly warned Syria that it would not hesitate to cross the border and strike at terrorist bases inside Syrian territory. According to some reports, Jordan has received modern American military equipment by sea and airlift.

DEFAULT IS NOT IN THE STARS, BUT IN ORDERS FROM ABOVE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 4 (JTA)--The Israeli chess team has won a 4-0 victory by default over Albania at the world championship chess tournament in Skopje, Yugoslavia. The Israeli team was credited with the win after the Albanian team informed the tournament management that it was forbidden by their government to play the Israelis. The tournament management said the Albanian players were not to blame because they had "their orders from above." But other competing teams protested against awarding the victory to Israel because it puts the Israelis ahead of them on unearned points.

BITTER CONTEST EXPECTED IN RABBINATE ELECTIONS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 4 (JTA)--The Chief Rabbinate elections to be held Oct. 15 was shaping up today as a bitter contest in which die-hard conservatives will be opposed by candidates considered relatively liberal within the Orthodox religious spectrum. The 150-man electoral college that will vote for the candidates for Ashkenazi and Sephardi chief rabbis and for members of the Chief Rabbinate Council, was finally completed today after weeks of haggling.

Dr. Zerach Warhaftig, the Minister for Religious Affairs, announced today the appointment of the 10 rabbis which, according to Israeli law, are the appointees of the religious ministry, subject to Cabinet approval. Dr. Warhaftig reportedly sat up until late last night with Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro to complete the list. Shapiro, designated to represent the Cabinet on the matter, reportedly insisted on the inclusion of the Histadrut and Labor Party Rabbi Menachem Hacohen. An agreement was finally reached through the intercession of Premier Golda Meir and the final list was rushed to the printers to be officially gazetted.

Of the 10 rabbis appointed by Dr. Warhaftig, seven are said to be confirmed supporters of Tel Aviv's Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, regarded as a moderate. None are committed to the incumbent Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Isser Yehuda Unterman who has the support of conservative elements. But of 24 rabbis named by an electoral assembly of their colleagues from small townships, 12 are for Rabbi Unterman, eight for Rabbi Goren and four are uncommitted.

The election picture was complicated yesterday when Tel Aviv's Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, announced his candidacy in opposition to the incumbent Sephardic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim who was hitherto unchallenged. Rabbi Yosef, like Rabbi Goren, is regarded as one of Israel's more "enlightened" rabbis. His enlightenment is measured by his recent ruling that slacks tailored for women are more permissible than mini-skirts according to halacha, religious law. Most other rabbis solidly oppose women wearing pants.

The rabbinate electoral college consists of 70 rabbis and religious lay leaders, 70 mayors, heads of district councils and local religious councils and the 10 rabbis named by the government. The Unterman camp was reportedly unhappy over Dr. Warhaftig's appointments which it considers stacked

in favor of Rabbi Goren whose candidacy is supported by the Labor Party and the National Religious Party. Some Unterman supporters have called for a rabbinical boycott of the elections on grounds that the electoral college was rigged by the government.

TWO SOVIET JEWISH PRISONERS DESCRIBE CONDITIONS IN LABOR CAMPS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 4 (JTA)--Arkady Voloshin and Lazar Abramovich Trakhtenberg, arriving here early this morning after serving prison terms decreed in Kishinev, confirmed that Sylva Zalmanson Kuznetsov, the 28-year-old engineer serving a ten-year term ending in June, 1980, was transferred from Potma prison two weeks ago to solitary confinement for six months for aiding another Jewish woman prisoner. Convicted of complicity in a skyjacking plot, she has long been reported in worsening health.

Voloshin, 27, and Trakhtenberg, 26, went on trial in Kishinev in June, 1971. They were convicted on "anti-Soviet propaganda" and sentenced to two-year terms dating to their arrest in Aug. 1970. Arriving here with a large group of Soviet emigrants, they reported that the situation of the Jewish prisoners in Potma, in Soviet Moldavia, is deteriorating because of the authorities' persistent "anti-Semitism." They said "clashes with the camp's management" over adequate medical care and normal routines "are a daily occurrence."

Trakhtenberg and Voloshin told how they and two other Jewish prisoners conducted a Hebrew ulpan without books in that language, as the five books allowed each of them contained no Hebrew. They said the ulpan was conducted from memory. They stated that Soviet Jews' desire for aliya had reached massive proportions, commenting: "Since our release we have visited some friends and seen in the various cities long queues near the Ovir (visa) offices of Jews desiring to come to Israel." Among those welcoming the two ex-inmates were Trakhtenberg's wife and Voloshin's fiancée; the latter came to Israel only a few months ago.

3 GROUPS REJECT INVITATION TO ATTEND MEETING ON FUENTES APPOINTMENT

NEW YORK, Oct. 4 (JTA)--Three Jewish organizations today rejected the invitation of Community School Board No. 1, Manhattan, to attend an executive meeting of the Board on the appointment of Luis Fuentes as District Superintendent. Instead they invited the Board to join them in requesting Chancellor Harvey B. Scribner to review the case of Fuentes who, they charged, is unqualified for the post because of anti-Semitic slurs made by him as a Brooklyn principal.

They said that since the local board itself was accused of "dereliction of duty" in the matter, it could not "sit in judgment" upon itself. If Dr. Scribner continues to refuse to hear the case, the organizations said, the local board should join them in requesting that State Education Commissioner Ewald B. Nyquist take jurisdiction.

The American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and Jewish Labor Committee, which have protested the Fuentes appointment, charged the local school board with dereliction of duty in not assessing Fuentes' past record and judging him unfit for the new post. The letter today, in response to the invitation of Mrs. Georgina Hoggard, chairwoman of School Board No. 1, was sent by Victor Herwitz, special counsel for the three organizations.

GROUP ESTABLISHES MEMORIAL FUND FOR THE 11 SLAIN ISRAELI ATHLETES

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 4 (JTA)--A sports center memorializing the 11 Israeli athletes murdered in Munich during the Summer Olympics will be built at an Israeli kibbutz if a newly formed organization here can raise \$150,000. A Minneapolis Israel Olympic Memorial Fund has been created by Mayor Charles Stenvig, who visited Israel two years ago and said he was impressed with Israelis' energy, dedication and determination.

The complex would include facilities for track and field, basketball, volleyball, gymnastics and other activities, and would be known as the Minneapolis Sports Center in Honor of the 11 Martyred Olympic Team Members. The fund drive, headquartered at Midwest Federal Savings and Loan, is chaired by Harold Greenwood, Jr., of the bank, with Mayor Stenvig as honorary chairman. The large majority of the civic leaders, businessmen and athletes participating in the fund drive are non-Jewish, according to the Minneapolis Federation for Jewish Service.

SENIOR CITIZENS, MANY JEWS, MAY BE HURT BY NEW SOCIAL SECURITY MEASURE

NEW YORK, Oct. 4 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress today called on Congress to enact special emergency legislation that would protect the nation's elderly by requiring state officials to disregard the new Social Security increase in computing eligibility for other federally-funded health and welfare benefits.

A 20 percent increase in Social Security benefits to the elderly went into effect yesterday but is likely to have "a negative impact on many senior citizens nationwide who will now be above eligible income levels for other aid programs," the AJCongress asserted.

Howard M. Squadron, chairman of the Congress' national governing council, said passage of emergency legislation would "offer immediate protection to those persons whose participation in special programs is threatened by the Social Security increase." Two-thirds of the nation's estimated 800,000 Jewish poor are reported to be over 65 years of age and currently benefitting from Social Security and other federal programs.

"The new and welcome Social Security increase will be a bitter hoax to many if instead of delivering the help it promises, it actually results in deprivation," Squadron stated. "Tens of thousands of Social Security recipients throughout the country now find themselves, as a result of the increase, ineligible to receive other benefits, such as food stamps and Medicaid. For these and many others, the Social Security increase may also be wiped out by decreased Old Age Assistance payments."

Squadron noted that the AJCongress had written last Wednesday to Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Elliot L. Richardson outlining the deprivation the 20 percent Social Security increase would impose on many and calling for a general policy dealing with the "interrelatedness of federal and state-aid programs." No reply has been received as yet from Richardson, the AJCongress reported.

NEW DIFFICULTIES FOR SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRATION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4 (JTA)--The Soviet government announced yesterday new measures which will make the obtaining of an exit visa more difficult. David Korn, chairman of the Soviet Jewry Committee of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, reported. Korn said that principal among these is the need for additional documents in order to obtain a visa.

Korn also reported that a group of 20 Jews attempted to meet yesterday with a member of the Politbureau in reference to a letter of protest it had sent to the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet a month ago. The group waited the entire day and then was told that it would not be allowed, now or in the future, to discuss the demands made in the letter, Korn said. The letter had dealt with the right of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union and Soviet persecution of Jews.

EBAN ASSAILS JDL

NEW YORK, Oct. 4 (JTA)--Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban yesterday assailed the Jewish Defense League. "We don't need JDL people coming into Israel to interfere with a good relation growing for example between Israelis and the Arabs in Hebron," he said before viewers of the NBC-TV's "The Today Show."

Eban made this remark in response to a question posed by the program's moderator, Frank McGee, concerning the detainment in Israel of Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the JDL, on charges of allegedly shipping arms abroad to conduct terrorist activities. Eban refused to comment on the Kahane case but said, "...on the movement itself, our position is that we really do not need these organizations coming from abroad to tell us how to live with each other or with our Arab population."

In response to other questions from both McGee and Pauline Frederick, an NBC correspondent, Eban reiterated Israel's right to retaliate for terrorist actions, and called upon all nations to act against terrorist groups. Eban called the terrorist movement an "urgent obstacle" that needed to be removed "in order to create the basic atmosphere in which peaceful discussion can go forward."

Eban also hit the United Nations for being "wedded to the technique of public debate and rhetoric" and said that it's not "the most congenial arena in which private conciliation can go forward."

TIGHT SECURITY FOR ISRAEL ORCHESTRA

EAST LANSING, Mich., Oct. 4 (JTA)--Tight security measures were in effect here last night during the performance of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. More than 3500 persons attended the concert while several dozen Arab students from Michigan State University picketed outside the concert hall. The Arabs carried banners and chanted, "We are homeless Arabs." There were no incidents and the orchestra members were not aware of the picket line. The security measures taken last night were similar to that Sunday night when the orchestra performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington. Similar measures will be taken when the orchestra performs in Detroit, Flint and Ann Arbor in Michigan and other cities during the national tour celebrating Israel's 25th anniversary.

United Hias Service reported today that 11 Jewish emigrants, constituting three family units from the Soviet Union, arrived at Kennedy Airport on a flight from Rome. They will be reunited with relatives in Miami, Chicago and Oklahoma City. The new arrivals included Mr. and Mrs. Leib Spector and their son Shulim from Lvov, who will be joined with another son, Moshe, in Miami after a separation of 25 years. Leib Spector was a renowned cantor in the USSR and Shulim was both an electrical engineer and a music teacher.

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JORDANIAN ENVOY CRITICAL OF VIOLENCE AGAINST INNOCENT PEOPLE; BLASTS ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 4 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Salah Abu Zaid of Jordan, declaring his government "opposed to violence whatever its source or methods," told the General Assembly today that Jordan was "ready to participate effectively in any international measures to protect innocent civilians against violence." But, he added, Jordan also supports "the right of an occupied people, every occupied people, to effectively resist occupation and colonialism."

Israel's policy of "bondage and enslavement," he said, poses "a mortal threat to the very survival of Jordan as a state and as a people." He assailed Israel for opposing the "constructive" idea of a Jordanian-Palestinian United Arab Kingdom with Arab Jerusalem as its capital.

Following Abu Zaid's speech, the Israeli Mission issued a one-sentence assertion that "the Jordanian Foreign Minister's acrimonious statement has again demonstrated that public polemics cannot contribute to the search for understanding between the parties to the Middle East conflict and that quiet, reticent dialogue is the only way to a peaceful agreement."

DAYAN DISMISSES IDEA OF PALESTINIAN GOVERNMENT-IN-EXILE

JERUSALEM, Oct. 4 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan indicated on a television interview last night that he attaches little importance to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's recent call to the Palestinians to set up a government-in-exile that Egypt would recognize. "The Palestinian government is in Amman and if they are not satisfied with that regime they should try to change it," Dayan said. His remark was the first public comment on the Sadat proposal by any Israeli government leader.

Dayan, addressing himself to the problem of terrorism, said that Israel must step up its war against the terrorists by employing the proper methods to counter the changing mode of terrorist operations. He did not elaborate but he is believed to have been referring to the extension of terrorist acts from the Middle East to European countries. Dayan praised the recent appointment of retired Gen. Aharon Yariv, former chief of military intelligence, to the newly created post of special advisor to the Prime Minister. He refused to comment when asked if Yariv's appointment had anything to do with the campaign against terrorists.

The Jordanian government, meanwhile, was reported today to be strengthening its armed forces.

ces on its northern border following reports that several hundred terrorists have been shifted from Lebanon to southern Syria. Jordan has reportedly warned Syria that it would not hesitate to cross the border and strike at terrorist bases inside Syrian territory. According to some reports, Jordan has received modern American military equipment by sea and airlift.

DEFAULT IS NOT IN THE STARS, BUT IN ORDERS FROM ABOVE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 4 (JTA)--The Israeli chess team has won a 4-0 victory by default over Albania at the world championship chess tournament in Skopje, Yugoslavia. The Israeli team was credited with the win after the Albanian team informed the tournament management that it was forbidden by their government to play the Israelis. The tournament management said the Albanian players were not to blame because they had "their orders from above." But other competing teams protested against awarding the victory to Israel because it puts the Israelis ahead of them on unearned points.

BITTER CONTEST EXPECTED IN RABBINATE ELECTIONS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 4 (JTA)--The Chief Rabbinate elections to be held Oct. 15 was shaping up today as a bitter contest in which die-hard conservatives will be opposed by candidates considered relatively liberal within the Orthodox religious spectrum. The 150-man electoral college that will vote for the candidates for Ashkenazi and Sephardi chief rabbis and for members of the Chief Rabbinate Council, was finally completed today after weeks of haggling.

Dr. Zerach Warhaftig, the Minister for Religious Affairs, announced today the appointment of the 10 rabbis which, according to Israeli law, are the appointees of the religious ministry, subject to Cabinet approval. Dr. Warhaftig reportedly sat up until late last night with Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro to complete the list. Shapiro, designated to represent the Cabinet on the matter, reportedly insisted on the inclusion of the Histadrut and Labor Party Rabbi Menachem Hacohen. An agreement was finally reached through the intercession of Premier Golda Meir and the final list was rushed to the printers to be officially gazetted.

Of the 10 rabbis appointed by Dr. Warhaftig, seven are said to be confirmed supporters of Tel Aviv's Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, regarded as a moderate. None are committed to the incumbent Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Isser Yehuda Unterman who has the support of conservative elements. But of 24 rabbis named by an electoral assembly of their colleagues from small townships, 12 are for Rabbi Unterman, eight for Rabbi Goren and four are uncommitted.

The election picture was complicated yesterday when Tel Aviv's Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadiah Yosef, announced his candidacy in opposition to the incumbent Sephardic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim who was hitherto unchallenged. Rabbi Yosef, like Rabbi Goren, is regarded as one of Israel's more "enlightened" rabbis. His enlightenment is measured by his recent ruling that slacks tailored for women are more permissible than mini-skirts according to halacha, religious law. Most other rabbis solidly oppose women wearing pants.

The rabbinate electoral college consists of 70 rabbis and religious lay leaders, 70 mayors, heads of district councils and local religious councils and the 10 rabbis named by the government. The Unterman camp was reportedly unhappy over Dr. Warhaftig's appointments which it considers stacked

in favor of Rabbi Goren whose candidacy is supported by the Labor Party and the National Religious Party. Some Unterman supporters have called for a rabbinical boycott of the elections on grounds that the electoral college was rigged by the government.

TWO SOVIET JEWISH PRISONERS DESCRIBE CONDITIONS IN LABOR CAMPS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 4 (JTA)--Arkady Voloshin and Lazar Abramovich Trakhtenberg, arriving here early this morning after serving prison terms decreed in Kishinev, confirmed that Sylva Zalmanson Kuznetsov, the 28-year-old engineer serving a ten-year term ending in June, 1980, was transferred from Potma prison two weeks ago to solitary confinement for six months for aiding another Jewish woman prisoner. Convicted of complicity in a skyjacking plot, she has long been reported in worsening health.

Voloshin, 27, and Trakhtenberg, 26, went on trial in Kishinev in June, 1971. They were convicted on "anti-Soviet propaganda" and sentenced to two-year terms dating to their arrest in Aug. 1970. Arriving here with a large group of Soviet emigrants, they reported that the situation of the Jewish prisoners in Potma, in Soviet Moldavia, is deteriorating because of the authorities' persistent "anti-Semitism." They said "clashes with the camp's management" over adequate medical care and normal routines "are a daily occurrence."

Trakhtenberg and Voloshin told how they and two other Jewish prisoners conducted a Hebrew ulpan without books in that language, as the five books allowed each of them contained no Hebrew. They said the ulpan was conducted from memory. They stated that Soviet Jews' desire for aliya had reached massive proportions, commenting: "Since our release we have visited some friends and seen in the various cities long queues near the Ovir (visa) offices of Jews desiring to come to Israel." Among those welcoming the two ex-inmates were Trakhtenberg's wife and Voloshin's fiancée; the latter came to Israel only a few months ago.

3 GROUPS REJECT INVITATION TO ATTEND MEETING ON FUENTES APPOINTMENT

NEW YORK, Oct. 4 (JTA)--Three Jewish organizations today rejected the invitation of Community School Board No. 1, Manhattan, to attend an executive meeting of the Board on the appointment of Luis Fuentes as District Superintendent. Instead they invited the Board to join them in requesting Chancellor Harvey B. Scribner to review the case of Fuentes who, they charged, is unqualified for the post because of anti-Semitic slurs made by him as a Brooklyn principal.

They said that since the local board itself was accused of "dereliction of duty" in the matter, it could not "sit in judgment" upon itself. If Dr. Scribner continues to refuse to hear the case, the organizations said, the local board should join them in requesting that State Education Commissioner Ewald B. Nyquist take jurisdiction.

The American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and Jewish Labor Committee, which have protested the Fuentes appointment, charged the local school board with dereliction of duty in not assessing Fuentes' past record and judging him unfit for the new post. The letter today, in response to the invitation of Mrs. Georgina Hoggard, chairwoman of School Board No. 1, was sent by Victor Herwitz, special counsel for the three organizations.

GROUP ESTABLISHES MEMORIAL FUND FOR THE 11 SLAIN ISRAELI ATHLETES

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 4 (JTA)--A sports center memorializing the 11 Israeli athletes murdered in Munich during the Summer Olympics will be built at an Israeli kibbutz if a newly formed organization here can raise \$150,000. A Minneapolis Israel Olympic Memorial Fund has been created by Mayor Charles Stenvig, who visited Israel two years ago and said he was impressed with Israelis' energy, dedication and determination.

The complex would include facilities for track and field, basketball, volleyball, gymnastics and other activities, and would be known as the Minneapolis Sports Center in Honor of the 11 Martyred Olympic Team Members. The fund drive, headquartered at Midwest Federal Savings and Loan, is chaired by Harold Greenwood, Jr., of the bank, with Mayor Stenvig as honorary chairman. The large majority of the civic leaders, businessmen and athletes participating in the fund drive are non-Jewish, according to the Minneapolis Federation for Jewish Service.

SENIOR CITIZENS, MANY JEWS, MAY BE HURT BY NEW SOCIAL SECURITY MEASURE

NEW YORK, Oct. 4 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress today called on Congress to enact special emergency legislation that would protect the nation's elderly by requiring state officials to disregard the new Social Security increase in computing eligibility for other federally-funded health and welfare benefits.

A 20 percent increase in Social Security benefits to the elderly went into effect yesterday but is likely to have "a negative impact on many senior citizens nationwide who will now be above eligible income levels for other aid programs," the AJCongress asserted.

Howard M. Squadron, chairman of the Congress' national governing council, said passage of emergency legislation would "offer immediate protection to those persons whose participation in special programs is threatened by the Social Security increase." Two-thirds of the nation's estimated 800,000 Jewish poor are reported to be over 65 years of age and currently benefitting from Social Security and other federal programs.

"The new and welcome Social Security increase will be a bitter hoax to many if instead of delivering the help it promises, it actually results in deprivation," Squadron stated. "Tens of thousands of Social Security recipients throughout the country now find themselves, as a result of the increase, ineligible to receive other benefits, such as food stamps and Medicaid. For these and many others, the Social Security increase may also be wiped out by decreased Old Age Assistance payments."

Squadron noted that the AJCongress had written last Wednesday to Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Elliot L. Richardson outlining the deprivation the 20 percent Social Security increase would impose on many and calling for a general policy dealing with the "interrelatedness of federal and state-aid programs." No reply has been received as yet from Richardson, the AJCongress reported.

NEW DIFFICULTIES FOR SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRATION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4 (JTA)--The Soviet government announced yesterday new measures which will make the obtaining of an exit visa more difficult. David Korn, chairman of the Soviet Jewry Committee of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, reported. Korn said that principal among these is the need for additional documents in order to obtain a visa.

Korn also reported that a group of 20 Jews attempted to meet yesterday with a member of the Politbureau in reference to a letter of protest it had sent to the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet a month ago. The group waited the entire day and then was told that it would not be allowed, now or in the future, to discuss the demands made in the letter, Korn said. The letter had dealt with the right of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union and Soviet persecution of Jews.

EBAN ASSAILS JDL

NEW YORK, Oct. 4 (JTA)--Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban yesterday assailed the Jewish Defense League. "We don't need JDL people coming into Israel to interfere with a good relation growing for example between Israelis and the Arabs in Hebron," he said before viewers of the NBC-TV's "The Today Show."

Eban made this remark in response to a question posed by the program's moderator, Frank McGee, concerning the detainment in Israel of Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the JDL, on charges of allegedly shipping arms abroad to conduct terrorist activities. Eban refused to comment on the Kahane case but said, "...on the movement itself, our position is that we really do not need these organizations coming from abroad to tell us how to live with each other or with our Arab population."

In response to other questions from both McGee and Pauline Frederick, an NBC correspondent, Eban reiterated Israel's right to retaliate for terrorist actions, and called upon all nations to act against terrorist groups. Eban called the terrorist movement an "urgent obstacle" that needed to be removed "in order to create the basic atmosphere in which peaceful discussion can go forward."

Eban also hit the United Nations for being "wedded to the technique of public debate and rhetoric" and said that it's not "the most congenial arena in which private conciliation can go forward."

TIGHT SECURITY FOR ISRAEL ORCHESTRA

EAST LANSING, Mich., Oct. 4 (JTA)--Tight security measures were in effect here last night during the performance of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. More than 3500 persons attended the concert while several dozen Arab students from Michigan State University picketed outside the concert hall. The Arabs carried banners and chanted, "We are homeless Arabs." There were no incidents and the orchestra members were not aware of the picket line. The security measures taken last night were similar to that Sunday night when the orchestra performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington. Similar measures will be taken when the orchestra performs in Detroit, Flint and Ann Arbor in Michigan and other cities during the national tour celebrating Israel's 25th anniversary.

United Hias Service reported today that 11 Jewish emigrants, constituting three family units from the Soviet Union, arrived at Kennedy Airport on a flight from Rome. They will be reunited with relatives in Miami, Chicago and Oklahoma City. The new arrivals included Mr. and Mrs. Leib Spector and their son Shulim from Lvov, who will be joined with another son, Moshe, in Miami after a separation of 25 years. Leib Spector was a renowned cantor in the USSR and Shulim was both an electrical engineer and a music teacher.

Reminder: There will be no Bulletin Monday.