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JERUSALEM, Oct. 10 (JTA)--The Interior Ministry disclosed today that it has officially recognized changes of sex by seven Israeli men who have undergone operations during the last two years. The two most recent changes were recorded in the Ministry's Tel Aviv office several days ago. They involved two young men who underwent a series of operations in England. The men arrived at the office in female dress. On producing documents attesting to their change of sex they were permitted to register new first names and received identity cards listing them as female.

#### ASPIRANTS FOR CHIEF RABBI POSTS INTENSIFY CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 10 (JTA)--Four aspirants for the two posts of Chief Rabbi--Ashkenazi and Sephardic--intensified their campaigning, one week before the long delayed chief rabbinate elections will take place. The target of next Sunday's balloting is not the population at large but a 150-member electoral college selected after weeks of haggling in part by local communities and religious councils and in part by the government.

Conservative supporters of the Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Isser Yehuda Unterman already are charging that the government stacked the college in favor of his challenger, Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren of Tel Aviv. They are seeking a member of the electoral college who would be willing to appeal to the Supreme Court against the government's alleged bias.

Meanwhile, the incumbent Sephardic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim, faces a determined challenge by the much younger Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv Ovadiah Yosef. Rabbi Nissim reportedly has made common cause with Rabbi Goren. Claims that a rift existed between the two were emphatically denied by Rabbi Goren's followers who said they are "like brothers with one heart."

#### ISRAEL IN FIRST PLACE IN CHESS GAMES

TEL AVIV, Oct. 10 (JTA)--Israel moved into first place today in its division at the international chess championship tournament in Skopje, Yugoslavia, by beating the Canadian team. The 3-1 win put the Israeli players ahead on earned points after four points awarded them last week by default of the Albanian team were rescinded.

The Albanians were ousted from the tournament yesterday after failing to show up for a match with the Greek team. Earlier they failed to meet the Israeli team, apparently on orders from their government in Tirana, but are now scheduled to meet the Israeli team on Friday.

**SISCO OFFERS DEFENSE OF ROGERS PLAN**

JERUSALEM, Oct. 10 (JTA)--Joseph J. Sisco, the US Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, offered a vigorous defense of the controversial Rogers Plan on a television interview taped at the UN in New York and broadcast here last night. Sisco referred to the Rogers plan and a number of other issues in response to questions by the interviewer. But his remarks indicated that the Rogers plan, first unveiled by Secretary of State William P. Rogers in Dec. 1969 and immediately opposed by Israel, has not been effectively shelved as many Israelis had hoped.

(Sisco's office in Washington declined today to comment on the interview. An aide said that Sisco had not seen the televised interview and was awaiting the tapes. He said there might be a comment after the transcription is studied.)

The American diplomat stressed what he said were the three basic points of the plan that he said tended to be forgotten. These are the need to negotiate an arrangement for Sharm el-Sheikh, demilitarization of the Sinai and an agreement on the future of the Gaza Strip. The Rogers plan called for a Middle East settlement based on only minor boundary adjustments--in effect, Israel's evacuation from virtually all of the Arab territories it captured in the 1967 Six-Day War--and cast doubt on Israel's claims to East Jerusalem. Israel labeled the plan unacceptable. Since its enunciation it has been the most serious point of difference in US-Israeli relations.

**Rarely Mentioned in Recent Months**

Though the Rogers plan has never been officially renounced by the US, it has rarely been mentioned in recent months by administration leaders in Washington in statements on the Middle East. Rogers did not refer to it in his address to the UN General Assembly last month. Nor was it mentioned by President Nixon in his state of the world message to Congress this year.

Sisco stressed that on the three issues the US made no "substantive judgement." They are to be negotiated, he said. The American diplomat intimated, however, that talk of an overall settlement was not practical at present because of the wide gulf between Israel and Egypt. He said the US regards an interim settlement for reopening the Suez Canal to be the only feasible step at this time. Sisco said there were no signs at present that Egypt was willing to enter into proximity talks with Israel.

He observed that the Jarring memorandum of Feb. 8, 1971 was still the bone of contention. The aide-memoire by Gunnar V. Jarring, the United Nations mediator in the Middle East, asked Egypt to make a commitment to peace and asked Israel to commit itself in advance to withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories. Israel rejected the memo.

**Palestinians Must Be Considered**

Sisco described an agreement between Israel and Egypt as the key to a Mideast peace settlement and said such an agreement would have to take priority over an arrangement between Israel and Jordan. He noted that the Palestinians would have to be taken into account in a final settlement and expressed the view that the majority of Palestinians did not side with the Black September, the terrorist group responsible for the Munich outrage last month. Sisco stressed that no major power was capable of enforcing a solution on Israel and the Arab states "today." He said "each state must assume commitments towards the other and not to a third party."

**SUPREME COURT ACTION ON OHIO PAROCHIAL HAILED BY AJ CONGRESS**

NEW YORK, Oct. 10 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress hailed a Supreme Court ruling today against reimbursement to parents of non-public school children as a "victory for religious freedom and the Constitutional principle of separation of church and state." Theodore Mann of Philadelphia, co-chairman of the AJ Congress' National Governing Council, commenting on the court action upholding a lower court's decision to invalidate a 1971 Ohio parochial statute, expressed hope that the ruling would end efforts "to use public funds to maintain religious schools."

He said the Ohio case "differs in no significant way from the tax credit plan to aid sectarian schools now being given wide publicity. Both have the same purpose and effect." Mann said the court's decision emphasized the need for the Jewish community to support Jewish education. Only in that way will they retain the freedom under which they have thrived in this country," he said.

Mann, who is vice-chairman of the AJ Congress' Commission on Law, Social Action and Urban Affairs, said the Ohio statute struck down today was designed specifically to "get around" the 8-1 decision of the US Supreme Court of June 28, 1971 invalidating parochial statutes in Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

Leo Pfeffer, counsel for the AJ Congress who argued one of the two 1971 cases, was a sponsor of the Ohio suit, *Wolman v. Essex*. The Ohio statute provided reimbursement to parents of non-public school children for expenses up to \$90 incurred in educating each child attending a non-public school. It was unanimously condemned by a three-judge court last April as violating the First Amendment. A three-judge federal court in New York last week struck down a similar provision in New York State that would have provided tuition grants to parents of non-public school children.

**U.S. OPTING FOR INTERIM MIDEAST ACCORD**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (JTA)--"No doors are closed" on the American government's efforts to bring about an interim agreement in the Middle East, State Department spokesman Charles Bray said today after Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was reported to have rejected flatly a US suggestion for reopening the Suez Canal. A Beirut magazine said in an interview with Sadat that he has refused recently to enter into discussions on an interim agreement that would lead to reopening of the Suez Canal. Israel has agreed to discuss it.

The US view, Bray said, is that the "most effective way to proceed" for progress towards a Middle East peace, "given the probability that an overall settlement is too much to bite off at one way" is to take "partial, interim steps." Asked whether Secretary of State William P. Rogers had discussed the interim "proposals" with Egyptian Foreign Minister Zayyat in their meeting at the UN last week, Bray termed the word proposals "too much" but said that they did discuss "measures."

An East Jerusalem Arab girl who Arab terrorists claimed was kidnapped and murdered by Israeli agents in Europe, turned up in Jerusalem today alive and well. She is Elaine Abu Hadid, one of scores of Arabs ordered to leave West Germany after the slaying of 11 Israeli Olympic athletes in Munich Sept. 5. Arab terrorists alleged that she was seized by Israeli agents and died under "mysterious circumstances" enroute to Israel.

## RELATIVES OF EMIGRATION APPLICANTS TO BE IMPLICATED IN 'CONSPIRACY'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (JTA)--Jewish activists in Moscow say that Soviet authorities have devised means by which they can implicate relatives of emigration applicants in "anti-Soviet conspiracy," it was reported today by Dr. David Korn, chairman of the Soviet Jewry Committee of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington. Under the new procedures, in effect as of last Thursday, applicants now need statements from parents or closest relatives giving "permission" for emigration, Dr. Korn said.

The new rule causes parents and relatives to "also be considered undesirable" subject to loss of jobs, apartments or education, thus seeming to "place more hardship on those who remain than on those who apply to leave, so as to stop Jewish emigration completely," Dr. Korn said. He noted that in cases of mixed marriage or conversion, permission signatures would implicate the signers in what the government calls "anti-Soviet conspiracy."

## JEWISH COUNCIL CONDEMNS MAJOR PARTIES FOR ENCOURAGING JEWISH BLOC VOTING

BALTIMORE, Oct. 10 (JTA)--The Baltimore Jewish Council has condemned the efforts of both the Republican and Democratic parties in their attempts to encourage Jewish bloc voting. The special Jewish bureaus set up by each party were singled out for condemnation. "The stated positions of President Nixon and Senator McGovern on issues of direct concern to Jews are hardly distinguishable," said the Council statement. "We therefore condemn the crude and vulgar attempts by both political parties to fashion a 'Jewish vote,'" the statement continued.

Alan D. Hecht, president of the Baltimore Jewish Council, further explained the Council's position by deploring the efforts of Jewish politicians and some Jewish leaders to encourage a "Jewish vote." Jews will "vote like other Americans," he said. "Jews of Baltimore and elsewhere have different political allegiances based upon their individual political philosophies and that is as it should be. Nobody can deliver a so-called 'Jewish vote.' We are not, and never will be, in the hip pocket of any politician--Jewish or non-Jewish."

Hecht expressed concern over the endeavors of politicians attempting to stimulate religious, racial and ethnic bloc voting. The Baltimore Jewish Council is an agency devoted to promoting harmonious intergroup relations and, Hecht added, "the specter of bloc voting only exacerbates intergroup tensions."

## 1800 TO PARTICIPATE IN CJF ASSEMBLY NEXT MONTH IN TORONTO

NEW YORK, Oct. 10 (JTA)--More than 1800 Jewish leaders, representing virtually every community in the United States and Canada, will participate in the 41st General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds (CJF) in Toronto, Nov. 8-12, it was announced today by Max M. Fisher, president. The five-day assembly, which is a major annual forum of the organized Jewish community in North America, will bring together delegates from some 230 Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds that serve the communal needs of over 800 communities in the two countries.

Fisher said that attendance is expected to be the highest in the 41-year history of the assembly, with delegations from France and Israel as well as participation by other overseas dignitaries. Focus of the delegates, the CJF president said, will be on priorities and concerns at home and abroad.

Additionally, Fisher said that the first of a series of key reports of the recently completed CJF Population Study--the most comprehensive census of American Jewry ever undertaken--will be made at the assembly. The reports will deal with intermarriage, use by Jews of services of Jewish agencies and other secular and non-secular agencies, and an overall demographic profile of the American Jewish community.

Of special significance, Fisher noted, will be the expected large turnout of university campus representatives and the introduction of special forums at this year's assembly designed to deal with topics of broad delegate interest. More than 150 college students will participate at the Toronto assembly as official representatives of their respective communities and as full participants in the assembly program and deliberations.

## GIFTS FOR ISRAEL FROM ENGINEER

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (JTA)--Alexander Hassan, a Washington civil engineer and builder who was born in Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia of Russian immigrants, and his wife, Sylvia, have underwritten the cost of three projects in Israel, the Jewish National Fund of Washington has disclosed. Their dollar cost was not revealed.

The announcement came at the "appreciation dinner" given Sunday by the Washington JNF for Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin and his wife, Leah. More than 1000 persons, contributing about \$250,000 to the JNF, attended the black tie affair at the Washington Hilton Hotel. Bernard Rosenberg, Washington JNF president, said it was the largest and financially most successful gathering in the local organization's history.

Rosenberg said the Hassans are paying for the construction of a six-kilometer road which will link the highway skirting Israel's north central border with a planned forest of approximately 100,000 pine trees which the Washington JNF group will plant and name in honor of Ambassador and Mrs. Rabin. The Hassans will also meet the costs of a technical high school for training mechanics at the Kfar Silver Agricultural School near Ashkelon and an engineering structure for the Technion in Haifa.

## ISRAELI OLYMPIANS MEMORIALIZED

TEL AVIV, Oct. 10 (JTA)--Gravestones were unveiled in various parts of Israel today memorializing 10 of the 11 Israeli Olympic athletes slain by Arab terrorists in Munich Sept. 5. The 11th victim, David Mark Berger, was buried in Cleveland, Ohio.

A large crowd attended unveiling ceremonies in the Tel Aviv cemetery where Eliezer Halfin, Mark Slavin, Kehat Shour, Andre Spitzer and Amitzur Shapira are buried. Services were held at the Herzliah cemetery for Joseph Romano; in Holon for Jacob Springer; in Jerusalem for Joseph Gutfreund; in Haifa for Zeev Friedman; and in Petach Tikva for Moshe Weinberg. A memorial rally will be held Thursday at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv. Premier Golda Meir will deliver the eulogy.

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In updating the appeal, the new signers said the imposition of heavy emigration fees had put Soviet Jews in "a tragic situation" in that "they have no money for the payment of the fantastic sums imposed on them...." Calling the decree "inhumane and unjustly extortionist," the petitioners asked Waldheim to put the issue on the Assembly's agenda and to "raise the voice of protest." A United Nations spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "He (Waldheim) has already put a special item (terrorism) on the agenda and I doubt that he would put another one on."

#### SEX IS EX, OR CALL ME MADAME

JERUSALEM, Oct. 10 (JTA)--The Interior Ministry disclosed today that it has officially recognized changes of sex by seven Israeli men who have undergone operations during the last two years. The two most recent changes were recorded in the Ministry's Tel Aviv office several days ago. They involved two young men who underwent a series of operations in England. The men arrived at the office in female dress. On producing documents attesting to their change of sex they were permitted to register new first names and received identity cards listing them as female.

#### ASPIRANTS FOR CHIEF RABBI POSTS INTENSIFY CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES

JERUSALEM, Oct. 10 (JTA)--Four aspirants for the two posts of Chief Rabbi--Ashkenazi and Sephardic--intensified their campaigning, one week before the long delayed chief rabbinate elections will take place. The target of next Sunday's balloting is not the population at large but a 150-member electoral college selected after weeks of haggling in part by local communities and religious councils and in part by the government.

Conservative supporters of the Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Isser Yehuda Unterman already are charging that the government stacked the college in favor of his challenger, Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren of Tel Aviv. They are seeking a member of the electoral college who would be willing to appeal to the Supreme Court against the government's alleged bias.

Meanwhile, the incumbent Sephardic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim, faces a determined challenge by the much younger Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv Ovadiah Yosef. Rabbi Nissim reportedly has made common cause with Rabbi Goren. Claims that a rift existed between the two were emphatically denied by Rabbi Goren's followers who said they are "like brothers with one heart."

#### ISRAEL IN FIRST PLACE IN CHESS GAMES

TEL AVIV, Oct. 10 (JTA)--Israel moved into first place today in its division at the international chess championship tournament in Skopje, Yugoslavia, by beating the Canadian team. The 3-1 win put the Israeli players ahead on earned points after four points awarded them last week by default of the Albanian team were rescinded.

The Albanians were ousted from the tournament yesterday after failing to show up for a match with the Greek team. Earlier they failed to meet the Israeli team, apparently on orders from their government in Tirana, but are now scheduled to meet the Israeli team on Friday.

**SISCO OFFERS DEFENSE OF ROGERS PLAN**

JERUSALEM, Oct. 10 (JTA)--Joseph J. Sisco, the US Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, offered a vigorous defense of the controversial Rogers Plan on a television interview taped at the UN in New York and broadcast here last night. Sisco referred to the Rogers plan and a number of other issues in response to questions by the interviewer. But his remarks indicated that the Rogers plan, first unveiled by Secretary of State William P. Rogers in Dec. 1969 and immediately opposed by Israel, has not been effectively shelved as many Israelis had hoped.

(Sisco's office in Washington declined today to comment on the interview. An aide said that Sisco had not seen the televised interview and was awaiting the tapes. He said there might be a comment after the transcription is studied.)

The American diplomat stressed what he said were the three basic points of the plan that he said tended to be forgotten. These are the need to negotiate an arrangement for Sharm el-Sheikh, demilitarization of the Sinai and an agreement on the future of the Gaza Strip. The Rogers plan called for a Middle East settlement based on only minor boundary adjustments--in effect, Israel's evacuation from virtually all of the Arab territories it captured in the 1967 Six-Day War--and cast doubt on Israel's claims to East Jerusalem. Israel labeled the plan unacceptable. Since its enunciation it has been the most serious point of difference in US-Israeli relations.

**Rarely Mentioned in Recent Months**

Though the Rogers plan has never been officially renounced by the US, it has rarely been mentioned in recent months by administration leaders in Washington in statements on the Middle East. Rogers did not refer to it in his address to the UN General Assembly last month. Nor was it mentioned by President Nixon in his state of the world message to Congress this year.

Sisco stressed that on the three issues the US made no "substantive judgement." They are to be negotiated, he said. The American diplomat intimated, however, that talk of an overall settlement was not practical at present because of the wide gulf between Israel and Egypt. He said the US regards an interim settlement for reopening the Suez Canal to be the only feasible step at this time. Sisco said there were no signs at present that Egypt was willing to enter into proximity talks with Israel.

He observed that the Jarring memorandum of Feb. 8, 1971 was still the bone of contention. The aide-memoire by Gunnar V. Jarring, the United Nations mediator in the Middle East, asked Egypt to make a commitment to peace and asked Israel to commit itself in advance to withdrawal from the occupied Arab territories. Israel rejected the memo.

**Palestinians Must Be Considered**

Sisco described an agreement between Israel and Egypt as the key to a Mideast peace settlement and said such an agreement would have to take priority over an arrangement between Israel and Jordan. He noted that the Palestinians would have to be taken into account in a final settlement and expressed the view that the majority of Palestinians did not side with the Black September, the terrorist group responsible for the Munich outrage last month. Sisco stressed that no major power was capable of enforcing a solution on Israel and the Arab states "today." He said "each state must assume commitments towards the other and not to a third party."

**SUPREME COURT ACTION ON OHIO PAROCHIAL HAILED BY AJ CONGRESS**

NEW YORK, Oct. 10 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress hailed a Supreme Court ruling today against reimbursement to parents of non-public school children as a "victory for religious freedom and the Constitutional principle of separation of church and state." Theodore Mann of Philadelphia, co-chairman of the AJ Congress' National Governing Council, commenting on the court action upholding a lower court's decision to invalidate a 1971 Ohio parochial statute, expressed hope that the ruling would end efforts "to use public funds to maintain religious schools."

He said the Ohio case "differs in no significant way from the tax credit plan to aid sectarian schools now being given wide publicity. Both have the same purpose and effect." Mann said the court's decision emphasized the need for the Jewish community to support Jewish education. Only in that way will they retain the freedom under which they have thrived in this country," he said.

Mann, who is vice-chairman of the AJ Congress' Commission on Law, Social Action and Urban Affairs, said the Ohio statute struck down today was designed specifically to "get around" the 8-1 decision of the US Supreme Court of June 28, 1971 invalidating parochial statutes in Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

Leo Pfeffer, counsel for the AJ Congress who argued one of the two 1971 cases, was a sponsor of the Ohio suit, *Wolman v. Essex*. The Ohio statute provided reimbursement to parents of non-public school children for expenses up to \$90 incurred in educating each child attending a non-public school. It was unanimously condemned by a three-judge court last April as violating the First Amendment. A three-judge federal court in New York last week struck down a similar provision in New York State that would have provided tuition grants to parents of non-public school children.

**U.S. OPTING FOR INTERIM MIDEAST ACCORD**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (JTA)--"No doors are closed" on the American government's efforts to bring about an interim agreement in the Middle East, State Department spokesman Charles Bray said today after Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was reported to have rejected flatly a US suggestion for reopening the Suez Canal. A Beirut magazine said in an interview with Sadat that he has refused recently to enter into discussions on an interim agreement that would lead to reopening of the Suez Canal. Israel has agreed to discuss it.

The US view, Bray said, is that the "most effective way to proceed" for progress towards a Middle East peace, "given the probability that an overall settlement is too much to bite off at one way" is to take "partial, interim steps." Asked whether Secretary of State William P. Rogers had discussed the interim "proposals" with Egyptian Foreign Minister Zayyat in their meeting at the UN last week, Bray termed the word proposals "too much" but said that they did discuss "measures."

An East Jerusalem Arab girl who Arab terrorists claimed was kidnapped and murdered by Israeli agents in Europe, turned up in Jerusalem today alive and well. She is Elaine Abu Hadid, one of scores of Arabs ordered to leave West Germany after the slaying of 11 Israeli Olympic athletes in Munich Sept. 5. Arab terrorists alleged that she was seized by Israeli agents and died under "mysterious circumstances" enroute to Israel.

## RELATIVES OF EMIGRATION APPLICANTS TO BE IMPLICATED IN 'CONSPIRACY'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (JTA)--Jewish activists in Moscow say that Soviet authorities have devised means by which they can implicate relatives of emigration applicants in "anti-Soviet conspiracy," it was reported today by Dr. David Korn, chairman of the Soviet Jewry Committee of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington. Under the new procedures, in effect as of last Thursday, applicants now need statements from parents or closest relatives giving "permission" for emigration, Dr. Korn said.

The new rule causes parents and relatives to "also be considered undesirable" subject to loss of jobs, apartments or education, thus seeming to "place more hardship on those who remain than on those who apply to leave, so as to stop Jewish emigration completely," Dr. Korn said. He noted that in cases of mixed marriage or conversion, permission signatures would implicate the signers in what the government calls "anti-Soviet conspiracy."

## JEWISH COUNCIL CONDEMNS MAJOR PARTIES FOR ENCOURAGING JEWISH BLOC VOTING

BALTIMORE, Oct. 10 (JTA)--The Baltimore Jewish Council has condemned the efforts of both the Republican and Democratic parties in their attempts to encourage Jewish bloc voting. The special Jewish bureaus set up by each party were singled out for condemnation. "The stated positions of President Nixon and Senator McGovern on issues of direct concern to Jews are hardly distinguishable," said the Council statement. "We therefore condemn the crude and vulgar attempts by both political parties to fashion a 'Jewish vote,'" the statement continued.

Alan D. Hecht, president of the Baltimore Jewish Council, further explained the Council's position by deploring the efforts of Jewish politicians and some Jewish leaders to encourage a "Jewish vote." Jews will "vote like other Americans," he said. "Jews of Baltimore and elsewhere have different political allegiances based upon their individual political philosophies and that is as it should be. Nobody can deliver a so-called 'Jewish vote.' We are not, and never will be, in the hip pocket of any politician--Jewish or non-Jewish."

Hecht expressed concern over the endeavors of politicians attempting to stimulate religious, racial and ethnic bloc voting. The Baltimore Jewish Council is an agency devoted to promoting harmonious intergroup relations and, Hecht added, "the specter of bloc voting only exacerbates intergroup tensions."

## 1800 TO PARTICIPATE IN CJF ASSEMBLY NEXT MONTH IN TORONTO

NEW YORK, Oct. 10 (JTA)--More than 1800 Jewish leaders, representing virtually every community in the United States and Canada, will participate in the 41st General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds (CJF) in Toronto, Nov. 8-12, it was announced today by Max M. Fisher, president. The five-day assembly, which is a major annual forum of the organized Jewish community in North America, will bring together delegates from some 230 Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds that serve the communal needs of over 800 communities in the two countries.

Fisher said that attendance is expected to be the highest in the 41-year history of the assembly, with delegations from France and Israel as well as participation by other overseas dignitaries. Focus of the delegates, the CJF president said, will be on priorities and concerns at home and abroad.

Additionally, Fisher said that the first of a series of key reports of the recently completed CJF Population Study--the most comprehensive census of American Jewry ever undertaken--will be made at the assembly. The reports will deal with intermarriage, use by Jews of services of Jewish agencies and other secular and non-secular agencies, and an overall demographic profile of the American Jewish community.

Of special significance, Fisher noted, will be the expected large turnout of university campus representatives and the introduction of special forums at this year's assembly designed to deal with topics of broad delegate interest. More than 150 college students will participate at the Toronto assembly as official representatives of their respective communities and as full participants in the assembly program and deliberations.

## GIFTS FOR ISRAEL FROM ENGINEER

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (JTA)--Alexander Hassan, a Washington civil engineer and builder who was born in Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia of Russian immigrants, and his wife, Sylvia, have underwritten the cost of three projects in Israel, the Jewish National Fund of Washington has disclosed. Their dollar cost was not revealed.

The announcement came at the "appreciation dinner" given Sunday by the Washington JNF for Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin and his wife, Leah. More than 1000 persons, contributing about \$250,000 to the JNF, attended the black tie affair at the Washington Hilton Hotel. Bernard Rosenberg, Washington JNF president, said it was the largest and financially most successful gathering in the local organization's history.

Rosenberg said the Hassans are paying for the construction of a six-kilometer road which will link the highway skirting Israel's north central border with a planned forest of approximately 100,000 pine trees which the Washington JNF group will plant and name in honor of Ambassador and Mrs. Rabin. The Hassans will also meet the costs of a technical high school for training mechanics at the Kfar Silver Agricultural School near Ashkelon and an engineering structure for the Technion in Haifa.

## ISRAELI OLYMPIANS MEMORIALIZED

TEL AVIV, Oct. 10 (JTA)--Gravestones were unveiled in various parts of Israel today memorializing 10 of the 11 Israeli Olympic athletes slain by Arab terrorists in Munich Sept. 5. The 11th victim, David Mark Berger, was buried in Cleveland, Ohio.

A large crowd attended unveiling ceremonies in the Tel Aviv cemetery where Eliezer Halfin, Mark Slavin, Kehat Shour, Andre Spitzer and Amitzur Shapira are buried. Services were held at the Herzliah cemetery for Joseph Romano; in Holon for Jacob Springer; in Jerusalem for Joseph Gutfreund; in Haifa for Zeev Friedman; and in Petach Tikva for Moshe Weinberg. A memorial rally will be held Thursday at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv. Premier Golda Meir will deliver the eulogy.

## EXPLOSION IN HEBRON AND GOLAN HEIGHTS

TEL AVIV, Oct. 10 (JTA)--An explosion damaged a tombstone in the Hebron cemetery this morning and another occurred near Bouqaata in the Golan Heights at about the same time. No casualties were reported. Security forces are searching for the perpetrators of the Hebron explosion. The explosion in the Golan Heights was attributed to infiltrators across the Syrian lines.