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Tamir disclosed that Dayan promised in a reply to his letter to take up the matter of vehicular pollution with the Chief of Staff but said the other problems were the responsibility of the regular government departments. Tamir had expressed concern about a huge formica plant being planned near Hebron with no study of its possible ecological impact, and about the rise in the number of stone quarries on the West Bank from 150 to 500 in the past five years.

Four engineering professors from the Haifa Technion and the Nahal Sorek atomic research laboratory agreed at a meeting of the ecology committee Monday that anti-pollution laws would never be effective until they were the responsibility of one department instead of 14 ministries.

Leon Dultzin, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, reported in Haifa that 23,000 Jewish immigrants have arrived in Israel from the Soviet Union so far this year and that a total of between 25-30,000 is expected by the end of the year. Dultzin said that this was double the number of Soviet Jewish emigres who arrived last year, predicted that some 50-60,000 Jews will immigrate to Israel from the USSR in 1973, and said that about 120,000 Soviet Jews have applied for emigration visas. Dultzin noted that the influx of Jews from Russia this year brought total immigration figures up to expectations by off-setting a 20 percent drop in immigration from Western countries, notably the US, Britain and France. He said there was an increase in immigration from Latin America this year.

CORRECTION: The joint conference of the WZO and WJC will be in Lima, not Buenos Aires.

COURT SUIT AGAINST TAX EXEMPTIONS ON FUNDS COLLECTED BY UJA, UIA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (JTA)--Treasury Secretary George P. Schultz and Internal Revenue Commissioner Johnnie M. Walters were sued in United States District Court today by a group of seven anti-Zionists to ban exemptions of US taxes on funds collected in the US by the United Jewish Appeal and the United Israel Appeal. The suit demands that Schultz and Walters "collect all sums now due and owing" as a result of tax exemptions, "plus damages and interest." The plaintiffs estimated that this totals \$2.5 billion to date and that the exemptions "cost the American public a quarter of a billion dollars a year."

The plaintiffs charged that "the US government is fostering racial discrimination in financially aiding the Israel Zionist program to keep Israel a 'purely' Jewish State in an ethnic sense," adding that "the targets of this discrimination are the Palestinians, chiefly Arabs." Sale of Israel government bonds, foreign aid, loans, grants and transfers "currently going" to Israel are not included in the suit. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency called the UJA for a response and was told there would be no immediate official comment.

The plaintiffs include Norman F. Dacey of Southbury, Conn., author of a full-page ad last June in the New York Times condemning aid to Israel; Prof. Ibrahim Abu Lughod, assistant director of the African Studies Department of Northwestern University; Prof. Norton Mezvinsky of Connecticut State College; Prof. Isham Sharabi of Georgetown University here; the Rev. L. Humphrey Waltz, Presbyterian minister of Janesville, Wis.; and Michael K. Ross, Seattle lawyer and Washington State legislator.

Abdeen M. Jabara of Detroit, who represented the plaintiffs at a news conference today, is a lawyer of Lebanese descent and is president of Arab American University Graduates, a national organization. He denied affiliation with the fedayeen. Although the plaintiffs and Jabara charged that UJA money was promoting "racial discrimination," the attorney refused under questioning to define to which race Jews belong. He also sidestepped questions about whether he had ever protested oppression of Jews in Arab States.

TEKOAH REFUTES JORDANIAN CHARGES ON EAST JERUSALEM

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 25 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, replying this afternoon to a Jordanian condemnation earlier in the day of Israeli practices in East Jerusalem, said that Jordan's policy in Jerusalem before 1967 had "been one of ravage and devastation." Tekoah added that Jordan "apparently still cannot bear to see that since 1967 the ruins of Jerusalem have been rebuilt, that the reunited capital is developing and flourishing anew, that the universal religious interests of Christianity, Islam and Judaism are fully protected, that the rights of all communities are assured and that Jews and Arabs live and work side by side in peace."

Jordan "will go down in history as Jerusalem's amputator and destroyer," Tekoah charged. "During its forcible and illegal occupation of part of Jerusalem, Jordan razed to the ground the entire Jewish quarter of the Old City with all its 39 synagogues and institutions of learning, uprooted and exiled its Jewish population and barred free access to Judaism's holy places." Jerusalem "has had a Jewish minority for more than a century," Tekoah concluded, "and its present demographic composition and growth are a normal and natural

development." The Jordanian and Israeli statements were made in letters to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim for circulation to UN members.

LAW TO PUT STIFFER ARM ON CRIMINALS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25 (JTA)--An amendment to the criminal code providing stiffer penalties for crimes of violence and other offenses passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday. The measure, introduced by Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro, would make mandatory harsher sentences for criminals using firearms, criminals who operate in gangs, protection racketeers and suborners of witnesses. Shapiro said the maximum penalty for running a protection racket would be increased from one year to 3-5 years.

The need for stiffer penalties for criminals was cited recently by Police Minister Shlomo Hillel who urged capital punishment for criminals who commit murder inside jails. Hillel said there are 330 prisoners serving life sentences in Israel who feel secure in the knowledge that whatever crime they commit in jail the worst that can happen is two weeks solitary confinement.

He said a bill will soon be introduced in the Knesset allowing police to hold criminals without bail pending trial. He added that while there is no "Mafia-style" organized crime in Israel there are well organized gangs engaged in robbery and extortion.

McGOVERN RAPS SOVIET RAP

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (JTA)--Sen. George McGovern, the Democratic Party Presidential candidate, said that the latest attack this week against him by the Soviet weekly, Za Rubezhon, the second time this month, "underscores the Kremlin's callous disregard for fundamental human rights." The Soviet weekly adopted a derisive tone toward McGovern's concern about Soviet Jewry. Answering what he termed "the mockery of my position in support of Soviet Jewry," the Democratic Presidential hopeful stated:

"The plight of Jews who wish to emigrate and are prevented by a huge exit tax is not a matter to be treated with derision. The cruel and erratic use of a ransom charge against would-be emigrants profoundly disturbs all who love freedom." Continuing, McGovern declared: "While President Nixon remains silent, I will continue to speak out on Soviet Jewry's struggle to be free. I will not fall victim to any scheme to embarrass and to silence those who fear for the safety of the Jewish community of the Soviet Union."

POLITICAL MOTIVE IN MURDER OF ARAB?

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25 (JTA)--Police are seeking a possible political motive in the murder Monday of Aziz Ali Sherif, son of Ali Sherif, a former member of the Jordanian parliament who recently called for the establishment of a Palestinian government-in-exile. The victim was shot to death by unknown assailants who abducted him from his Hebron home. His body was found on a road on the outskirts of the West Bank town. The elder Sherif appeared on Israel's Arabic political television program two weeks ago and supported a proposal by President Sadat that the Palestinians set up a government-in-exile which Egypt would recognize.

The Israel Cabinet decision this week to retain the 40,000-limit on Arab workers from the administered territories was regarded as a setback to those who have sought closer ties between Israelis and Arabs from the territories.

7 ORTHODOX, HASIDIC LEADERS ENDORSE NIXON FOR REELECTION...

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (JTA)--President Nixon was endorsed for re-election yesterday by seven Orthodox and Hasidic leaders. The endorsement, released by the White House, cited Nixon's "efforts to bring about a just and lasting peace so badly needed in a troubled world."

The letter praised Nixon's "noble efforts in inspiring our country toward a greater commitment of moral values," his "leadership in stabilizing urban communities by restoring respect for and confidence in our judicial system," and his "most positive contribution to our entire educational system" through "financial aid to private and parochial schools."

The endorsement was signed by Rabbi Joseph Ashkenazy, secretary to Grand Rabbi Joel Teitelbaum of United Satmar Institutes; Rabbi Martin Berkowitz, executive director, Central Rabbinical Congress of the USA and Canada; Rabbi Leopold Friedman, executive vice-president, United Talmudical Academy; Rabbi Chaim M. Stauber, secretary, National Committee of Orthodox Jewish Communities; Sender Deutsch, editor-publisher, Der Yid and other publications; Rabbi H. Frankel, chairman, Beth Rachel Educational System; and Berl Friedman, chairman, Yeshiva Torah V'Yirah of Boro Park (Brooklyn, N.Y.).

...51 RABBIS, ORGANIZATION LEADERS ENDORSE McGOVERN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (JTA)--McGovern campaign headquarters today released a statement by 51 American rabbis and leaders of national and local Jewish organizations supporting the election of Sen. George McGovern, the Democratic Presidential candidate. The signatories described themselves as "active leaders in Jewish life." Their statement specifically omitted their congregational and organizational affiliations because "They have signed this statement out of personal convictions as individuals in support of Sen. McGovern."

The statement listed "crime in the streets...inflation, unemployment, education and the Supreme Court" as major concerns in the 1972 elections. It compared the records of Nixon and McGovern on the issues of Soviet Jewry and support for Israel.

The signatories included Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn, Boston; Dr. William Haber, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, N.Y.; Philip M. Klutznick, Chicago; Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, Cleveland; Robert Nathan, Washington, D.C.; Rabbi Joachim Prinz, Orange, N.J.; Dore Schary, N.Y.; Herbert Tenzer, Lawrence, N.Y.; and Louis Weinstein, Boston.

Referring to Soviet Jewry, the statement noted that "At a time of crisis for Soviet Jewry, President Nixon is proposing to grant the Kremlin most favored nation status in its trade dealings with our country. In contrast, Sen. McGovern has called on the President to withhold trade concessions to the USSR until the Soviets abandon their slave tax." The statement also noted that "Richard Nixon placed a moratorium on the delivery of desperately needed Phantom jets to Israel" while Sen. McGovern "played a key role in Congressional efforts to reverse the Nixon arms ban against Israel."

AZF CONCLAVE CALLS ON GOVERNMENTS, UN, TO CONDEMN SOVIET HEAD TAX

CHICAGO, Oct. 25 (JTA)--The American Zionist

Federation, concluding its national convention here, called on all governments and the United Nations to "reject all extortion and ransom demands and to deal resolutely with those who barter in innocent lives." The convention said it was "especially outraged" by the Soviet "education tax" on would-be emigrants, and denounced it "as an atavistic return to medieval anti-Jewish ransom tactics, as the infamous practices of men who traded in human bodies and as a policy of extortion in its most transparent and vulgar form."

Applauding the "courage and wisdom" of Soviet Jews who have refused to pay the tax, and of Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D. Wash.) for trying to eliminate it through economic pressure, the AZF declared: "The world will not be misled or appeased by 'token' releases of educated Jews without the tax and calls upon the government of the USSR to immediately and unequivocally rescind its 'education tax' on exit visas."

Hails Bipartisan Support To Israel

In another resolution, the AZF declared that terrorism by Arabs as a "political or extra-political tool" was an offense to humanity and civilization" perpetrated by "common criminals." It urged international action to thwart terrorism and hijacking. The convention hailed "the broad bipartisan (American) support accorded to Israel," and credited this support with a major role in maintaining "the two-years'-long ceasefire, the departure of the massive Soviet presence in Egypt and the increasing peace along the Israel-Arab frontier."

Special commissions were established at the convention to consider new public affairs programs, efforts to maintain pressure on the USSR for repeal of the exit tax, efforts to combat Arab terrorism, and expansion of grassroots Zionist activity in American Jewish communities.

NO PARDON FOR THREE WAR CRIMINALS

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 25 (JTA)--The last three German war criminals held in Breda prison will not be pardoned, Justice Minister Andreis Van Agt has told parliament. He referred to Ferdinand Ausderfuenten, Franz Fischer and Joseph Kotsella, all serving life sentences, whose pardon was sought by some Dutch circles earlier this year. Van Agt said they would be transferred to another prison because Breda will soon be closed to long-term convicts.

The three Nazis held top posts in the deportation offices in Amsterdam and The Hague during World War II and were responsible for the deportation and murder of thousands of Jews. Originally sentenced to death after the war, their sentences were later commuted to life imprisonment.

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Tamir disclosed that Dayan promised in a reply to his letter to take up the matter of vehicular pollution with the Chief of Staff but said the other problems were the responsibility of the regular government departments. Tamir had expressed concern about a huge formica plant being planned near Hebron with no study of its possible ecological impact, and about the rise in the number of stone quarries on the West Bank from 150 to 500 in the past five years.

Four engineering professors from the Haifa Technion and the Nahal Sorek atomic research laboratory agreed at a meeting of the ecology committee Monday that anti-pollution laws would never be effective until they were the responsibility of one department instead of 14 ministries.

Leon Dultzin, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, reported in Haifa that 23,000 Jewish immigrants have arrived in Israel from the Soviet Union so far this year and that a total of between 25-30,000 is expected by the end of the year. Dultzin said that this was double the number of Soviet Jewish emigres who arrived last year, predicted that some 50-60,000 Jews will immigrate to Israel from the USSR in 1973, and said that about 120,000 Soviet Jews have applied for emigration visas. Dultzin noted that the influx of Jews from Russia this year brought total immigration figures up to expectations by off-setting a 20 percent drop in immigration from Western countries, notably the US, Britain and France. He said there was an increase in immigration from Latin America this year.

CORRECTION: The joint conference of the WZO and WJC will be in Lima, not Buenos Aires.

COURT SUIT AGAINST TAX EXEMPTIONS ON FUNDS COLLECTED BY UJA, UIA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (JTA)--Treasury Secretary George P. Schultz and Internal Revenue Commissioner Johnnie M. Walters were sued in United States District Court today by a group of seven anti-Zionists to ban exemptions of US taxes on funds collected in the US by the United Jewish Appeal and the United Israel Appeal. The suit demands that Schultz and Walters "collect all sums now due and owing" as a result of tax exemptions, "plus damages and interest." The plaintiffs estimated that this totals \$2.5 billion to date and that the exemptions "cost the American public a quarter of a billion dollars a year."

The plaintiffs charged that "the US government is fostering racial discrimination in financially aiding the Israel Zionist program to keep Israel a 'purely' Jewish State in an ethnic sense," adding that "the targets of this discrimination are the Palestinians, chiefly Arabs." Sale of Israel government bonds, foreign aid, loans, grants and transfers "currently going" to Israel are not included in the suit. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency called the UJA for a response and was told there would be no immediate official comment.

The plaintiffs include Norman F. Dacey of Southbury, Conn., author of a full-page ad last June in the New York Times condemning aid to Israel; Prof. Ibrahim Abu Lughod, assistant director of the African Studies Department of Northwestern University; Prof. Norton Mezvinsky of Connecticut State College; Prof. Isham Sharabi of Georgetown University here; the Rev. L. Humphrey Waltz, Presbyterian minister of Janesville, Wis.; and Michael K. Ross, Seattle lawyer and Washington State legislator.

Abdeen M. Jabara of Detroit, who represented the plaintiffs at a news conference today, is a lawyer of Lebanese descent and is president of Arab American University Graduates, a national organization. He denied affiliation with the fedayeen. Although the plaintiffs and Jabara charged that UJA money was promoting "racial discrimination," the attorney refused under questioning to define to which race Jews belong. He also sidestepped questions about whether he had ever protested oppression of Jews in Arab States.

TEKOAH REFUTES JORDANIAN CHARGES ON EAST JERUSALEM

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 25 (JTA)--Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, replying this afternoon to a Jordanian condemnation earlier in the day of Israeli practices in East Jerusalem, said that Jordan's policy in Jerusalem before 1967 had "been one of ravage and devastation." Tekoah added that Jordan "apparently still cannot bear to see that since 1967 the ruins of Jerusalem have been rebuilt, that the reunited capital is developing and flourishing anew, that the universal religious interests of Christianity, Islam and Judaism are fully protected, that the rights of all communities are assured and that Jews and Arabs live and work side by side in peace."

Jordan "will go down in history as Jerusalem's amputator and destroyer," Tekoah charged. "During its forcible and illegal occupation of part of Jerusalem, Jordan razed to the ground the entire Jewish quarter of the Old City with all its 39 synagogues and institutions of learning, uprooted and exiled its Jewish population and barred free access to Judaism's holy places." Jerusalem "has had a Jewish minority for more than a century," Tekoah concluded, "and its present demographic composition and growth are a normal and natural

development." The Jordanian and Israeli statements were made in letters to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim for circulation to UN members.

LAW TO PUT STIFFER ARM ON CRIMINALS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25 (JTA)--An amendment to the criminal code providing stiffer penalties for crimes of violence and other offenses passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday. The measure, introduced by Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro, would make mandatory harsher sentences for criminals using firearms, criminals who operate in gangs, protection racketeers and suborners of witnesses. Shapiro said the maximum penalty for running a protection racket would be increased from one year to 3-5 years.

The need for stiffer penalties for criminals was cited recently by Police Minister Shlomo Hillel who urged capital punishment for criminals who commit murder inside jails. Hillel said there are 330 prisoners serving life sentences in Israel who feel secure in the knowledge that whatever crime they commit in jail the worst that can happen is two weeks solitary confinement.

He said a bill will soon be introduced in the Knesset allowing police to hold criminals without bail pending trial. He added that while there is no "Mafia-style" organized crime in Israel there are well organized gangs engaged in robbery and extortion.

McGOVERN RAPS SOVIET RAP

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (JTA)--Sen. George McGovern, the Democratic Party Presidential candidate, said that the latest attack this week against him by the Soviet weekly, Za Rubezhon, the second time this month, "underscores the Kremlin's callous disregard for fundamental human rights." The Soviet weekly adopted a derisive tone toward McGovern's concern about Soviet Jewry. Answering what he termed "the mockery of my position in support of Soviet Jewry," the Democratic Presidential hopeful stated:

"The plight of Jews who wish to emigrate and are prevented by a huge exit tax is not a matter to be treated with derision. The cruel and erratic use of a ransom charge against would-be emigrants profoundly disturbs all who love freedom." Continuing, McGovern declared: "While President Nixon remains silent, I will continue to speak out on Soviet Jewry's struggle to be free. I will not fall victim to any scheme to embarrass and to silence those who fear for the safety of the Jewish community of the Soviet Union."

POLITICAL MOTIVE IN MURDER OF ARAB?

JERUSALEM, Oct. 25 (JTA)--Police are seeking a possible political motive in the murder Monday of Aziz Ali Sherif, son of Ali Sherif, a former member of the Jordanian parliament who recently called for the establishment of a Palestinian government-in-exile. The victim was shot to death by unknown assailants who abducted him from his Hebron home. His body was found on a road on the outskirts of the West Bank town. The elder Sherif appeared on Israel's Arabic political television program two weeks ago and supported a proposal by President Sadat that the Palestinians set up a government-in-exile which Egypt would recognize.

The Israel Cabinet decision this week to retain the 40,000-limit on Arab workers from the administered territories was regarded as a setback to those who have sought closer ties between Israelis and Arabs from the territories.

7 ORTHODOX, HASIDIC LEADERS ENDORSE NIXON FOR REELECTION...

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (JTA)--President Nixon was endorsed for re-election yesterday by seven Orthodox and Hasidic leaders. The endorsement, released by the White House, cited Nixon's "efforts to bring about a just and lasting peace so badly needed in a troubled world."

The letter praised Nixon's "noble efforts in inspiring our country toward a greater commitment of moral values," his "leadership in stabilizing urban communities by restoring respect for and confidence in our judicial system," and his "most positive contribution to our entire educational system" through "financial aid to private and parochial schools."

The endorsement was signed by Rabbi Joseph Ashkenazy, secretary to Grand Rabbi Joel Teitelbaum of United Satmar Institutes; Rabbi Martin Berkowitz, executive director, Central Rabbinical Congress of the USA and Canada; Rabbi Leopold Friedman, executive vice-president, United Talmudical Academy; Rabbi Chaim M. Stauber, secretary, National Committee of Orthodox Jewish Communities; Sender Deutsch, editor-publisher, Der Yid and other publications; Rabbi H. Frankel, chairman, Beth Rachel Educational System; and Berl Friedman, chairman, Yeshiva Torah V'Yirah of Boro Park (Brooklyn, N.Y.).

...51 RABBIS, ORGANIZATION LEADERS ENDORSE McGOVERN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25 (JTA)--McGovern campaign headquarters today released a statement by 51 American rabbis and leaders of national and local Jewish organizations supporting the election of Sen. George McGovern, the Democratic Presidential candidate. The signatories described themselves as "active leaders in Jewish life." Their statement specifically omitted their congregational and organizational affiliations because "They have signed this statement out of personal convictions as individuals in support of Sen. McGovern."

The statement listed "crime in the streets...inflation, unemployment, education and the Supreme Court" as major concerns in the 1972 elections. It compared the records of Nixon and McGovern on the issues of Soviet Jewry and support for Israel.

The signatories included Rabbi Roland Gittelsohn, Boston; Dr. William Haber, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, N.Y.; Philip M. Klutznick, Chicago; Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, Cleveland; Robert Nathan, Washington, D.C.; Rabbi Joachim Prinz, Orange, N.J.; Dore Schary, N.Y.; Herbert Tenzer, Lawrence, N.Y.; and Louis Weinstein, Boston.

Referring to Soviet Jewry, the statement noted that "At a time of crisis for Soviet Jewry, President Nixon is proposing to grant the Kremlin most favored nation status in its trade dealings with our country. In contrast, Sen. McGovern has called on the President to withhold trade concessions to the USSR until the Soviets abandon their slave tax." The statement also noted that "Richard Nixon placed a moratorium on the delivery of desperately needed Phantom jets to Israel" while Sen. McGovern "played a key role in Congressional efforts to reverse the Nixon arms ban against Israel."

AZF CONCLAVE CALLS ON GOVERNMENTS, UN, TO CONDEMN SOVIET HEAD TAX

CHICAGO, Oct. 25 (JTA)--The American Zionist

Federation, concluding its national convention here, called on all governments and the United Nations to "reject all extortion and ransom demands and to deal resolutely with those who barter in innocent lives." The convention said it was "especially outraged" by the Soviet "education tax" on would-be emigrants, and denounced it "as an atavistic return to medieval anti-Jewish ransom tactics, as the infamous practices of men who traded in human bodies and as a policy of extortion in its most transparent and vulgar form."

Applauding the "courage and wisdom" of Soviet Jews who have refused to pay the tax, and of Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D. Wash.) for trying to eliminate it through economic pressure, the AZF declared: "The world will not be misled or appeased by 'token' releases of educated Jews without the tax and calls upon the government of the USSR to immediately and unequivocally rescind its 'education tax' on exit visas."

Hails Bipartisan Support To Israel

In another resolution, the AZF declared that terrorism by Arabs as a "political or extra-political tool" was an offense to humanity and civilization" perpetrated by "common criminals." It urged international action to thwart terrorism and hijacking. The convention hailed "the broad bipartisan (American) support accorded to Israel," and credited this support with a major role in maintaining "the two-years'-long ceasefire, the departure of the massive Soviet presence in Egypt and the increasing peace along the Israel-Arab frontier."

Special commissions were established at the convention to consider new public affairs programs, efforts to maintain pressure on the USSR for repeal of the exit tax, efforts to combat Arab terrorism, and expansion of grassroots Zionist activity in American Jewish communities.

NO PARDON FOR THREE WAR CRIMINALS

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 25 (JTA)--The last three German war criminals held in Breda prison will not be pardoned, Justice Minister Andreis Van Agt has told parliament. He referred to Ferdinand Ausderfuenten, Franz Fischer and Joseph Kotsella, all serving life sentences, whose pardon was sought by some Dutch circles earlier this year. Van Agt said they would be transferred to another prison because Breda will soon be closed to long-term convicts.

The three Nazis held top posts in the deportation offices in Amsterdam and The Hague during World War II and were responsible for the deportation and murder of thousands of Jews. Originally sentenced to death after the war, their sentences were later commuted to life imprisonment.

1 DEAD, 1 WOUNDED IN SHOOTOUT

TEL AVIV, Oct. 25 (JTA)--An Israeli soldier was wounded and a local resident was found dead in a shooting fray in the Shati refugee camp in Gaza last night. The local victim is believed to have been caught in the line of fire. Israeli soldiers opened fire when a suspected terrorist lurking in an alley ran when challenged. The patrol itself came under fire and the suspect escaped.