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Police who are continuing their investigation of the letter bombs were apparently convinced last week that Feinstein was not involved. They described the youth as mentally unbalanced, however, and decided that he should be returned to the US. (Arab circles in London disclosed last week that a letter bomb was spotted by a staff member at the Egyptian Embassy there and that the police were informed.)

NEUMANN GIVES UP FIGHT TO STAY OUT OF ARMY; INDUCTED INTO MEDICAL CORPS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5 (JTA)--Giora Neumann, the 19-year-old youth who was sentenced to an eight-month prison term last July for refusing induction and swearing allegiance to Israel's defense forces, gave up his battle Thursday and was inducted into the medical corps for the duration of his required service. He swore the required oath of allegiance.

He was released from prison after completing

two-thirds of his term. The sentence was reduced for good behavior. Prior to sentencing by an army tribunal in July, Neumann was in and out of military detention for months while army officers tried to change his mind about serving in what he called an "army of occupation." He had regularly rejected promises from army officers he would be permitted to serve in units where he would not be involved in battle situations and in units within Israel proper.

After basic training, officials said, Neumann will be assigned to a hospital job "commensurate with his abilities." He signed a statement at his induction that he was "not prepared" to take part in any actions of "a war of conquest." Army officials made it clear they did not consider the document binding.

PERSECUTION OF SYRIAN JEWS CONTINUES

Albert Elia Held By Syrian Military

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (JTA)--The approximately 4500 Jews remaining in Syria are still denied basic human rights and some continue to be beaten and imprisoned on various pretexts, it was reported by the Committee of Concern for Minorities in Arab countries, a non-sectarian American group headed by Gen. (Ret.) Lucius D. Clay. According to the Committee, the identity cards of Jews still carry the notation "Misawi" (Jewish) in large red letters on both sides, and Syrian Jews are not allowed to travel freely within the country and cannot go abroad, even for medical treatment. Even Jews with foreign citizenship and passports are not allowed to leave.

The Committee reported further that Jews cannot work in government offices, public companies, or banks, and cannot conduct an export or import business. Government and army personnel have been ordered not to buy in Jewish-owned stores, and Jews cannot sell their houses or other real estate. When they die, the government seizes their property. The secret police maintain headquarters in the Jewish sections of Damascus, Aleppo and Qamishli, checking the residents to make sure they observe a 10 p.m. curfew, the Committee said.

Its information on the current situation of Syrian Jews was obtained from several who recently fled the country and reached Western Europe. They stated that relatives of Jews who manage to get out of Syria are beaten in an effort to get information about the means of escape.

2 Men, 4 Women, In Custody

The Syrian military were reported to be holding Albert Elia, the 69-year-old secretary-general of the Lebanese Jewish community, who was kidnapped in Sept. 1971, by the secret police as he was walking to the Beirut synagogue. It is believed that Elia was suspected of aiding Jews who had escaped to Lebanon. Also said to be in custody are two young Jewish men from Damascus - Nissim Katri and Joseph Swed - and four young Jewish women from Aleppo - Henriette, Renee and Yvonne Gindi and their cousin, also named Renee Gindi - all on charges of either having attempted to leave Syria "illegally" or of having aided other Jews to do so.

The escapees confirmed reports of the virtual total ban on travel by Jews outside the country. They cited the case of a Jewish boy, Simon Khabas, 16, who needs special treatment for a heart ailment that is not available in Syria. His parents have repeatedly asked permission for him to go to Beirut for medical treatment. They offered to deposit 20,000 Syrian pounds (\$5,264) as a guarantee of his return, but the authorities refused permission for the boy to leave the country. The reported response of one Syrian official was, "So he'll die - there'll be one Jew less."

PINCUS: TERRORISM NOT IMPEDING ISRAEL'S PROGRESS, ONLY HARMING ARAB INTERESTS

LIMA, Nov. 5 (JTA)--Louis Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Executives, told a press conference here that the goals of the Jewish Agency and the WZO were not such as would create a problem of dual loyalty among Jews outside of Israel. Pincus addressed a press conference here following the conclusion of the sixth conference of Latin American Jewish communities in which he participated.

He said terrorism was not impeding Israel's progress and would ultimately harm only Arab interests. He said that underdeveloped countries benefited from aid extended by affluent nations such as the US and Britain, but noted that Israel has also extended help through its experts in the agricultural, educational, scientific and other fields.

Pincus inaugurated Israel's 25th anniversary year celebrations here at a banquet closing the conference last Thursday. He noted that it was 75 years since the first Zionist Congress in Basel and 55 years since the Balfour Declaration which affirmed the Jewish right to a national home. Pincus said the conference of Jewish communities held here was important in affirming the unity of the communities and the Zionist movement on this continent, thus closing a gap and assuring better understanding of Israel. The Lima municipality extended special honors to the delegates.

LABOR ZIONISTS URGE ACTION TO PREVENT POLARIZATION

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (JTA)--More than 200 delegates to the New York annual Conference of the Labor Zionist Alliance today urged intensified support and participation in Jewish communal bodies and resolved to do all in their power to prevent further polarization in New York City. Dr. I.M. Biderman of New York, Jewish historian and educator, was elected president of the New York Conference of the LZA.

He told the delegates that the anniversaries now being celebrated--25 years of Israel, 75 years of the Zionist movement, and others--are not merely dates but times for further mobilization for action to continue to be partners in Israel's upbuilding and to continue to fortify progressive Jewish life in America.

In its resolution on community affairs, the Labor Zionists said that "now as in the past, we must continue to initiate, expedite and support programs of vital importance to the Jewish community. We must make every effort to ensure a decent life for all citizens in order to make this a just, viable and safe city." Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, national president of the LZA, pointed out that "New York is the largest single Jewish community in the world and our efforts and programs here must demonstrate an example of our beliefs and a model for other communities and groups."

He declared that "we must reject the prevailing notions that ideology in America has come to an end. All about us we see conditions which can only be corrected by people with ideals and who strive for a better world." A resolution adopted by the Conference stated: "A forum must be provided for the airing of grievances in order to evaluate and eliminate the root causes of confrontation. The Jewish community must prevent acts of desperation by providing responsible leadership before self-seeking demagogues rush into the vacuum." The delegates also condemned the Soviet head tax, called for the release of all Jewish political prisoners and the right to emigrate.

RZA CALLS ON CJF TO ALLOCATE \$100M TO ENSURE SURVIVAL OF JUDAISM IN U.S.

LIDO BEACH, N.Y., Nov. 5 (JTA)--Rabbi Bernard Bergman, president of the National Council for Torah Education, citing "great financial hardships" resulting from "adverse rulings" by the United States Supreme Court, proposed that the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds allocate \$100 million for Jewish education. He said was needed to ensure the survival of Judaism in the US.

"We are justified in accusing the (CJF) of failing to grasp the vital significance of Jewish education as a major factor in sustaining the viability of the Jewish community," Rabbi Bergman told 500 delegates last night at the 62nd annual convention of the Religious Zionists of America (Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi).

The CJF General Assembly at its Toronto opening Nov. 8, must "reorder its basic economic priorities and provide for more thorough and all-encompassing programs for the furtherance of Jewish education," Rabbi Bergman said. "The 420 all-day Jewish schools," he continued, "are confronted with a severe monetary crisis and must secure immediate help if they are not to sharply curtail or possibly discontinue their operations." The schools have an enrollment of some 80,000. In New York, there are 181 schools with an enrollment of approximately 53,000.

CJF Priorities Askew

While "an increasingly large number of school teachers are being drawn away from these religious all-day schools due to the more attractive salary scales of the public school system," the CJF member organizations are "spending the bulk of their budgets" on social-service institutions that "are increasingly being aided by the appropriations of governmental bodies and do not need to rely on Jewish federation funds for their fundamental sustenance," Rabbi Bergman asserted.

He warned that if they are not aided "the (teacher) exodus will grow to alarming proportions and threaten the existence of the entire day school movement," Rabbi Bergman also urged the American Jewish Congress to "desist from its attacks on aid to parochial schools," charging that "These legal and constitutional battles in the courts and elsewhere constitute a grave disservice to the development of a more creative Jewish educational system."

Young Rabbis Should Work On Campus

Rabbi Bernard A. Poupko, president of the RZA, told the convention today that the country's rabbinical organizations and yeshivas should initiate compulsory two-year terms of service for all newly ordained on-campus Orthodox rabbis. "We still have a chance to salvage spiritually a substantial segment of our 350,000 young men and young women attending our colleges and universities," Rabbi Poupko explained.

"This rescue effort can and will succeed only if a maximum number of qualified and dedicated young rabbis will move into the campus area and will bring the message of Torah and Jewish living to our alienated youth," These youth, he said, "are hungry for guidance and for meaning as they are experiencing their identity crisis."

Rabbi Poupko also asserted "vigorous" opposition to "the signing of any trade pact with the USSR unless the Kremlin will remove this primitive and savage manum ukase." He said it will be "tragic... if world Jewry will not respond to this singular and unique historic opportunity to make it possible for

our wronged and isolated brethren languishing in the shadow of the Kremlin in this finest hour of their history to achieve their freedom."

SINATRA AWARDED FOR AIDING ISRAEL

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 5 (JTA)--Frank Sinatra has been awarded the annual Medallion of Valor by the State of Israel for his "unprecedented humanitarian efforts." The award was presented here several days ago at a dinner in his honor sponsored by the Los Angeles Committee for Israel Bonds. Baron Edmond de Rothschild, French financier and philanthropist, made the presentation. Gov. Ronald Reagan acted as honorary chairman. Actor Burt Lancaster was master of ceremonies. Heading the list of local, state and federal leaders at the dinner, attended by more than 1500 persons, was Vice President Spiro Agnew.

"By bestowing this Medallion of Valor," Rothschild said, "we are offering you our biggest title, and, if you will allow me to say so, our brotherhood." Sinatra said he was "pleased to be honored by a nation of people who yearn for peace with dignity and who treasure justice and morality." Agnew said Sinatra had "earned the distinction of a humanitarian," and "we honor you for your contributions to the freedom of Israel."

A Frank Sinatra Youth Center has been established in Nazareth, Israel, under the sponsorship of the Israeli Labor Organization, Histadrut. Sinatra has endowed annual scholarships for many of the center's children. He has been prominently active in the National Conference of Christians and Jews and an avid supporter of Israel Bonds for many years, Bond officials said.

2 JDLers SENTENCED TO PRISON TERMS

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (JTA)--Two Jewish Defense League members, Robert Fine, 26, of Brooklyn, and David Levine, 19, a college student, were sentenced in federal district court Friday to prison terms on pleas of guilty to charges of plotting to place two pipe bombs at the Soviet Mission summer estate in Glen Cove, N.Y. last May. Fine was sentenced to three years and Levine, a student at Nassau Community College in West Hempstead, N.Y., received a year and a day. They pleaded guilty on Aug. 4 in federal district court. They were arrested, with two younger suspects, last May 23 at the Lido Beach Jewish Center by Nassau police and Treasury agents.

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The conference adopted a proposal by the International Technological Committee for Housing to send Israeli building contractors and sub-contractors to the US and England to study housing methods there. The idea was readily accepted by the Israeli Contractors Association and Weiler announced that it would soon be implemented. He also reported on the committee's week-long meetings with Israeli government officials. Weiler and the other committee leaders appeared to agree that Israeli building methods had achieved a great deal but that the country's resources were too limited to expect it to build at a much more accelerated pace without know-how from abroad.

U.S. TOURIST, ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF MAILING LETTER BOMBS, RELEASED

TEL AVIV, Nov. 5 (JTA)--Dennis Feinstein, a 22-year-old American tourist from Stockton, Calif., was released from jail yesterday and put aboard a plane for the United States. He was arrested 10 days ago and held without bail on suspicion that he was implicated in mailing letter bombs addressed to President Nixon, Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Defense Secretary Melvin Laird. The letter bombs were discovered at the Kiryat Shemona post office and Feinstein was arrested the same day while allegedly trying to cross the Lebanese border not far from the village.

Police who are continuing their investigation of the letter bombs were apparently convinced last week that Feinstein was not involved. They described the youth as mentally unbalanced, however, and decided that he should be returned to the US. (Arab circles in London disclosed last week that a letter bomb was spotted by a staff member at the Egyptian Embassy there and that the police were informed.)

NEUMANN GIVES UP FIGHT TO STAY OUT OF ARMY; INDUCTED INTO MEDICAL CORPS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 5 (JTA)--Giora Neumann, the 19-year-old youth who was sentenced to an eight-month prison term last July for refusing induction and swearing allegiance to Israel's defense forces, gave up his battle Thursday and was inducted into the medical corps for the duration of his required service. He swore the required oath of allegiance.

He was released from prison after completing

two-thirds of his term. The sentence was reduced for good behavior. Prior to sentencing by an army tribunal in July, Neumann was in and out of military detention for months while army officers tried to change his mind about serving in what he called an "army of occupation." He had regularly rejected promises from army officers he would be permitted to serve in units where he would not be involved in battle situations and in units within Israel proper.

After basic training, officials said, Neumann will be assigned to a hospital job "commensurate with his abilities." He signed a statement at his induction that he was "not prepared" to take part in any actions of "a war of conquest." Army officials made it clear they did not consider the document binding.

PERSECUTION OF SYRIAN JEWS CONTINUES

Albert Elia Held By Syrian Military

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (JTA)--The approximately 4500 Jews remaining in Syria are still denied basic human rights and some continue to be beaten and imprisoned on various pretexts, it was reported by the Committee of Concern for Minorities in Arab countries, a non-sectarian American group headed by Gen. (Ret.) Lucius D. Clay. According to the Committee, the identity cards of Jews still carry the notation "Misawi" (Jewish) in large red letters on both sides, and Syrian Jews are not allowed to travel freely within the country and cannot go abroad, even for medical treatment. Even Jews with foreign citizenship and passports are not allowed to leave.

The Committee reported further that Jews cannot work in government offices, public companies, or banks, and cannot conduct an export or import business. Government and army personnel have been ordered not to buy in Jewish-owned stores, and Jews cannot sell their houses or other real estate. When they die, the government seizes their property. The secret police maintain headquarters in the Jewish sections of Damascus, Aleppo and Qamishli, checking the residents to make sure they observe a 10 p.m. curfew, the Committee said.

Its information on the current situation of Syrian Jews was obtained from several who recently fled the country and reached Western Europe. They stated that relatives of Jews who manage to get out of Syria are beaten in an effort to get information about the means of escape.

2 Men, 4 Women, In Custody

The Syrian military were reported to be holding Albert Elia, the 69-year-old secretary-general of the Lebanese Jewish community, who was kidnapped in Sept. 1971, by the secret police as he was walking to the Beirut synagogue. It is believed that Elia was suspected of aiding Jews who had escaped to Lebanon. Also said to be in custody are two young Jewish men from Damascus - Nissim Katri and Joseph Swed - and four young Jewish women from Aleppo - Henriette, Renee and Yvonne Gindi and their cousin, also named Renee Gindi - all on charges of either having attempted to leave Syria "illegally" or of having aided other Jews to do so.

The escapees confirmed reports of the virtual total ban on travel by Jews outside the country. They cited the case of a Jewish boy, Simon Khabas, 16, who needs special treatment for a heart ailment that is not available in Syria. His parents have repeatedly asked permission for him to go to Beirut for medical treatment. They offered to deposit 20,000 Syrian pounds (\$5,264) as a guarantee of his return, but the authorities refused permission for the boy to leave the country. The reported response of one Syrian official was, "So he'll die - there'll be one Jew less."

PINCUS: TERRORISM NOT IMPEDING ISRAEL'S PROGRESS, ONLY HARMING ARAB INTERESTS

LIMA, Nov. 5 (JTA)--Louis Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Executives, told a press conference here that the goals of the Jewish Agency and the WZO were not such as would create a problem of dual loyalty among Jews outside of Israel. Pincus addressed a press conference here following the conclusion of the sixth conference of Latin American Jewish communities in which he participated.

He said terrorism was not impeding Israel's progress and would ultimately harm only Arab interests. He said that underdeveloped countries benefited from aid extended by affluent nations such as the US and Britain, but noted that Israel has also extended help through its experts in the agricultural, educational, scientific and other fields.

Pincus inaugurated Israel's 25th anniversary year celebrations here at a banquet closing the conference last Thursday. He noted that it was 75 years since the first Zionist Congress in Basel and 55 years since the Balfour Declaration which affirmed the Jewish right to a national home. Pincus said the conference of Jewish communities held here was important in affirming the unity of the communities and the Zionist movement on this continent, thus closing a gap and assuring better understanding of Israel. The Lima municipality extended special honors to the delegates.

LABOR ZIONISTS URGE ACTION TO PREVENT POLARIZATION

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (JTA)--More than 200 delegates to the New York annual Conference of the Labor Zionist Alliance today urged intensified support and participation in Jewish communal bodies and resolved to do all in their power to prevent further polarization in New York City. Dr. I.M. Biderman of New York, Jewish historian and educator, was elected president of the New York Conference of the LZA.

He told the delegates that the anniversaries now being celebrated--25 years of Israel, 75 years of the Zionist movement, and others--are not merely dates but times for further mobilization for action to continue to be partners in Israel's upbuilding and to continue to fortify progressive Jewish life in America.

In its resolution on community affairs, the Labor Zionists said that "now as in the past, we must continue to initiate, expedite and support programs of vital importance to the Jewish community. We must make every effort to ensure a decent life for all citizens in order to make this a just, viable and safe city." Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, national president of the LZA, pointed out that "New York is the largest single Jewish community in the world and our efforts and programs here must demonstrate an example of our beliefs and a model for other communities and groups."

He declared that "we must reject the prevailing notions that ideology in America has come to an end. All about us we see conditions which can only be corrected by people with ideals and who strive for a better world." A resolution adopted by the Conference stated: "A forum must be provided for the airing of grievances in order to evaluate and eliminate the root causes of confrontation. The Jewish community must prevent acts of desperation by providing responsible leadership before self-seeking demagogues rush into the vacuum." The delegates also condemned the Soviet head tax, called for the release of all Jewish political prisoners and the right to emigrate.

RZA CALLS ON CJF TO ALLOCATE \$100M TO ENSURE SURVIVAL OF JUDAISM IN U.S.

LIDO BEACH, N.Y., Nov. 5 (JTA)--Rabbi Bernard Bergman, president of the National Council for Torah Education, citing "great financial hardships" resulting from "adverse rulings" by the United States Supreme Court, proposed that the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds allocate \$100 million for Jewish education. He said was needed to ensure the survival of Judaism in the US.

"We are justified in accusing the (CJF) of failing to grasp the vital significance of Jewish education as a major factor in sustaining the viability of the Jewish community," Rabbi Bergman told 500 delegates last night at the 62nd annual convention of the Religious Zionists of America (Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi).

The CJF General Assembly at its Toronto opening Nov. 8, must "reorder its basic economic priorities and provide for more thorough and all-encompassing programs for the furtherance of Jewish education," Rabbi Bergman said. "The 420 all-day Jewish schools," he continued, "are confronted with a severe monetary crisis and must secure immediate help if they are not to sharply curtail or possibly discontinue their operations." The schools have an enrollment of some 80,000. In New York, there are 181 schools with an enrollment of approximately 53,000.

CJF Priorities Askew

While "an increasingly large number of school teachers are being drawn away from these religious all-day schools due to the more attractive salary scales of the public school system," the CJF member organizations are "spending the bulk of their budgets" on social-service institutions that "are increasingly being aided by the appropriations of governmental bodies and do not need to rely on Jewish federation funds for their fundamental sustenance," Rabbi Bergman asserted.

He warned that if they are not aided "the (teacher) exodus will grow to alarming proportions and threaten the existence of the entire day school movement," Rabbi Bergman also urged the American Jewish Congress to "desist from its attacks on aid to parochial schools," charging that "These legal and constitutional battles in the courts and elsewhere constitute a grave disservice to the development of a more creative Jewish educational system."

Young Rabbis Should Work On Campus

Rabbi Bernard A. Poupko, president of the RZA, told the convention today that the country's rabbinical organizations and yeshivas should initiate compulsory two-year terms of service for all newly ordained on-campus Orthodox rabbis. "We still have a chance to salvage spiritually a substantial segment of our 350,000 young men and young women attending our colleges and universities," Rabbi Poupko explained.

"This rescue effort can and will succeed only if a maximum number of qualified and dedicated young rabbis will move into the campus area and will bring the message of Torah and Jewish living to our alienated youth," These youth, he said, "are hungry for guidance and for meaning as they are experiencing their identity crisis."

Rabbi Poupko also asserted "vigorous" opposition to "the signing of any trade pact with the USSR unless the Kremlin will remove this primitive and savage manum ukase." He said it will be "tragic... if world Jewry will not respond to this singular and unique historic opportunity to make it possible for

our wronged and isolated brethren languishing in the shadow of the Kremlin in this finest hour of their history to achieve their freedom."

SINATRA AWARDED FOR AIDING ISRAEL

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 5 (JTA)--Frank Sinatra has been awarded the annual Medallion of Valor by the State of Israel for his "unprecedented humanitarian efforts." The award was presented here several days ago at a dinner in his honor sponsored by the Los Angeles Committee for Israel Bonds. Baron Edmond de Rothschild, French financier and philanthropist, made the presentation. Gov. Ronald Reagan acted as honorary chairman. Actor Burt Lancaster was master of ceremonies. Heading the list of local, state and federal leaders at the dinner, attended by more than 1500 persons, was Vice President Spiro Agnew.

"By bestowing this Medallion of Valor," Rothschild said, "we are offering you our biggest title, and, if you will allow me to say so, our brotherhood." Sinatra said he was "pleased to be honored by a nation of people who yearn for peace with dignity and who treasure justice and morality." Agnew said Sinatra had "earned the distinction of a humanitarian," and "we honor you for your contributions to the freedom of Israel."

A Frank Sinatra Youth Center has been established in Nazareth, Israel, under the sponsorship of the Israeli Labor Organization, Histadrut. Sinatra has endowed annual scholarships for many of the center's children. He has been prominently active in the National Conference of Christians and Jews and an avid supporter of Israel Bonds for many years, Bond officials said.

2 JDLers SENTENCED TO PRISON TERMS

NEW YORK, Nov. 5 (JTA)--Two Jewish Defense League members, Robert Fine, 26, of Brooklyn, and David Levine, 19, a college student, were sentenced in federal district court Friday to prison terms on pleas of guilty to charges of plotting to place two pipe bombs at the Soviet Mission summer estate in Glen Cove, N.Y. last May. Fine was sentenced to three years and Levine, a student at Nassau Community College in West Hempstead, N.Y., received a year and a day. They pleaded guilty on Aug. 4 in federal district court. They were arrested, with two younger suspects, last May 23 at the Lido Beach Jewish Center by Nassau police and Treasury agents.

ISRAELI SOLDIER DIES OF WOUNDS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 5 (JTA)--Funeral services were held here this afternoon for Capt. Yossef Dirhal, the 22-year-old son of immigrants from Soviet Georgia, who died yesterday of wounds he suffered during the Syrian shelling of Israeli positions in the Golan Heights last Monday.

RABBI GOREN POSTPONES U.S. VISIT

TEL AVIV, Nov. 5 (JTA)--Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren has decided to postpone his scheduled visit to the US and Canada, which was to have begun this week. According to circles close to the Chief Rabbi, he felt that the US elections would dominate Americans' interest. One of the main objects of his visit will be to invite Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik of Boston to head a world convention of rabbis that would form a World Council of Rabbis to decide major religious problems. He said he plans to make the visit at a later date but did not specify when.