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The appeal is focussed on the more than 40 Jewish "prisoners of conscience" in the Soviet Union and their families, but it also applies to any Soviet Jews who wish to emigrate to Israel. Jacqueline Levine of Essex County, N.J., national chairman of the event, said, "We hope that our efforts will result in granting all basic human rights to Soviet Jewish prisoners of conscience whose only crime is their desire to emigrate in order to live as Jews." She said that copies of the petitions will be mailed to Soviet officials and will be presented to U.S. and UN officials.

In Philadelphia, a bipartisan inter-faith coalition of women's groups announced plans for a rally Dec. 12 to demand the restoration of human rights to Soviet Jewry. It will be held at the University of Pennsylvania Museum Auditorium. Mrs. Saul Beckman, national chairman of the Soviet Jewry Committee of the American Jewish Congress, said the event would be co-sponsored by 13 local Jewish organizations and has received "extensive cooperation" from the Fellowship Commission of the Archdiocese and the Jewish Community Relations Council.

### ARCHBISHOP CONDEMNS HEAD TAX

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 4 (JTA)--The Soviet Union's demanding of payment by would-be emigrants for education received has been condemned here by Archbishop Antonio Quarracino of Avelaneda, secretary for ecumenism of the Argentine Episcopal Conference. "This tax of prohibitive amount taxes the intelligence, puts a price on talent, on intellectual development, and converts the scientists, intellectuals and professionals into an object, a merchandise, subject to a new form of slavery which clashes with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and constitutes an aggression to man's dignity," the Archbishop said.

Similar statements were issued by the Rev. Dr. Luis Buscafusco, chairman of the Confederation of Evangelic Churches; Dr. Carlos T. Gattinoni, chairman of the Christian Renovating Movement; Dr. Cyril Tucker, bishop of the Methodist Church; Dr. Andre Glace, rector of the Baptist Theological Seminary, and Dr. Ernesto Bauman, principal of the Ward School here.

### AJC 'ADOPTS' SOVIET JEWISH SCIENTISTS

HOLLYWOOD, Fla., Dec. 4 (JTA)--Twelve American Jewish Committee chapters have "adopted" Jewish scientists who have been denied permission to leave the Soviet Union. Announcement of the project was made this weekend at the annual meeting of the agency's top policy-making National Executive Council here.

Chapters in Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, Los Angeles, Miami, Milwaukee, New Jersey, New York, Philadelphia, Seattle, Virginia and Washington each have undertaken to correspond regularly with several of the scientists and their families in a morale-building effort. In addition, the chapters will write to Soviet and U.S. government officials on behalf of these scientists, and attempt to mobilize public opinion through academic and other contacts.

David Geller, Director of European Affairs for the AJCommittee stated: "This type of people-to-people project can be invaluable not only in mobilizing public opinion in our own country, but in impressing upon the Soviet government that its treatment of Soviet Jews is under close scrutiny."

## STATE LIST TO PRESENT CIVIL MARRIAGE BILL; ILP POSTPONES ITS BILL FOR A YEAR

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4 (JTA)--The State List, an opposition faction with four Knesset seats, announced today that it would present its own civil marriages bill before the House on Thursday. The announcement followed a decision by the Independent Liberal Party last week to postpone Knesset action on the controversial Hausner civil marriages bill for one year to give Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren an opportunity to find halachic solutions to the problem.

The State List spokesman said the faction was not seeking a general civil marriages bill but a law that would empower district courts to authorize civil marriages for couples denied marriage rites by the rabbinical courts. He said they would press for a vote on their measure within two months.

The State List apparently waited until now to see what the ILP would decide at its national convention. The convention came to a stormy close Thursday night after voting 240-160 to give Rabbi Goren the 12-month period of grace he requested. Younger Party elements demanded an immediate showdown in the Knesset on the Hausner bill and at one point some delegates came to blows. But in the end, the Party leadership prevailed.

Moshe Kol, Minister of Tourism, disclosed later that the ILP's president, Pinhas Rosen proposed that the ILP should refuse to join any future coalition government unless its members are assured of their right to vote their conscience on controversial bills. Had the ILP compelled a Knesset vote on the Hausner bill against the wishes of the coalition majority it would have been forced to leave the government. No such crisis is expected to develop over the State List measure.

## JEWISH JUDGE IS TOP MAN IN YEMEN, JOURNALIST REPORTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 (JTA)--Although virtually all of Yemen's 50,000 Jews emigrated to Israel via "Operation Flying Carpet" in 1949-50, the handful that remained behind includes a man who is today the most powerful figure in that Arab state on the southern end of the Red Sea. He is Kadi (Judge) Iriani, the Jewish adopted son of a wealthy Moslem family. The Kadi of Yemen is Chief of State and the First among Equals in its collective leadership.

Iriani's Jewish background and the fact that he has relatives in Israel did not hinder him from rising to the top leadership of an Islamic country according to Horst J. Andel, writing recently in the Austrian newspaper Salzburger Nachrichten. But Iriani has many problems. These include keeping in line both the mountain tribes loyal to the overthrown Yemeni monarchy and the tribes who fought with the Republicans. The tribes threaten to march on the capital and massacre the weak government, Andel reported.

But under the Kadi, Yemen appears to be emerging from the dark ages, Andel reported. Although bitterly opposed by the feudal sheikhs, the country is now installing a modern communications system and an economic and social infrastructure more in keeping with the 20th century. A small Army is being trained by Soviet instructors though partially with Western weapons, he reported.

## POSTAL ENGINEERS, CIVIL AVIATION WORKERS, END STRIKES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4 (JTA)--A six-day long wildcat strike by postal engineers ended this evening after the workers were assured that their demands for higher wages and improved condi-

tions would be negotiated in good faith. The strikers had agreed early this morning to return to work on the promise of renewed negotiations. But the truce was in effect barely 30 minutes when the engineers walked out again because of remarks by Transport and Communications Minister Shimon Peres implying that they could expect no new offers.

Peres, appearing on a radio program, warned the workers not to "delude themselves" that the renewed negotiations "will bring benefits which are not in line with the signed agreements that the workers are contesting." He was referring to collective labor agreements recently negotiated between the government and the civil service unions.

The second walk-out ended after Histadrut Secretary General Yitzhak Ben Aharon promised the workers that the new negotiations would not be bound by earlier agreements. The six-day strike blacked out Israel's television system and played havoc with telephone and telex communications as workers refused to repair equipment that broke down.

Traffic at Lod Airport was back to normal today following the settlement late Saturday night of a two-and-a-half day strike by civil aviation workers, the longest aviation strike in Israel's history. The strike ended when the government agreed to meet some of the wage demands and to negotiate others. El Al managed to rush out seven flights before midnight Saturday while foreign airlines, alerted in advance that the end of the strike was in sight, flew in their planes to be ready for Sunday take-offs.

By this morning an estimated 10,000 passengers who had been delayed by the strike were flown out of Lod and normal schedules were resumed. The 60-hour walkout had suspended all traffic at Lod and other airports except for military flights and flights bringing in immigrants.

## EMPLOYERS MUST ACCOMMODATE WORKERS' RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 (JTA)--Employers must make "reasonable accommodation" to employees' religious practices, State Human Rights Commissioner Jack M. Sable stated in a discussion last night on WOR-TV's "Right Now!"

Referring to the State law barring "discriminatory" treatment of employees for religious reasons, Sable pointed out that "In implementation of this enactment I recently issued a reminder to employers that with the change to Standard Time they have to permit 'Sabbath observers'--principally Orthodox Jews and Seventh-day Adventists, who observe their Sabbath from sundown Friday to darkness on Saturday--to leave their work on Fridays in sufficient time to arrive home before sundown."

The only exception, Sable noted, is when an employer can prove that such dispensation will cease him "undue hardship." Joining Sable in the half-hour discussion were three representatives of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA)--vice-president Sidney Kwestel, secretary Howard Zuckerman and founder Marcel Weber.

A nation-wide drive in Israel to collect signatures for a petition protesting the Soviet head tax has not only the broad support of Israelis but also many Arabs from Israel and the West Bank, according to Hadassah. Recently two Arab patients from Amman at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem insisted on signing the petitions which were circulated in the hospital by volunteers.

**BEHIND THE HEADLINES****CHAD'S BREAK WITH ISRAEL:  
CAUSES AND POSSIBLE EFFECTS**

By David Landau, JTA Middle East Bureau Chief

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4 (JTA)--Chad broke its diplomatic ties with Israel last week after a decade of cordiality and cooperation. The move came seven months after President Idi Amin of Uganda cut his country's diplomatic relations with Israel and drove out the hundreds of Israeli experts, advisors and building contractors working in Uganda. Thus the question inevitably in many people's minds in Israel is: does this represent the beginning of a domino-like collapse of the delicate framework of relations with more than 30 Black African states which Israel has painstakingly built up during the "independence decade?"

One seasoned observer of African affairs to whom I spoke in Jerusalem believes that this is not the case. The peculiar combination of circumstances in which President Francois Tombalbaye of Chad found himself--harassed by Libyan pressure and yet seduced by President Muammar el-Qaddafi's blandishments, and at the same time deep in economic and military straits with Chad's traditional patrons, the French having forsaken him--is not likely to repeat itself elsewhere.

Also, there is an unmistakable feeling in Africa that Qaddafi spells danger, that he aims for a sinister kind of Moslem hegemony even in areas south of the Sahara. Qaddafi overplayed his hand when he went to the aid of Amin against Tanzania with armed troops and left many African leaders with an uncomfortable wariness of his aspirations and intentions.

**Militant Islam New Factor**

Arab efforts to dislodge Israel from Africa are not of course a new phenomenon. They began as soon as Israel herself started to court the African states in embryo in the late 1950's. But the Arabs were almost completely unsuccessful in preventing Israel from forging ties with Black Africa, and links were formed with every new state except the Moslem Somalia and Mauritania--where there was never really much hope.

In 1967, President Sekou Toure of Guinea cut his ties with Israel along with the Communist bloc, and in 1972, we have had Uganda and now Chad--but other than that, Israel's position in Africa is intact and even flourishing so long as United Nations votes are not the yardstick.

The new factor which has now come into play, and which accounted for Amin's and Tombalbaye's decisions to break with Israel, is a militant, expansionist, aggressive Islam, backed by enormous cash resources. The main force in this respect is of course Libya, but King Feisal of Saudi Arabia, as guardian of the holy places and aspiring leader of the Moslem world, cannot allow the young upstart Qaddafi to take the torch of Islam into Africa and has therefore of late begun distributing the largesse himself. Chad's break with Israel came a week after King Feisal's visit to Port Lamy--no doubt an occasion for glittering promises if Tombalbaye broke with the Zionist infidels.

Despite Feisal's timely blandishments, it is likely that Chad's break with Israel resulted from a long campaign of pressure by Libya rather than from a one-time handout from Saudi Arabia. Qaddafi has been supported by the rebel underground movement in Chad against the Christian Tombalbaye. Until recently the President could count on French

support to bolster his regime: but in February the French pulled their troops out, apparently unwilling to appear to support a regime which was the obvious target of Qaddafi's hostility. Qaddafi, after all, is a top customer for French hardware.

**Qaddafi In Trouble**

At the same time, Tombalbaye was beset with crushing financial problems, which the French again were unwilling to help solve for reasons best known to themselves. Reliable Israeli sources say he asked Israel for \$7 million to tide him over; but Israel cannot compete with Libyan and Saudi Arabian wealth. In the end it was the Arab states that baled him out.

The observer I spoke to believes Tombalbaye's current salvation by Libya will prove short lived. Qaddafi is hostile to him personally, as a Christian and as the man who has withstood him for so long. He will not rest until he has deposed him.

This, if it happens, may well prove to be Qaddafi's second mistake in Africa--for there can be no doubt that he overplayed his hand earlier this year when he intervened with troops in the Ugandan-Tanzanian skirmishing. The spectacle of Arab intervention in an all-Black conflict made a thoroughly negative impression on such states as Zambia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Zaïre, Nigeria, as well as Tanzania itself. Sudan, currently mending its fences with Black Africa and distancing itself from the Arabs, gave expression to a more widespread disapproval when it refused to allow Libyan reinforcements for Amin to overfly its air space.

Maybe it's wishful thinking--but Israel is reasoning and hoping that the seeds of mistrust and resentment, which are already noticeable, have already been detected among Black African leaders towards Qaddafi; his motives and his methods, will lead to a wariness of his blandishments and a resistance to his pressures on other vulnerable states.

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"Would it help if I went to Moscow?" Lindsay asked Dr. Ulla Schmukeler, a former Moscow mathematician. Dr. Schmukeler replied, "It would depend on when you were to make such a trip. It would have to be at a time when the Soviet government was interested in your coming. Then it would be tremendous." Lindsay also talked to Victor Yoram, a well-known Russian-Jewish cellist, who defected in Vienna and came to Israel leaving his wife and children in Russia. Yoram said the Soviet authorities now refuse to allow his family to join him on the pretext that "it would be unwise for them to join such an immoral man."

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sponsored jointly by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

The appeal is focussed on the more than 40 Jewish "prisoners of conscience" in the Soviet Union and their families, but it also applies to any Soviet Jews who wish to emigrate to Israel. Jacqueline Levine of Essex County, N.J., national chairman of the event, said, "We hope that our efforts will result in granting all basic human rights to Soviet Jewish prisoners of conscience whose only crime is their desire to emigrate in order to live as Jews." She said that copies of the petitions will be mailed to Soviet officials and will be presented to U.S. and UN officials.

In Philadelphia, a bipartisan inter-faith coalition of women's groups announced plans for a rally Dec. 12 to demand the restoration of human rights to Soviet Jewry. It will be held at the University of Pennsylvania Museum Auditorium. Mrs. Saul Beckman, national chairman of the Soviet Jewry Committee of the American Jewish Congress, said the event would be co-sponsored by 13 local Jewish organizations and has received "extensive cooperation" from the Fellowship Commission of the Archdiocese and the Jewish Community Relations Council.

### ARCHBISHOP CONDEMNS HEAD TAX

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 4 (JTA)--The Soviet Union's demanding of payment by would-be emigrants for education received has been condemned here by Archbishop Antonio Quarracino of Avelaneda, secretary for ecumenism of the Argentine Episcopal Conference. "This tax of prohibitive amount taxes the intelligence, puts a price on talent, on intellectual development, and converts the scientists, intellectuals and professionals into an object, a merchandise, subject to a new form of slavery which clashes with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and constitutes an aggression to man's dignity," the Archbishop said.

Similar statements were issued by the Rev. Dr. Luis Buscafusco, chairman of the Confederation of Evangelic Churches; Dr. Carlos T. Gattinoni, chairman of the Christian Renovating Movement; Dr. Cyril Tucker, bishop of the Methodist Church; Dr. Andre Glace, rector of the Baptist Theological Seminary, and Dr. Ernesto Bauman, principal of the Ward School here.

### AJC 'ADOPTS' SOVIET JEWISH SCIENTISTS

HOLLYWOOD, Fla., Dec. 4 (JTA)--Twelve American Jewish Committee chapters have "adopted" Jewish scientists who have been denied permission to leave the Soviet Union. Announcement of the project was made this weekend at the annual meeting of the agency's top policy-making National Executive Council here.

Chapters in Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, Los Angeles, Miami, Milwaukee, New Jersey, New York, Philadelphia, Seattle, Virginia and Washington each have undertaken to correspond regularly with several of the scientists and their families in a morale-building effort. In addition, the chapters will write to Soviet and U.S. government officials on behalf of these scientists, and attempt to mobilize public opinion through academic and other contacts.

David Geller, Director of European Affairs for the AJCommittee stated: "This type of people-to-people project can be invaluable not only in mobilizing public opinion in our own country, but in impressing upon the Soviet government that its treatment of Soviet Jews is under close scrutiny."

## STATE LIST TO PRESENT CIVIL MARRIAGE BILL; ILP POSTPONES ITS BILL FOR A YEAR

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4 (JTA)--The State List, an opposition faction with four Knesset seats, announced today that it would present its own civil marriages bill before the House on Thursday. The announcement followed a decision by the Independent Liberal Party last week to postpone Knesset action on the controversial Hausner civil marriages bill for one year to give Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren an opportunity to find halachic solutions to the problem.

The State List spokesman said the faction was not seeking a general civil marriages bill but a law that would empower district courts to authorize civil marriages for couples denied marriage rites by the rabbinical courts. He said they would press for a vote on their measure within two months.

The State List apparently waited until now to see what the ILP would decide at its national convention. The convention came to a stormy close Thursday night after voting 240-160 to give Rabbi Goren the 12-month period of grace he requested. Younger Party elements demanded an immediate showdown in the Knesset on the Hausner bill and at one point some delegates came to blows. But in the end, the Party leadership prevailed.

Moshe Kol, Minister of Tourism, disclosed later that the ILP's president, Pinhas Rosen proposed that the ILP should refuse to join any future coalition government unless its members are assured of their right to vote their conscience on controversial bills. Had the ILP compelled a Knesset vote on the Hausner bill against the wishes of the coalition majority it would have been forced to leave the government. No such crisis is expected to develop over the State List measure.

## JEWISH JUDGE IS TOP MAN IN YEMEN, JOURNALIST REPORTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 (JTA)--Although virtually all of Yemen's 50,000 Jews emigrated to Israel via "Operation Flying Carpet" in 1949-50, the handful that remained behind includes a man who is today the most powerful figure in that Arab state on the southern end of the Red Sea. He is Kadi (Judge) Iriani, the Jewish adopted son of a wealthy Moslem family. The Kadi of Yemen is Chief of State and the First among Equals in its collective leadership.

Iriani's Jewish background and the fact that he has relatives in Israel did not hinder him from rising to the top leadership of an Islamic country according to Horst J. Andel, writing recently in the Austrian newspaper Salzburger Nachrichten. But Iriani has many problems. These include keeping in line both the mountain tribes loyal to the overthrown Yemeni monarchy and the tribes who fought with the Republicans. The tribes threaten to march on the capital and massacre the weak government, Andel reported.

But under the Kadi, Yemen appears to be emerging from the dark ages, Andel reported. Although bitterly opposed by the feudal sheikhs, the country is now installing a modern communications system and an economic and social infrastructure more in keeping with the 20th century. A small Army is being trained by Soviet instructors though partially with Western weapons, he reported.

## POSTAL ENGINEERS, CIVIL AVIATION WORKERS, END STRIKES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4 (JTA)--A six-day long wildcat strike by postal engineers ended this evening after the workers were assured that their demands for higher wages and improved condi-

tions would be negotiated in good faith. The strikers had agreed early this morning to return to work on the promise of renewed negotiations. But the truce was in effect barely 30 minutes when the engineers walked out again because of remarks by Transport and Communications Minister Shimon Peres implying that they could expect no new offers.

Peres, appearing on a radio program, warned the workers not to "delude themselves" that the renewed negotiations "will bring benefits which are not in line with the signed agreements that the workers are contesting." He was referring to collective labor agreements recently negotiated between the government and the civil service unions.

The second walk-out ended after Histadrut Secretary General Yitzhak Ben Aharon promised the workers that the new negotiations would not be bound by earlier agreements. The six-day strike blacked out Israel's television system and played havoc with telephone and telex communications as workers refused to repair equipment that broke down.

Traffic at Lod Airport was back to normal today following the settlement late Saturday night of a two-and-a-half day strike by civil aviation workers, the longest aviation strike in Israel's history. The strike ended when the government agreed to meet some of the wage demands and to negotiate others. El Al managed to rush out seven flights before midnight Saturday while foreign airlines, alerted in advance that the end of the strike was in sight, flew in their planes to be ready for Sunday take-offs.

By this morning an estimated 10,000 passengers who had been delayed by the strike were flown out of Lod and normal schedules were resumed. The 60-hour walkout had suspended all traffic at Lod and other airports except for military flights and flights bringing in immigrants.

## EMPLOYERS MUST ACCOMMODATE WORKERS' RELIGIOUS PRACTICES

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 (JTA)--Employers must make "reasonable accommodation" to employees' religious practices, State Human Rights Commissioner Jack M. Sable stated in a discussion last night on WOR-TV's "Right Now!"

Referring to the State law barring "discriminatory" treatment of employees for religious reasons, Sable pointed out that "In implementation of this enactment I recently issued a reminder to employers that with the change to Standard Time they have to permit 'Sabbath observers'--principally Orthodox Jews and Seventh-day Adventists, who observe their Sabbath from sundown Friday to darkness on Saturday--to leave their work on Fridays in sufficient time to arrive home before sundown."

The only exception, Sable noted, is when an employer can prove that such dispensation will cease him "undue hardship." Joining Sable in the half-hour discussion were three representatives of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA)--vice-president Sidney Kwestel, secretary Howard Zuckerman and founder Marcel Weber.

A nation-wide drive in Israel to collect signatures for a petition protesting the Soviet head tax has not only the broad support of Israelis but also many Arabs from Israel and the West Bank, according to Hadassah. Recently two Arab patients from Amman at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem insisted on signing the petitions which were circulated in the hospital by volunteers.

**BEHIND THE HEADLINES****CHAD'S BREAK WITH ISRAEL:  
CAUSES AND POSSIBLE EFFECTS**

By David Landau, JTA Middle East Bureau Chief

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4 (JTA)--Chad broke its diplomatic ties with Israel last week after a decade of cordiality and cooperation. The move came seven months after President Idi Amin of Uganda cut his country's diplomatic relations with Israel and drove out the hundreds of Israeli experts, advisors and building contractors working in Uganda. Thus the question inevitably in many people's minds in Israel is: does this represent the beginning of a domino-like collapse of the delicate framework of relations with more than 30 Black African states which Israel has painstakingly built up during the "independence decade?"

One seasoned observer of African affairs to whom I spoke in Jerusalem believes that this is not the case. The peculiar combination of circumstances in which President Francois Tombalbaye of Chad found himself--harassed by Libyan pressure and yet seduced by President Muammar el-Qaddafi's blandishments, and at the same time deep in economic and military straits with Chad's traditional patrons, the French having forsaken him--is not likely to repeat itself elsewhere.

Also, there is an unmistakable feeling in Africa that Qaddafi spells danger, that he aims for a sinister kind of Moslem hegemony even in areas south of the Sahara. Qaddafi overplayed his hand when he went to the aid of Amin against Tanzania with armed troops and left many African leaders with an uncomfortable wariness of his aspirations and intentions.

**Militant Islam New Factor**

Arab efforts to dislodge Israel from Africa are not of course a new phenomenon. They began as soon as Israel herself started to court the African states in embryo in the late 1950's. But the Arabs were almost completely unsuccessful in preventing Israel from forging ties with Black Africa, and links were formed with every new state except the Moslem Somalia and Mauritania--where there was never really much hope.

In 1967, President Sekou Toure of Guinea cut his ties with Israel along with the Communist bloc, and in 1972, we have had Uganda and now Chad--but other than that, Israel's position in Africa is intact and even flourishing so long as United Nations votes are not the yardstick.

The new factor which has now come into play, and which accounted for Amin's and Tombalbaye's decisions to break with Israel, is a militant, expansionist, aggressive Islam, backed by enormous cash resources. The main force in this respect is of course Libya, but King Feisal of Saudi Arabia, as guardian of the holy places and aspiring leader of the Moslem world, cannot allow the young upstart Qaddafi to take the torch of Islam into Africa and has therefore of late begun distributing the largesse himself. Chad's break with Israel came a week after King Feisal's visit to Port Lamy--no doubt an occasion for glittering promises if Tombalbaye broke with the Zionist infidels.

Despite Feisal's timely blandishments, it is likely that Chad's break with Israel resulted from a long campaign of pressure by Libya rather than from a one-time handout from Saudi Arabia. Qaddafi has been supported by the rebel underground movement in Chad against the Christian Tombalbaye. Until recently the President could count on French

support to bolster his regime: but in February the French pulled their troops out, apparently unwilling to appear to support a regime which was the obvious target of Qaddafi's hostility. Qaddafi, after all, is a top customer for French hardware.

**Qaddafi In Trouble**

At the same time, Tombalbaye was beset with crushing financial problems, which the French again were unwilling to help solve for reasons best known to themselves. Reliable Israeli sources say he asked Israel for \$7 million to tide him over; but Israel cannot compete with Libyan and Saudi Arabian wealth. In the end it was the Arab states that baled him out.

The observer I spoke to believes Tombalbaye's current salvation by Libya will prove short lived. Qaddafi is hostile to him personally, as a Christian and as the man who has withstood him for so long. He will not rest until he has deposed him.

This, if it happens, may well prove to be Qaddafi's second mistake in Africa--for there can be no doubt that he overplayed his hand earlier this year when he intervened with troops in the Ugandan-Tanzanian skirmishing. The spectacle of Arab intervention in an all-Black conflict made a thoroughly negative impression on such states as Zambia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Zaïre, Nigeria, as well as Tanzania itself. Sudan, currently mending its fences with Black Africa and distancing itself from the Arabs, gave expression to a more widespread disapproval when it refused to allow Libyan reinforcements for Amin to overfly its air space.

Maybe it's wishful thinking--but Israel is reasoning and hoping that the seeds of mistrust and resentment, which are already noticeable, have already been detected among Black African leaders towards Qaddafi; his motives and his methods, will lead to a wariness of his blandishments and a resistance to his pressures on other vulnerable states.

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**LINDSAY TO AID SOVIET JEWRY**

JERUSALEM, Dec. 4 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay of New York promised a group of recent immigrants from the Soviet Union that he would intervene on behalf of Soviet Jews with the Mayor of Moscow "who is a good friend of mine." Lindsay, and his wife, Mary, on a four-day visit to Israel, met today with the emigres at the Mevasserat Zimn absorption center near Jerusalem. He raised the possibility of making a trip to Moscow to help Soviet Jews in their efforts to emigrate.

"Would it help if I went to Moscow?" Lindsay asked Dr. Ulla Schmukeler, a former Moscow mathematician. Dr. Schmukeler replied, "It would depend on when you were to make such a trip. It would have to be at a time when the Soviet government was interested in your coming. Then it would be tremendous." Lindsay also talked to Victor Yoram, a well-known Russian-Jewish cellist, who defected in Vienna and came to Israel leaving his wife and children in Russia. Yoram said the Soviet authorities now refuse to allow his family to join him on the pretext that "it would be unwise for them to join such an immoral man."

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