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This is especially true on the high school and college levels, Arnow noted, "where disaffection has taken place and graduates are less than positive in their sentiments about their roles as Jews in contemporary America." The AAJE is attempting to meet this challenge by "contemporizing Jewish studies through curriculum research, pedagogic innovation, training of teachers and other school personnel, better programming and standardized tests," Arnow declared, adding: "With the additional Fund resources, we will be able to close the gap between requirement and performance, thus ensuring the continued growth and progress of Jewish education in America." Arnow is also the president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

#### DISCLOSE POPE PIUS XI PLANNED TO STOP NAZI ANTI-SEMITISM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (JTA)--A papal encyclical attacking racism and anti-Semitism ordered by Pope Pius XI in June, 1938, might have prevented the Nazis from carrying out their planned extermination of Jews, it was disclosed in the National Catholic Reporter due for publication Dec. 16. According to the copyrighted lay-edited Reporter, the Pope commissioned the American Jesuit editor and scholar, the Rev. John LaFarge, to write this encyclical 15 months before the outbreak of World War II. But, the Reporter notes, it is not clear whether the Pope ever saw the completed draft before his death in Feb. 1939.

According to Gordon Zahn, a Catholic scholar who has written extensively on the German church under Hitler and who was asked by the Catholic Reporter to analyze the encyclical and speculate on the effect it might have had, the publication "could have had important long-term results." Nazi anti-Semitic practices might not have been stopped, Zahn noted, "but they may not have escalated to the stage of planned extermination; more important, Catholics in countries soon to be occupied might have been less ready to cooperate when the time came."

The draft of the papal encyclical, according to Marjorie Hyer, a staff writer of the Washington Post who reported on the contents of the

Catholic Reporter's disclosure, has been discovered in a Jesuit seminary in New York City. The document, "The Unity of the Human Race," was completed by Father LaFarge, but the Catholic Reporter stated that there is "the possibility that the finished manuscript was withheld from Pope Pius XI for political reasons by La Farge's Jesuit superior general, Father Wlodimir Ledochowski, who was also a Polish Count."

#### Withheld Encyclical From Pope

According to papers left behind by LaFarge, now stored in the Jesuit Seminary in Woodstock, N.Y., Father Ledochowski received the manuscript from Father LaFarge for transmission to the Pope but held it for more than a month and then gave it to an unidentified "Jesuit censor."

A German Jesuit scholar, the Rev. Gustave Gundlach, who worked with Father LaFarge in Rome on the encyclical draft, expressed distrust of Father Ledochowski "because he felt his extreme anti-Communism blinded him to the dangers of Nazism." Thomas Breslin, a one-time Jesuit candidate for ordination who discovered the material about the encyclical while studying Father LaFarge's papers, told the Catholic Reporter that Father Ledochowski feared that publication of the encyclical would prompt a Soviet invasion of Poland leading to the downfall of Western religion.

Father Ledochowski reportedly received the encyclical manuscript late Sept. 1938. Some six weeks later--the night known as "Crystal Night" of Nov. 9-10--Nazis pillaged and looted synagogues and Jewish businesses and arrested thousands of Jews throughout Germany. It was the beginning of the planned extermination of Jews by the Nazi regime. According to the Catholic Reporter, the virtual silence of the churches following that event "showed Hitler that he could get away with using Jews as scapegoats."

#### EBAN: ISRAEL'S POSITION IN TERRITORIES LEGITIMATE UNTIL PEACE TREATY SIGNED

LONDON, Dec. 10 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel said here today that Israel's position at present in the administered Arab territories is fully legitimate until there is a peace treaty signed which would alter the situation. Eban, appearing at a press conference at the conclusion of the London meeting of the Socialist International Bureau, made his remarks in reference to the resolution adopted Friday by the United Nations General Assembly.

He noted that even the General Assembly, where the Arab states have "an automatic majority" was forced to omit harsh clauses demanding immediate Israeli withdrawal from the territories and imposing sanctions for refusal.

Observing that no one has the authority to repeal the Security Council's Resolution 242, Eban said that if the Assembly vote was examined, "you will find that more of the 'interested states' voted against the resolution or abstained than voted for it." In the future, he said, Israel would like to see less emphasis on polemics in the UN and more concentration on conciliatory diplomacy.

#### Study International Terrorism

The Israeli Foreign Minister appeared at the press conference with Ron Hayward, general secretary of the British Labor Party; Dr. Bruno Pitterman, chairman of the Socialist International, and Hans Janitschek, its secretary general. Eban expressed satisfaction with the action taken at the meeting in the areas of Soviet Jewry and international terrorism.

The Socialist International Bureau decided to reactivate its study group on Soviet Jewry to pro-

duce an up-to-date report on recent developments. Eban termed the problem of Jews in the USSR a "needless obstacle" to improved international coexistence. The Bureau also decided to establish a special working committee to study the question of international terrorism.

Eban said the study hoped to discredit the claim by Arab terrorists that they acted from lofty motives and to find means to protect large groups of trade union members endangered by terrorist acts in post offices and at airports. "This is an international problem," Eban said, "because it constitutes a disruption of international communications, traffic and post. It is an offense to innocent, non-belligerent civilians and no convictions or sentences can possibly justify it."

#### \$505M UJA BUDGET FOR 1973

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (JTA)--Paul Zuckerman of Detroit, who was re-elected general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal at its annual national conference here this weekend, said he will call on American Jews to raise \$505 million in 1973 to meet the "continued high level of immigration from the Soviet Union" and the "immediate need of expanding vital absorption services in Israel for these new immigrants and the thousands more arriving each month."

The Detroit business executive noted that a minimum of 70,000 new immigrants, many of them from the USSR, "are expected to arrive in Israel this year. And already--despite risking harassment, loss of jobs and personal safety--more than 85,000 Soviet Jews are waiting to get out, and thousands more each month are asking for permission to leave."

In addition, Zuckerman noted that the \$505 million goal, almost twice as much as the record \$270 million raised this year by the UJA, will provide for housing for some 55,000 families, for full or partial scholarships for close to 100,000 children from needy families, for direct assistance for some 28,000 Israeli families, to help alleviate a critical shortage of hospital beds and to provide education and vocational training for some 25,000 Israeli children between the ages of 14 to 18 who come from large families "living in conditions of poverty."

The UJA also re-elected Mrs. Bert Sirlis as National Women's Division Chairman. Paul Zinman of Philadelphia was re-elected president of the Israel Education Fund, a subsidiary of the UJA which has 223 educational projects in Israel in various stages of completion, with most of them located in communities with large immigrant populations.

#### BLACK HEBREWS MUST GO

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10 (JTA)--The Supreme Court Thursday upheld the expulsion of eight Black Hebrews who entered Israel last year, but suggested that those of the sect who have been here longer should be allowed to stay. Black Hebrews have been seeking Israeli citizenship as Jews under the Law of Return, but the Court agreed with the Interior Ministry in ruling that "the most one can say is that they maintain the Law of Return of Moses as they understand it, not as it has developed through the ages."

The eight--seven of them members of a family named Clark--were picked up by police earlier this year in Jericho after expiration of their three-month visas. They had entered Israel last year and lived first at the sect's center in Dimona. Of late, the Interior Ministry has been turning away members of the sect arriving at Lod Airport.

# **ALLON: ISRAEL READY TO NEGOTIATE WITH ANY ARAB GOVERNMENT ANYWHERE, ANY TIME** Brands General Assembly Resolution As Damaging Prospects Of Mideast Peace

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (JTA)--Israel's Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon reaffirmed last night that Israel is ready to negotiate "with any Arab government at any time, anywhere in the world." Addressing more than 2000 American Jewish leaders and guests at the closing banquet of the United Jewish Appeal's national conference which launched the 1973 campaign, Allon also declared: "We are ready to compromise on territory, but cannot and will not compromise on security. There is no problem, including the so-called Palestinian question, which cannot be solved by negotiations. Moreover, no problem of any kind can be solved through hostilities, whether waged by terrorists or regular armies."

Allon, considered by many as one of Israel's leading doves, warned, however, that "new voices of warmongering" heard recently in Cairo and Damascus "should now be taken seriously." He branded the Arab-inspired resolution adopted Friday by the United Nations General Assembly as "inflicting great damage on the prospect of peace" and assailed it as creating new illusions in Arab capitals that "can only strengthen Arab leaders in their beliefs that they can achieve their aims at the expense of vital and legitimate Israeli interests."

The resolution, approved by a vote of 86-7 with 31 nations including the United States abstaining, was rapped by UN Ambassador George Bush as lacking in balance and one that cannot "offer encouragement to the parties to reach a peaceful accommodation of their differences." Bush indicated that the resolution would not affect American policy. Referring to Bush's statement, Allon said "we are grateful for that." He added that it is unfortunate, however, that the UN "is progressively deviating from its original goal and task of peacemaking."

Referring to the resolution which reaffirmed the principles of Resolution 242 but asked States to "avoid action, including aid, which would constitute recognition of this occupation," Allon said "It cannot impress us too much." About the five European countries which offered the amendment--Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium and Luxembourg--Allon stated that these nations were really "less concerned with holy places than with oily places." His statement evoked tumultuous applause.

## **Atmosphere Of Peaceful Settlement**

Discussing Israel in the context of world events, Allon noted that world tensions are relaxing. Citing as evidence the rapprochement of Washington and Peking, the growing understanding between Washington and Moscow, the thawing of international relations in Europe, the prospects of peace in Southeast Asia, the partial withdrawal of Soviet personnel from Egypt, and the long cease-fire period in the Middle East, Allon declared:

"All this may create an atmosphere conducive to peaceful settlement in the Middle East. It is a delicate situation and should be approached with great care and caution." But, he said, the sabre rattlings in Cairo and Damascus poses a threat of renewed war, or limited war, in the hope of mobilizing world pressure against Israel "in order to force her to submit to unacceptable conditions which will weaken her to such an extent that the danger of another war will become a real possibility."

Allon noted further that the lavish Soviet military equipment being given to Egypt and Syria "can only

encourage the militaristic attitudes of the Arab countries." If five-and-a-half years after the Six-Day War there is still no peace in the Middle East, "it is not because of Israeli policy, but in spite of it," Allon charged.

Turning his attention to Israel's domestic situation, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education and Culture asserted that Israel has made great strides in the improvement of social standards, with special attention to the underprivileged. After defense, education for Israeli Jews and Arabs "has the highest priority in the governmental budget," he stated. "This is not just a social service, but a real investment in Israel's future. The quality of life will, in the final analysis, determine the quality of our nation."

## **Israel Ready For 1 Million Soviet Jews**

Focusing on the issue of Soviet Jewry, Allon noted that 55 years after the Bolshevik Revolution "the Jews have proven to be indigestible in the Soviet system," a problem "with no alternatives for the Russians." The earlier the gates are opened for emigration, the easier it will be for all concerned, he said. Allon, nevertheless, stated that Israel is grateful to the Soviet authorities for granting exit visas to Jews to leave for Israel, but underscored that "we must unite in our efforts and mobilize world public opinion in order to persuade the Soviet government to remove all obstacles for the Jews" and to abolish the "shameful practice of ransom."

The Israeli leader declared that the size of the immigration will not be limited by any quota system and that Israel is meeting the challenge of integrating all those who are arriving. "We in Israel are planning our economy and absorptive capacity to successfully integrate not less than one million Soviet Jews within this decade," Allon stated to prolonged and standing ovation. He added that in addition to Israel's concern for Soviet Jews, the Jewish State "shall not rest until the last suffering Jew from Iraq and Syria will be allowed to leave and live in freedom."

## **BETTER NUDE THAN RUDE**

TEL AVIV, Dec. 10 (JTA)--A customs agent at Lod Airport, unaccustomed to nude passengers, received an uncourtly response from a woman from Cyprus whom he asked to open her suitcase for inspection. Angered by the request, she tore off her clothes, announced she was going to have a heart attack, and fainted. A hastily summoned doctor pronounced her quite well, if not quite dressed. The customs official found items in the woman's suitcase that she was charged with trying to smuggle into Israel. Two hours later, composed and clothed, she paid her customs duty and left the hall, her name and home country undisclosed.

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The Fund will be officially launched at a National Leadership Dinner and Conference next March. In announcing the establishment of the Fund, Arnow stated: "We are now in the process of forming a 'National Committee of 100,' which will represent the most concerned and involved leaders in this area on the national Jewish scene. The scope of Jewish education has broadened so dramatically and the threat of alienation has increased to such an extent that the need for more innovative programs and courses to make Jewish life more meaningful has become an absolute necessity."

This is especially true on the high school and college levels, Arnow noted, "where disaffection has taken place and graduates are less than positive in their sentiments about their roles as Jews in contemporary America." The AAJE is attempting to meet this challenge by "contemporizing Jewish studies through curriculum research, pedagogic innovation, training of teachers and other school personnel, better programming and standardized tests," Arnow declared, adding: "With the additional Fund resources, we will be able to close the gap between requirement and performance, thus ensuring the continued growth and progress of Jewish education in America." Arnow is also the president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

#### DISCLOSE POPE PIUS XI PLANNED TO STOP NAZI ANTI-SEMITISM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (JTA)--A papal encyclical attacking racism and anti-Semitism ordered by Pope Pius XI in June, 1938, might have prevented the Nazis from carrying out their planned extermination of Jews, it was disclosed in the National Catholic Reporter due for publication Dec. 16. According to the copyrighted lay-edited Reporter, the Pope commissioned the American Jesuit editor and scholar, the Rev. John LaFarge, to write this encyclical 15 months before the outbreak of World War II. But, the Reporter notes, it is not clear whether the Pope ever saw the completed draft before his death in Feb. 1939.

According to Gordon Zahn, a Catholic scholar who has written extensively on the German church under Hitler and who was asked by the Catholic Reporter to analyze the encyclical and speculate on the effect it might have had, the publication "could have had important long-term results." Nazi anti-Semitic practices might not have been stopped, Zahn noted, "but they may not have escalated to the stage of planned extermination; more important, Catholics in countries soon to be occupied might have been less ready to cooperate when the time came."

The draft of the papal encyclical, according to Marjorie Hyer, a staff writer of the Washington Post who reported on the contents of the

Catholic Reporter's disclosure, has been discovered in a Jesuit seminary in New York City. The document, "The Unity of the Human Race," was completed by Father LaFarge, but the Catholic Reporter stated that there is "the possibility that the finished manuscript was withheld from Pope Pius XI for political reasons by La Farge's Jesuit superior general, Father Wlodimir Ledochowski, who was also a Polish Count."

#### Withheld Encyclical From Pope

According to papers left behind by LaFarge, now stored in the Jesuit Seminary in Woodstock, N.Y., Father Ledochowski received the manuscript from Father LaFarge for transmission to the Pope but held it for more than a month and then gave it to an unidentified "Jesuit censor."

A German Jesuit scholar, the Rev. Gustave Gundlach, who worked with Father LaFarge in Rome on the encyclical draft, expressed distrust of Father Ledochowski "because he felt his extreme anti-Communism blinded him to the dangers of Nazism." Thomas Breslin, a one-time Jesuit candidate for ordination who discovered the material about the encyclical while studying Father LaFarge's papers, told the Catholic Reporter that Father Ledochowski feared that publication of the encyclical would prompt a Soviet invasion of Poland leading to the downfall of Western religion.

Father Ledochowski reportedly received the encyclical manuscript late Sept. 1938. Some six weeks later--the night known as "Crystal Night" of Nov. 9-10--Nazis pillaged and looted synagogues and Jewish businesses and arrested thousands of Jews throughout Germany. It was the beginning of the planned extermination of Jews by the Nazi regime. According to the Catholic Reporter, the virtual silence of the churches following that event "showed Hitler that he could get away with using Jews as scapegoats."

#### EBAN: ISRAEL'S POSITION IN TERRITORIES LEGITIMATE UNTIL PEACE TREATY SIGNED

LONDON, Dec. 10 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel said here today that Israel's position at present in the administered Arab territories is fully legitimate until there is a peace treaty signed which would alter the situation. Eban, appearing at a press conference at the conclusion of the London meeting of the Socialist International Bureau, made his remarks in reference to the resolution adopted Friday by the United Nations General Assembly.

He noted that even the General Assembly, where the Arab states have "an automatic majority" was forced to omit harsh clauses demanding immediate Israeli withdrawal from the territories and imposing sanctions for refusal.

Observing that no one has the authority to repeal the Security Council's Resolution 242, Eban said that if the Assembly vote was examined, "you will find that more of the 'interested states' voted against the resolution or abstained than voted for it." In the future, he said, Israel would like to see less emphasis on polemics in the UN and more concentration on conciliatory diplomacy.

#### Study International Terrorism

The Israeli Foreign Minister appeared at the press conference with Ron Hayward, general secretary of the British Labor Party; Dr. Bruno Pitterman, chairman of the Socialist International, and Hans Janitschek, its secretary general. Eban expressed satisfaction with the action taken at the meeting in the areas of Soviet Jewry and international terrorism.

The Socialist International Bureau decided to reactivate its study group on Soviet Jewry to pro-

duce an up-to-date report on recent developments. Eban termed the problem of Jews in the USSR a "needless obstacle" to improved international coexistence. The Bureau also decided to establish a special working committee to study the question of international terrorism.

Eban said the study hoped to discredit the claim by Arab terrorists that they acted from lofty motives and to find means to protect large groups of trade union members endangered by terrorist acts in post offices and at airports. "This is an international problem," Eban said, "because it constitutes a disruption of international communications, traffic and post. It is an offense to innocent, non-belligerent civilians and no convictions or sentences can possibly justify it."

#### \$505M UJA BUDGET FOR 1973

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (JTA)--Paul Zuckerman of Detroit, who was re-elected general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal at its annual national conference here this weekend, said he will call on American Jews to raise \$505 million in 1973 to meet the "continued high level of immigration from the Soviet Union" and the "immediate need of expanding vital absorption services in Israel for these new immigrants and the thousands more arriving each month."

The Detroit business executive noted that a minimum of 70,000 new immigrants, many of them from the USSR, "are expected to arrive in Israel this year. And already--despite risking harassment, loss of jobs and personal safety--more than 85,000 Soviet Jews are waiting to get out, and thousands more each month are asking for permission to leave."

In addition, Zuckerman noted that the \$505 million goal, almost twice as much as the record \$270 million raised this year by the UJA, will provide for housing for some 55,000 families, for full or partial scholarships for close to 100,000 children from needy families, for direct assistance for some 28,000 Israeli families, to help alleviate a critical shortage of hospital beds and to provide education and vocational training for some 25,000 Israeli children between the ages of 14 to 18 who come from large families "living in conditions of poverty."

The UJA also re-elected Mrs. Bert Sirlis as National Women's Division Chairman. Paul Zinman of Philadelphia was re-elected president of the Israel Education Fund, a subsidiary of the UJA which has 223 educational projects in Israel in various stages of completion, with most of them located in communities with large immigrant populations.

#### BLACK HEBREWS MUST GO

JERUSALEM, Dec. 10 (JTA)--The Supreme Court Thursday upheld the expulsion of eight Black Hebrews who entered Israel last year, but suggested that those of the sect who have been here longer should be allowed to stay. Black Hebrews have been seeking Israeli citizenship as Jews under the Law of Return, but the Court agreed with the Interior Ministry in ruling that "the most one can say is that they maintain the Law of Return of Moses as they understand it, not as it has developed through the ages."

The eight--seven of them members of a family named Clark--were picked up by police earlier this year in Jericho after expiration of their three-month visas. They had entered Israel last year and lived first at the sect's center in Dimona. Of late, the Interior Ministry has been turning away members of the sect arriving at Lod Airport.

# **ALLON: ISRAEL READY TO NEGOTIATE WITH ANY ARAB GOVERNMENT ANYWHERE, ANY TIME** Brands General Assembly Resolution As Damaging Prospects Of Mideast Peace

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (JTA)--Israel's Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon reaffirmed last night that Israel is ready to negotiate "with any Arab government at any time, anywhere in the world." Addressing more than 2000 American Jewish leaders and guests at the closing banquet of the United Jewish Appeal's national conference which launched the 1973 campaign, Allon also declared: "We are ready to compromise on territory, but cannot and will not compromise on security. There is no problem, including the so-called Palestinian question, which cannot be solved by negotiations. Moreover, no problem of any kind can be solved through hostilities, whether waged by terrorists or regular armies."

Allon, considered by many as one of Israel's leading doves, warned, however, that "new voices of warmongering" heard recently in Cairo and Damascus "should now be taken seriously." He branded the Arab-inspired resolution adopted Friday by the United Nations General Assembly as "inflicting great damage on the prospect of peace" and assailed it as creating new illusions in Arab capitals that "can only strengthen Arab leaders in their beliefs that they can achieve their aims at the expense of vital and legitimate Israeli interests."

The resolution, approved by a vote of 86-7 with 31 nations including the United States abstaining, was rapped by UN Ambassador George Bush as lacking in balance and one that cannot "offer encouragement to the parties to reach a peaceful accommodation of their differences." Bush indicated that the resolution would not affect American policy. Referring to Bush's statement, Allon said "we are grateful for that." He added that it is unfortunate, however, that the UN "is progressively deviating from its original goal and task of peacemaking."

Referring to the resolution which reaffirmed the principles of Resolution 242 but asked States to "avoid action, including aid, which would constitute recognition of this occupation," Allon said "It cannot impress us too much." About the five European countries which offered the amendment--Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium and Luxembourg--Allon stated that these nations were really "less concerned with holy places than with oily places." His statement evoked tumultuous applause.

## **Atmosphere Of Peaceful Settlement**

Discussing Israel in the context of world events, Allon noted that world tensions are relaxing. Citing as evidence the rapprochement of Washington and Peking, the growing understanding between Washington and Moscow, the thawing of international relations in Europe, the prospects of peace in Southeast Asia, the partial withdrawal of Soviet personnel from Egypt, and the long cease-fire period in the Middle East, Allon declared:

"All this may create an atmosphere conducive to peaceful settlement in the Middle East. It is a delicate situation and should be approached with great care and caution." But, he said, the sabre rattlings in Cairo and Damascus poses a threat of renewed war, or limited war, in the hope of mobilizing world pressure against Israel "in order to force her to submit to unacceptable conditions which will weaken her to such an extent that the danger of another war will become a real possibility."

Allon noted further that the lavish Soviet military equipment being given to Egypt and Syria "can only

encourage the militaristic attitudes of the Arab countries." If five-and-a-half years after the Six-Day War there is still no peace in the Middle East, "it is not because of Israeli policy, but in spite of it," Allon charged.

Turning his attention to Israel's domestic situation, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education and Culture asserted that Israel has made great strides in the improvement of social standards, with special attention to the underprivileged. After defense, education for Israeli Jews and Arabs "has the highest priority in the governmental budget," he stated. "This is not just a social service, but a real investment in Israel's future. The quality of life will, in the final analysis, determine the quality of our nation."

## **Israel Ready For 1 Million Soviet Jews**

Focusing on the issue of Soviet Jewry, Allon noted that 55 years after the Bolshevik Revolution "the Jews have proven to be indigestible in the Soviet system," a problem "with no alternatives for the Russians." The earlier the gates are opened for emigration, the easier it will be for all concerned, he said. Allon, nevertheless, stated that Israel is grateful to the Soviet authorities for granting exit visas to Jews to leave for Israel, but underscored that "we must unite in our efforts and mobilize world public opinion in order to persuade the Soviet government to remove all obstacles for the Jews" and to abolish the "shameful practice of ransom."

The Israeli leader declared that the size of the immigration will not be limited by any quota system and that Israel is meeting the challenge of integrating all those who are arriving. "We in Israel are planning our economy and absorptive capacity to successfully integrate not less than one million Soviet Jews within this decade," Allon stated to prolonged and standing ovation. He added that in addition to Israel's concern for Soviet Jews, the Jewish State "shall not rest until the last suffering Jew from Iraq and Syria will be allowed to leave and live in freedom."

## **BETTER NUDE THAN RUDE**

TEL AVIV, Dec. 10 (JTA)--A customs agent at Lod Airport, unaccustomed to nude passengers, received an uncustomary response from a woman from Cyprus whom he asked to open her suitcase for inspection. Angered by the request, she tore off her clothes, announced she was going to have a heart attack, and fainted. A hastily summoned doctor pronounced her quite well, if not quite dressed. The customs official found items in the woman's suitcase that she was charged with trying to smuggle into Israel. Two hours later, composed and clothed, she paid her customs duty and left the hall, her name and home country undisclosed.

Robert Strauss of Dallas, Texas, who was elected yesterday chairman of the Democratic National Committee, is vice-president of the Jewish Federation of Dallas and chairman of the Board of Trustees of Temple Emanuel of Dallas. Strauss, a former treasurer of the party is known to be a staunch supporter of Israel.

Police rounded up 12 suspects in East Jerusalem today after a Molotov Cocktail exploded in a bus this afternoon. No injuries were reported and damage to the bus was slight.