



STATE DEPT. INTERVENES FOR YAMPOLSKY'S FAMILY; ASKS SOVIETS TO CONSIDER HUMANITARIAN APPROACH

WASHINGTON, April 3 (JTA)--The State Department disclosed today that it has made formal representations on humanitarian grounds to the Soviet Embassy here on behalf of Mark Yampolsky's family. The 25-year-old former Russian jazz drummer and mathematics student is in the eighth-day of a hunger strike opposite the Soviet Embassy to protest the refusal of Russian authorities to grant exit visas to his in-laws, Dr. and Mrs. Isaac Politinnikov and their daughter Victoria, who live in Novosibirsk.

State Department spokesman John King also disclosed that the Department had rejected a request from the Soviet Embassy that it intervene to end Yampolsky's hunger strike. King said the Embassy made the request on March 27, the day Yampolsky began his fast, on grounds that the professor was violating the law. A District of Columbia ordinance forbids demonstrations within 500 feet of foreign legations. Yampolsky is conducting his hunger strike in front of the Philip Murray building, across the street and about 60 feet away from the Embassy gates. It is the same site where local Jews have been maintaining a daily vigil for nearly two years.

King said the State Department had consulted with the DC police and was informed that Yampolsky was not violating the law which was intended to prevent mass demonstrations that blocked entry to foreign embassies. Replying to questions from reporters, King said the State Department official who received the Soviet Embassy's protest by phone eight days ago, made the first informal representation on behalf of Yampolsky's family. He said the official, who he did not identify, suggested that the Soviet government should take a humanitarian approach with regard to the Politinnikovs. He said that since then, several telephone conversations had taken place between State Department and Soviet Embassy officials during which the Department repeated its representations on a formal basis. King said that while neither Yampolsky nor his relatives are American citizens, the State Department's representations were in line "with our consistent view for free emigration. We did draw this particular case to the attention of the Soviet Embassy on a humanitarian basis," he said.

May End Fast On Doctor's Orders

Yampolsky expressed gratitude when he was informed of the State Department's actions by a Jewish Telegraphic Agency reporter today. "I am very grateful to the State Department and I would appreciate it if my gratitude will be published. It really might help," he said. Yampolsky sat huddled in a blanket reading a Russian novel. He appeared very weak and said he was barely able to talk owing to his eight day fast. He indicated that he would end his fast tonight if his physician advised it.

Yampolsky's wife, Eleanora, ended her hunger strike yesterday outside the Soviet Embassy in London. She had begun it on behalf of her parents on March 26, a day before Yampolsky began his fast here. Yampolsky was visited today by 80 children from the Hebrew Academy of Great

er Washington who came by bus to join his vigil. When they started to pray, police ordered them to a point 500 feet away from the Embassy gates.

SUPREME COURT ORDERS RABBI GOREN TO TURN OVER DOCUMENTS IN LANGER CASE

Rules His Decision Does Not Effect Jewish Status Of Mrs. Langer's First Husband

JERUSALEM, April 3 (JTA)--The Supreme Court ruled today that Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren's ruling in the Langer case has no effect on Abraham Borokovsky who is suing in a Petach Tikva religious court to have his status as a Jew confirmed. The Supreme Court also ordered Rabbi Goren to hand over all documents pertinent to the case to the Petach Tikva court and to pay IL 1000 toward the costs of Borokovsky's litigation.

The status of Borokovsky, a convert to Judaism, was placed in doubt by Rabbi Goren's ruling last year that Hanoch and Miriam Langer, the children of Borokovsky's first wife and her second husband, were not illegitimate and could marry their fiancés. Goren's ruling, sanctioned by a nine-man religious court whose members have still not been identified, was based on evidence he said he had that Borokovsky's conversion to Judaism was not valid. In that case he was never legally married to the Langer children's mother and her subsequent marriage to Otto Langer was not adulterous.

The Supreme Court upheld Borokovsky's claim that he was not called to give evidence by Goren's court and was not aware of its deliberations. It ruled, therefore, that the Goren court's decision could in no way affect the Petach Tikva court and implied that the latter, by the same token, could disregard Rabbi Goren's decision in the Langer case. Goren has claimed that the case was closed with his ruling. He has refused to turn over documents to the Petach Tikva court on grounds that it was biased against the Langer children inasmuch as it was the same court that had originally branded them bastards and forbade them to marry.

The Goren ruling in the Langer case created a furor in right-wing Orthodox circles in Israel and abroad which has not subsided. (In New York this week, the Committee for Jewish Survival announced that it was establishing an activist group to "arouse public opinion" against the alleged "coercion and intervention by the Israeli government in the rabbinate." Y. Wilenkin, general secretary of the committee, said the main target was Chief Rabbi Goren who, according to the group, "was elected by the direct intervention of the government in exchange for his permitting the Langers, who were declared illegitimate, to marry.")

NAZI 'DESK MURDERER' GOES ON TRIAL IN DUSSELDORF

BONN, April 3 (JTA)--Dr. Albrecht Ganzmueller, 68, former State Secretary in Hitler's Transport Ministry, went on trial today in Dusseldorf for his alleged participation in sending millions of Jews to the gas chambers of Auschwitz, Treblinka, Sobibor, Belzek and Lublin from July 1942 on. Ganzmueller has been described as the archetype of the Nazi "desk murderer."

The Dusseldorf Public Prosecutor will seek to prove that Ganzmueller, in his capacity as Dep-

uty Director General of the Reich Railways, was guilty of providing thousands of freight cars to transport Jews to the Nazi extermination camps. Ganzenueller denies knowing for what purpose the cars were used. He has pleaded not guilty to abetting murder in more than one million cases.

Recent research by Wolfgang Scheffler, the West Berlin historian, indicates that at least 1,750,000 were exterminated at Treblinka, Belzec and Sobibor alone. About one million Jews were murdered at Auschwitz. About 120 witnesses will be called to give evidence against Ganzenueller. Preliminary investigations have been going on for years, and it is impossible to say when the trial will end. A tentative date has been set at six months.

The daily transportation of Jews to Treblinka, and later to other camps, began on July 22, 1942. Many Jews packed into small cars died of thirst, hunger and heat on the long journey east. Most of the SS officers at these camps have been sentenced to prison terms in West Germany, Poland and elsewhere.

CABINET EXPECTED TO ADOPT COMPROMISE ON LAND PURCHASES IN ADMINISTERED TERRITORIES

JERUSALEM, April 3 (JTA)--A compromise suggestion by Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro on the issue of Jewish land purchases in the administered Arab territories is expected to be approved by the Cabinet, ending a burgeoning dispute between ministers on the question. The proposal calls for a government authority--probably the Israel Lands Authority--to be empowered to approve or veto all land purchases by Jews in the territories under criteria to be established by the Cabinet.

Shapiro's suggestion is midway between Defense Minister Moshe Dayan's call for unrestricted Jewish land purchases throughout the territories and the position of most other ministers who believe the government must control buying for political and military reasons. Reports have surfaced in recent days of large scale land purchases on the West Bank by Jews which were not legal transactions. The government has not allowed the transactions to be recorded in the land registries of the West Bank. As a result, the parties have been resorting to an irrevocable power of attorney, whereby the vendor assigns to the purchaser the irrevocable right to do as he pleases with the piece of land.

Under Shapiro's proposal, land transfers approved by the government authority probably would be registered in the land registries and would have full legal effect. Thus the proposal would seem to satisfy Dayan on the one hand who has complained that the government was barring Jews from owning land in the "homeland," and at the same time would placate others, notably Foreign Minister Abba Eban, who are concerned that individual enterprise might drag the government and the Army into political and military responsibilities which it does not want.

SADAT'S THREATS AIMED AT U.S. OFFICIALS, EGYPTIAN PUBLIC, ISRAELIS SAY

JERUSALEM, April 3 (JTA)--Israeli sources said today that President Anwar Sadat's warlike statements in an interview published in Newsweek magazine reflected a "hardening" of the Egyptian leader's position toward Israel were aimed primarily at American officials and Egyptian public opinion. The sources said Sadat's warning that Israeli troops would never be permitted to remain at Sharm el-Sheikh after a peace settlement was

an example of a tough stand intended to convince U.S. officials that the Middle East was a greater danger spot than they had assumed.

They said that Sadat's remark about preparing Egypt for war with Israel was designed to create the same impression. But Israeli observers generally dismissed the threat of overt Egyptian military action at this time. They noted that no unusual activity has been observed along the Egyptian side of the Suez Canal where Egyptian soldiers are engaged in routine activities.

The most interesting aspect of the Sadat interview, according to Israelis, was his admission to Newsweek senior editor Arnaud de Borchgrave that the Washington visit last month of his personal envoy, Hafez Ismail, was a failure. Israeli sources said Sadat's threats of military action were empty because he knows that any military adventures by Egypt are doomed to defeat, Israel's Chief of Staff, Gen. David Elazar, has stated recently that Israel would react with utmost severity to any Egyptian military action even if it is regarded as "limited."

NO SERIOUS DIFFERENCES BETWEEN BRITAIN, ISRAEL ON MIDEAST, EMBASSY SAYS

LONDON, April 3 (JTA)--Israel Embassy sources said today that there appeared to be no serious differences between the British and Israeli governments with regard to the position of Egypt and other Middle Eastern countries. The Embassy sources were commenting on today's meeting between Ambassador Michael Comay and Lord Balniel, the Minister of State at the Foreign Office. The hour-long meeting was held at Ambassador Comay's request on the eve of Lord Balniel's departure on a tour of Middle Eastern countries.

According to the Embassy, they also discussed international terrorism. Ambassador Comay reportedly pointed out that coordination between European countries was very vital at this stage to suppress terrorism.

(Israeli sources in Jerusalem have dismissed reports that Britain is seeking to develop a common European front that would apply pressure on Israel to withdraw from the administered Arab territories. According to the reports, the British Secretary of State, John Davies had charged that Israel's stubbornness and rigidity was delaying a general peace settlement in the Middle East. He was reported to have made that remark at a meeting with the West German Foreign Minister, Walter Scheel.)

ARAB ARRESTED AT LONDON AIRPORT PLEADS GUILTY TO CARRYING ARMS

LONDON, April 3 (JTA)--Mohammed Fuheid, 24, a Palestinian Arab arrested at Heathrow Airport two months ago and charged with possession of arms and explosives, pleaded guilty in court today to possession of arms. But he denied charges involving possession of plastic explosives. Explosives, a pistol and ammunition were found in the false bottom of his suitcase when he arrived at Heathrow with a false passport. The trial will continue tomorrow.

The first of 16 volumes covering the complete works of the German-Jewish writer and poet Heinrich Heine, banned during the Nazi era, has been published by Hoffmann and Campe, of Hamburg. The costly project is financed by the cities of Dusseldorf, where Heine was born, by Hamburg, the Cultural Ministry of North Rhine-Westphalia, the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique of Paris, and the German Research Society.

TWO JEWS WHO APPLIED FOR VISAS ON TRIAL IN USSR

LONDON, April 3 (JTA)--The trials of two Russian Jews, both of whom had applied for exit visas and were rejected, were reported by Jewish sources in the Soviet Union today. The trial of Isaac Shkolnik, charged with spying for Israel, continued today in a courtroom set up in a brick factory in Vinnitsa, Ukraine, under circumstances suggesting a secret trial. All outsiders, including members of Shkolnik's family, are barred from the courtroom. It was learned that 46 witnesses have been called, with some instructed to appear on April 10, meaning that a verdict is unlikely before April 12 at the earliest.

In Leningrad, a trial was opened against Nikolai Yavor, a mathematician and Jewish activist on charges of a misdemeanor for which the usual punishment is one year in a forced labor camp, the sources reported. Yavor and his wife, a geologist, were asked to pay \$14,000 for exit visas at the end of 1972 but were unable to raise the money. Yavor lost his job and a few weeks later was sentenced to a 10-day jail term for being "drunk and disorderly." The sources said that Yavor does not drink.

NOTHING TO JUSTIFY ENDING STRUGGLE FOR SOVIET JEWS, PINCUS SAYS

JERUSALEM, April 3 (JTA)--Louis Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive has urged continued pressure on the Soviet government to end restrictions on Jewish emigration to Israel. The number of Jewish academicians exempted from paying the education head tax is increasing but that does not necessarily indicate anything significant in terms of the long-range policies of the Soviet authorities, Pincus told a Jewish Agency meeting yesterday.

He said that even if the diploma tax is lifted, it would not signal an end to the problems of liberating Soviet Jews. "There is nothing that could justify a reduction in the fight to free the Jews from Russia," Pincus added, noting that Jews in the U.S., Britain and other countries were continuing the struggle. Pincus reported that efforts were also underway to rescue Jews in Syria and Iraq.

CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE BACKS JACKSON-MILLS-VANK AMENDMENTS

SACRAMENTO, April 3 (JTA)--The California State Senate and Assembly adopted a joint resolution today urging President Nixon to support and Congress to enact legislation to amend the East-West Trade Act so as to deny most favored nation status to the Soviet Union as long as it restricts the emigration of its citizens by imposing oppressive taxes or by other means.

Harold B. Light, vice-chairman of the California Union of Councils for Soviet Jewry, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the initiative for the joint resolution originated with his group after the New York State Legislature adopted a similar one last month. He said that when they learned of the action in Albany "we immediately informed our Senator, Milton Marks and our Assemblyman, Willie L. Brown Jr." who co-sponsored the resolution in the California State Legislature.

The resolution in effect calls for support and enactment of the Jackson and Mills-Vank amendments currently pending in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Light said copies of the California resolution would be sent to President Nixon, to the Vice President and to the entire California Congressional delegation. Light noted

that California's two U.S. Senators, Alan Cranston and John V. Tunney, both Democrats, were early supporters of the Jackson Amendment and that more than two-thirds of California's House delegation backs the Mills-Vank measure.

500 ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICES FOR LEO BERNSTEIN

NEW YORK, April 3 (JTA)--Prominent national and local Jewish leaders were among more than 500 persons who attended funeral services here today for Leo Bernstein, the executive vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, who died suddenly yesterday at the age of 61. Ambassador David Rivlin, the Consul General of Israel, paid tribute to Mr. Bernstein. Speaking on behalf of Israel's Ambassador to the United States, Simcha Dinitch, the Ambassador to the United Nations, Yosef Tekoah, as well as for himself, Rivlin praised the late Jewish leader's 23 years of service to Israel through the Israel Bond campaign.

Ira Guilden, president of the Israel Bond Organization eulogized Mr. Bernstein. He spoke for Sam Rothberg, general chairman, Louis Boyar, chairman of the board of governors and Julian B. Venezky, national chairman, all of whom presently are in Israel. The services were conducted by Rabbi Leon Kronish of Miami, chairman of the Rabbinic Cabinet of the Israel Bond Organization and Rabbi Balfour Brickner, of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

ISRAEL-W. GERMAN PHYSICS SYMPOSIUM OPENS AT WEIZMANN INSTITUTE

TEL AVIV, April 3 (JTA)--An Israeli-West Germany physics symposium opened here today marking the tenth anniversary of scientific cooperation between the Weizmann Institute of Science and the Max Planck Society of West Germany. Foreign Minister Abba Eban who spoke briefly at the opening, noted that "scientific cooperation between Israel and Germany has paved the way for vitally important cooperation with other European countries."

About 50 West German scientists have joined 90 Israeli colleagues at the symposium being held at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot. The Ambassador from Bonn, Jesco Von Puttkamer, said scientific relations between his country and Israel were the foundation for political relations between the two nations. He noted that West German Chancellor Willy Brandt will visit Israel in June. The German scientists participating in the physics symposium are headed by Prof. Wolfgang Gentner of the Max Planck Institute and Hans Hilger-Haunschild, State Secretary of the West German Ministry for Research and Technology.

JASCHA HORENSTEIN, VIOLINIST AND CONDUCTOR, DIES AT 74

LONDON, April 3 (JTA)--Jascha Horenstein, the Kiev-born Jewish conductor, died today at the age of 74 in a hospital he entered last week for heart surgery. A violin prodigy at six, he had struggled for many years for recognition in the musical world and attained international fame as a conductor only in his late middle age.

Mr. Horenstein was taken to Germany by his family as a child and studied music in Koentigsberg and in Vienna. He made his conducting debut with the Vienna Symphony in 1923 and later was appointed conductor of the Dusseldorf Opera. Mr. Horenstein was never involved in Jewish affairs. He was a guest conductor of the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra.

RABBI ROSEN SAYS VITAL JEWISH COMMUNITY CAN EXIST IN SOCIALIST SOCIETY

BUCHAREST, April 3 (JTA)--Dr. Moses Rosen, the Chief Rabbi of Rumania, was re-elected president of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Rumania at its annual conference here over the week-end. Dr. Rosen, who heads a 15-member council elected by the Federation, declared in his keynote address that "The experience of the Jewish community in Rumania, which maintained its religious, cultural and national identity, shows that there was no contradiction between a Socialist society and a recognizable Jewish existence."

He added that the existence of a vital Jewish community in no way "cuts across the loyalty of Rumanian Jews to their country and their government." Reports presented at the conference by representatives of 57 Rumanian Jewish communities, indicated that Rumanian Jews were well organized. There are 68 organized Jewish communities and smaller groups in 27 other towns. Rumanian Jews are served by 153 synagogues; 24 Jewish schools or Hebrew courses; 19 ritual baths; and nine Kosher restaurants. The community publishes a fortnightly journal in Rumanian, Yiddish and Hebrew, the "Revista Cultului Mozaic," and an annual almanac containing a Jewish calendar and other information which has a circulation of 16,000.

The social assistance program for Rumanian Jewry which is run with the help of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, has aided about 10,000 Jews since 1967, it was reported at the conference. The assistance includes medical and dental care which employs 30 physicians and dentists and the maintenance of six old-age homes, four in Bucharest.

QUEBEC P.M. PROMISES REMOVAL OF RELIGIOUS INDICATOR FROM TAX FORMS

MONTREAL, April 3 (JTA)--Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa promised a delegation of the Canadian Jewish Congress yesterday that all questions regarding religion would soon be removed from tax forms. The Montreal Urban Council had begun to use the letter J on tax bills sent to Jewish taxpayers after a law that went into effect in Jan. abolished the old system of separate tax lists for Jews, Catholics and Protestants. The assessment bills of Catholics and Protestants are marked C and P in the "religious code" box.

Montreal area Jews, some of them concentration camp survivors, protested recently against the J on their tax forms which they said was reminiscent of the J the Nazis had forced Jews to wear. Murray Spiegel, chairman of the CJC's Eastern Region, said after the meeting with Premier Bourassa that "This has been a source of great concern to Jewish people since it evoked memories of the 1939-45 period when Jews were forced to bear symbols indicating their religion."

CHARGE POLISH AUTHORITIES FALSIFY HISTORY WITH REGARD TO JEWISH-RESISTANCE ROLE

LONDON, April 3 (JTA)--The Association of Polish Jews in Great Britain accused the Polish government today of trying to falsify history with regard to the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and other Jewish acts of resistance against the Nazis. A statement issued by David Kuperman, acting chairman of the group and Edward S. Madames, its honorary secretary, claimed that the Polish authorities "are deliberately misrepresenting the

events of that era, and especially the events relating to Jewish resistance."

They said that "pressure has been brought to bear upon the Jewish Historical Institute in Poland to present the revolt in the Warsaw Ghetto not as a heroic act of the Jews of the ghetto but merely as an episode within Polish resistance to German occupation." The statement said that pressure was exerted on individual Jews as well as on Jewish bodies invited to attend a symposium of Jewish scholars in Warsaw.

"This symposium is being officially organized by the Jewish Historical Institute which has of late been forced to become an instrument of official Polish propaganda. This falsifying of Jewish history started under Gomulka and is being practiced with greater intensity by his successors," the statement said.

WARTIME ENVOY DEFENDS POLAND'S RECORD ON ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, April 3 (JTA)--Count Edward Raczyński, the wartime Polish Ambassador to Britain, has taken sharp issue with an author who claimed in a recently published book that "Polish anti-Semitism was almost as virulent as was the German brand." The book, "The Vatican in the Age of the Dictators," by Anthony Rhodes, deals mainly with Pope Pius XII. In a letter published in The Times today, Count Raczyński claimed that Rhodes told half truths with regard to Poland's attitude toward the Jews.

"It is a fact that thanks to the tolerance my country has shown since the middle ages, Poland became a place of refuge for the Jews persecuted in Western Europe, England included, and as a result, Poland's Jewish citizens in the year preceding the outbreak of the last war numbered over three million and formed about ten percent of the country's total population," the former envoy wrote.

He conceded that "Poland had anti-Semitic elements but this was by no means universal and the Jews exerted a considerable influence not only in business but also in parliament and in the press." Count Raczyński claimed that "news about massacres of Jews in Nazi extermination camps on Polish soil reached London not thanks to the indiscretion of the German Wehrmacht but through Polish emissaries and it was the Polish government in London which gave it the maximum publicity." He added, "I myself spoke on many occasions on public platforms about these crimes. In Nazi-occupied Poland, massacres of our own kith and kin matched the massacres of Jews. But although the sheltering of Jews was punished by death, such acts of courage and generosity were common all over the country." Count Raczyński said that thanks to these acts and others by the Polish underground, about 80,000 Jews were able to survive in Poland.

GOLDMANN BELIEVES MIDEAST PEACE CHANCES BEST IN 25 YEARS

BRUSSELS, April 3 (JTA)--Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, said today that he felt a great majority of Israelis were ready to make major concessions to secure peace and that the Arab states were prepared to recognize Israel and give up the pursuit of a military solution to the Middle East conflict. "For the first time in the 25 years of Israel's existence, I am optimistic about the chances for a settlement with the Arabs," Goldmann told a press conference here.