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## CABINET UPHOLDS BAN ON LAND PURCHASES BY JEWS IN ADMINISTERED TERRITORIES

JERUSALEM, April 8 (JTA)--The Cabinet decided today against permitting Israeli firms or individuals to buy land in the administered territories. The Cabinet acted on the matter at a three-and-a-half hour session during which the principal proponents of free land purchases in the territories--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro--withdrew their proposals to legalize such transactions.

Dayan, Shapiro and Religious Affairs Minister Zerach Warhaftig who had a similar proposal, reportedly backed down at the urging of Premier Golda Meir. Mrs. Meir had said categorically that she would not support proposals to change the existing situation.

The Cabinet's decision was seen as a blow to Gen. Dayan who has been taking his advocacy of free land purchases by Israelis to the public in recent weeks. He had no comment today but his office issued a brief statement saying that the Defense Minister still believed his position was the right one. Absorption Minister Natan Peled and Health Minister Victor Shentov, both of Mapam, told reporters they were delighted with the decision. It was also welcomed by West Bank Arab leaders. Welfare Minister Michael Hazani of the National Religious Party said he was disappointed.

There was no announcement of any Cabinet decision on how to deal with the hundreds of Israelis who have reportedly made land deals with Arabs on the West Bank and other administered territories using irrevocable powers of attorney rather than normal sales contracts. Such activities are illegal and carry a penalty of up to five years in jail.

Under the present law, land purchases in the territories by Israelis require a license from the Military Governor. Under present policies, only Arabs or the Israel Lands Authority receive such licenses. Israeli Jews and foreign nationals are denied them, government sources said.

Cabinet and Foreign Ministry spokesmen refused to comment today on speculation that the Cabinet acted to ban land purchases after intervention by certain Western governments. Some observers here believe there probably was contact on the matter with the U.S. Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Yosef Tekoah, met with Secretary General Kurt Waldheim at the latter's request today. It is not known whether the land matter was raised but Cabinet ministers knew of the meeting beforehand.

The matter of Israeli land purchases in the territories was the cause of a deepening split within the Labor Party. Dayan's position has been that Israelis should be permitted to buy land anywhere in the "homeland." But Foreign Minister Abba Eban cautioned last week that such a policy could get Israel involved in political and even military entanglements it did not want. Eban was apparently referring to the fact that any government is duty bound to protect its citizens' property. The future of the administered territories has not been decided.

The Mayor of Nablus, Sheikh Maazu el Maari,

said today that the Cabinet decision was a right one. "We are under military occupation and such a situation forbids any change in the status quo," he said. Sheikh Mohammed Ali el Jaabari, the Mayor of Hebron expressed similar sentiments. He thanked the government for upholding the policy that only Arabs may buy land in the territories.

## RESTRICTIONS ON IMMIGRANTS' PRIVILEGES TO BE DEFERRED SIX MONTHS

JERUSALEM, April 8 (JTA)--A series of regulations curtailing the privileges of new immigrants to import foreign goods duty free will be postponed for six months, it was learned today. The Finance Ministry, which had originally urged the restrictions, has recommended to the Knesset Finance Committee that implementation of the new regulations be deferred until Jan. 1, 1974, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed by a Ministry source. The regulations were to go into effect this July 1.

The Knesset committee is expected to accept the recommendation. A Finance Ministry spokesman stressed, however, that the postponement did not imply abandonment of the restrictions. "After Jan. 1 there is nothing anyone can do any more," he said.

The regulations would prohibit new immigrants, among other things, from receiving packages from abroad duty free. They would end their privileges of importing goods duty free from any country except their country of origin. The new rules stirred widespread protests among immigrants and immigrant associations in Israel when they were first announced several months ago. The Finance Ministry's recommendation to hold off on implementation is believed to have been in response to complaints from thousands of immigrants that their three-year period of rights was being curtailed. The immigrants were supported by the joint customs authority-immigrant associations committee.

Jewish Agency Executive chairman Louis Pincus promised months ago to try to have the new regulations rescinded altogether. He said they had been recommended in the first place as a means of reducing anti-immigrant sentiment among Israelis who feel that newcomers receive too many privileges. Pincus contended that the new rules would only harm aliyah.

## PRO-ARAB MP PROTESTS DUKE'S PARTICIPATION IN JNF FETE

LONDON, April 8 (JTA)--A pro-Arab Labor MP accused the Royal Palace yesterday of having made "a serious error of judgement" in agreeing that the Duke of Edinburgh would address a Jewish National Fund dinner here May 7 marking the establishment of a forest in Israel in honor of the Queen's Silver Wedding anniversary. Prince Philip will speak at the dinner and will be presented with a special volume marking the event.

Christopher Mayhew, a champion of the Arab cause in and out of Parliament said in a statement that the Palace advisors "should distinguish more carefully between showing good will toward the Jewish community in Britain and giving political support to a state which in the eyes of the world is almost as controversial and unpopular as South Africa." Mayhew, who served as Undersecretary at the Foreign Office when the late Ernest Bevin

was Britain's Foreign Minister, also accused the Jewish community of "at best...an error of judgment" and "at worst they have taken the Palace for a ride."

Michael Fidler, a Conservative MP who is president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, stated that the one million tree forest in honor of the Queen and the Royal Consort was intended as "a token of respect and admiration" and has no political significance.

The campaign to raise money for the forest went on for over a year without reaction from either the Arabs or their friends here. Mayhew's ire was apparently aroused by the recent announcement that Prince Philip would address the public dinner at the Guild Hall. Arab ambassadors have reportedly discussed the matter and are said to be planning a joint protest to the Foreign Office. A Foreign Office source told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "We are not involved. This is a symbolic gesture and it is between Her Majesty and her citizens. It has no political aspect whatsoever."

#### DIGNITARIES ATTEND STATE DEPT. CEREMONY TURNING OVER \$31 M TO UIA FOR RESETTLEMENT OF SOVIET JEWISH REFUGEES IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 8 (JTA)--Prominent governmental figures of the United States and Israel, including newly arrived Ambassador Simcha Dinits, joined with leaders of the American Jewish community Friday to mark the signing of agreements under which the U.S. government made \$31-million available for the resettlement in Israel of Soviet Jewish refugees.

In brief ceremonies in the Thomas Jefferson Room at the State Department, Frank Kellogg, Special Assistant to Secretary of State William P. Rogers for Refugee and Migration Affairs, signed a contract transferring the funds to the United Israel Appeal, an accredited American voluntary agency. Melvin Dubinsky of St. Louis, president and chairman of the UIA board, and Gottlieb Hammer, of New York, UIA's executive vice-chairman, signed for the agency. The UIA immediately transferred the funds to the Jewish Agency with Max M. Fisher of Detroit, chairman of that Agency's Board of Governors, signing an agreement that the organization would use the funds as contracted with the U.S. government.

The \$31 million will be drawn from the \$50 million appropriated by the U.S. Congress for resettlement of Soviet refugees of whatever racial or religious background or to whatever country will receive them. Thus far, most of the refugees have gone to Israel. However, \$500,000 has been made available to other voluntary organizations to help refugees resettle in countries other than Israel.

Following the ceremonies, Fisher hosted a luncheon at the International Club with about 40 guests in attendance. Among them were Senators Edmund S. Muskie (D, Maine) and Jacob K. Javits (R, N.Y.), and Reps. Gerald Ford (R, Mich.), the Republican minority leader; Jonathan B. Bingham (D, N.Y.); and John Buchanan (R, Ala.) who spoke of the humanitarian impulses behind the granting of the funds for the refugees in keeping with American traditions. Ambassador Dinits, who arrived in Washington eight days ago to take up his duties has not yet gone to the White House to present his official credentials owing to President Nixon's absence from Washington. He led a group of Israeli officials attending the luncheon.

State Department representatives included Assistant Secretaries of State Walter Stoessel

(Europe); Joseph J. Sisco (Near East); and Marshall Wright (Congressional relations). Leonard Garment, Special Assistant to the President, represented the White House.

In addition to the principals at the signing ceremonies, other guests were Jacob Stein, president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency; Albert Adelman, vice-chairman of UIA; Maurice H. Boukstein, UIA counsel; Zelig Chnincs, UIA resident representative in Israel; Aron Laor, UIA special consultant based in Geneva and Gaynor Jacobson, executive vice-president of the United Hias Service.

#### POLICE SAY EITHER PALESTINIANS OR ISRAELIS MURDERED IRAQI PROF. IN PARIS

PARIS, April 8 (JTA)--French police are convinced that the Iraqi law professor shot to death here early Friday was murdered for political reasons. Police sources said that 40-year-old Basil Raoud el-Kubaisi was killed by either dissident Palestinian elements or "Israeli agents."

According to a statement released Friday in Beirut by the Palestine Liberation Organization, el-Kubaisi was one of the leaders of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. The statement said that he was shot "while carrying out a mission in Paris." It accused "imperialist intelligence and Zionism" of having murdered him. The statement also charged French police with "complicity" in the killing. It alleged local police "are doing nothing to prevent Israeli agents from operating in France."

El Kubaisi was gunned down shortly after midnight Friday by two men who had followed him for some time and opened fire at point blank range with pistols equipped with silencers. The Iraqi, a professor of international law at the American University in Beirut, died on the spot from eight bullets in the head and one in the heart. Police have only a scant description of the two assailants believed to be in their late twenties or early thirties.

#### SUEZ CANAL NOT FUTURE BORDER BUT SHARM-EL-SHEIKH VITAL TO ISRAEL, MRS. MEIR SAYS

JERUSALEM, April 8 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir said here that Egypt should be prepared to recognize that Sharm-el-Sheikh constitutes a vital interest for Israel. She added, however, that Israel must understand at the same time that Egypt would not be able to sign a peace agreement that kept Israeli troops on the Suez Canal.

Mrs. Meir spoke at the closing session of the three-day Board of Governors meeting of the Hebrew University Thursday night. The Premier noted that the majority of Israelis did not consider the Suez Canal as the final border between Israel and Egypt. She also stressed that Sharm el-Sheikh was important to Egypt only for placing cannons there to block Israeli shipping.

Mrs. Meir said she was convinced that Jordanian King Hussein sincerely wanted peace, but signing a peace agreement with him would not guarantee that some future Jordanian government would live up to its terms. She noted that Arab terrorists have said that they would kill Hussein if he signed a peace agreement with Israel.

#### CORRECTION

Due to an error in production, page one of the JTA Daily News Bulletin of Friday, April 6 was inadvertently mis-dated April 5.

## PROF. CASSIN CONFIDENT ISRAEL WILL BRIDGE SOCIAL GAP

NEW YORK, April 8 (JTA)--Prof. Rene Cassin, the Nobel Laureate, expressed confidence today in the ability of the State of Israel and its Sephardic community to solve their problems through mutual respect of different traditions. Addressing a Yeshiva University Sephardic Heritage Convocation, the 87-year-old French jurist and humanitarian called for unity among all Jews in face of a possible "return of discrimination and slaughter." Yeshiva University awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree to Dr. Cassin, former chairman of the United Nations Human Rights Commission, who won the 1968 Nobel Peace Prize.

Prof. Cassin referred to the "very great number of Jews coming from Moslem countries and Mediterranean shores to Israel." He said "The Sephardic world which has been lately moved to leave the Moslem countries still living in the past was suddenly transferred into a modern world where, momentarily, it may have forgotten to get informed with the traditional particularities of the modern surroundings. It thus found itself placed at a lower level, especially in Israel, because it was not fully prepared...for its new life, and also found a totally different government and administration composed of people of different origins."

Dr. Cassin said "This difficult period of transition has nothing to do with voluntary injustices, still less with masked persecutions. But it is necessary that this situation comes soon to an end."

Dr. Cassin addressed a luncheon meeting last Thursday of the American Friends of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, the French organization of which he is president. He said that "when conditions of peace with justice prevail, mankind will be able to profit fully from the ancient and modern contributions of Judaism to the moral and cultural progress of the world." The Alliance, founded 113 years ago, maintains all-day schools in Israel and in other countries of the Middle East and North Africa.

## SEPHARDIC SPOKESMAN ASKS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Pincus Says Problem Is Much Deeper

TEL AVIV, April 8 (JTA)--Mordechai Elkayam, chairman of the Sephardic Federation, urged a special educational program and grants for Sephardic youths at a meeting here today. He was told by Jewish Agency Executive chairman Louis Pincus, however, that educational aid would only scratch the surface of the problem of Israel's underprivileged Sephardic community.

Elkayam addressed a special meeting of the World Zionist Labor movement secretariate. He called for more "shellim" (emissaries) to Sephardic communities abroad and stressed his Federation's efforts to involve Sephardic communities throughout the world in Zionist activities and in the social problems of Israel.

Pincus said 2000 fellowships for academic studies by Sephardic youths would solve nothing. He noted that only six percent of Sephardic youngsters reach the matriculation stage compared to 35 percent of Ashkenazic youth. This means that 94 percent of Sephardic youth does not even reach the stage where they can apply for fellowships, Pincus said. He said the solution was much deeper and could be found only in improving the basic conditions of Sephardic youth at the family level.

## EDUCATION TAX WAIVED FOR 55 SOVIET JEWS IN MARCH; KIEV JEWS REFUSED VISAS

LONDON, April 8 (JTA)--Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today that during March 1973 the ovir (visa bureau) in Moscow exempted 46 graduates from paying the education tax on their exit visas. One graduate was exempted in Novosibirsk, and two each were exempted in Kiev, Kishinev, Riga and Smolensk.

The sources said that apart from these two, no graduates left Kiev during March. A number of Jews without university education were given exit visas but many more were refused. The refusals in Kiev are now differently worded. Applicants are told "come back after two or three years," the sources reported. The family of Jacob Blank on the collective farm of Zaporozhye, near Kiev, was told, "The collective farm is against your leaving them."

A group of Kiev Jews has written to the head of the Rothschild family in France asking him to intervene on their behalf so that they could obtain exit visas for Israel.

## REPORT 4 PERCENT OF SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRES LEAVE ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 8 (JTA)--The Absorption Ministry has estimated that four percent of the Russian immigrants arriving in Israel have decided to re-emigrate to other countries, compared to eight percent of all other immigrants who have decided to leave.

These and other figures dealing with Soviet Jewish emigres were reported in the newspaper Maariv. The time period to which the figures pertained was not made clear. According to the Absorption Ministry, some fifty requests a month are filed by Russian Jews seeking to leave Israel. Another apparently less official estimate, reported by Maariv, put the number of Russian immigrants leaving Israel at 1200 yearly. Close to 50,000 Russian immigrants arrived in Israel in the last two years, 16,000 in 1971, and 32,000 last year. The same rate of Soviet aliya has been maintained during the first quarter of 1973.

Aharon Amit, director of absorption services for the Absorption Ministry conceded in the Maariv story that the number of Russian immigrants planning to leave Israel is on the increase, largely because of an oversaturated economy where many Russian skills are not saleable.

## MARINA TIEMKIN FOUND IN YOUTH CAMP, PERMITTED BRIEF VISIT BY FATHER

NEW YORK, April 8 (JTA)--Marina Tiemkin, a 13-year-old girl forcibly separated from her father, Alexander Tiemkin several weeks ago, has been found in a Soviet youth pioneer camp in southern Russia where she is reportedly undergoing "intensive indoctrination," it was learned today from various groups in contact with Jewish sources in the Soviet Union. The sources said Alexander Tiemkin was permitted to visit his daughter for two hours recently and then ousted from the camp.

The father and daughter applied for exit visas to emigrate to Israel. The girl was denied a visa when her mother, who is divorced from Tiemkin, refused to grant her permission to leave the country. Soviet rules require such permission from a parent or guardian, even in the case of adults. Tiemkin refused to depart without the girl and was subsequently charged with "insulting the militia." He is presently awaiting trial in Moscow.

# JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS SAY THEY WILL CONTINUE FIGHT FOR OUSTER OF FUENTES FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT Official Report Clears Him Of Anti-Semitism 'At Present Time'

NEW YORK, April 8 (JTA)--Three Jewish organizations which have been seeking the ouster of Luis Fuentes as a city school district superintendent on charges of anti-Semitic and other forms of bigotry denounced yesterday a report clearing Fuentes of the charges. The three agencies--the American Jewish Congress, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Jewish Labor Committee--said they intended to continue their fight and would confer over the weekend on "our next steps."

The report was made by Vincent Broderick, a former New York City Police Commissioner, now an attorney, who was named hearing officer by School Chancellor Harvey Scribner several months ago. Broderick was named to examine the charges that Fuentes was anti-Semitic and not fit to serve as superintendent of School District No. 1 on Manhattan's Lower East Side.

The District I board, which was charged by the three Jewish agencies with dereliction of duty in hiring Fuentes, was cleared of those charges in the Broderick report. The three agencies accused Broderick of inconsistency, declaring that while the Broderick report "asserts that Fuentes is 'at the present time, neither a bigot nor a racist,' the report also recommends that the school board instruct Fuentes to refrain, in the future, from comments, public or private, of a slurring nature toward, or about, any racial, ethnic or religious groups, and from comments which have even the appearance of such slurring nature."

## Say Bigotry Charges Not Disproved

The three Jewish agencies, in their joint statement, said that the Broderick report "did not dispute the fact that Fuentes had made bigoted statements; its ruling was based on the examiner's interpretation of a technicality. Nowhere in the course of the hearing were our charges relating to Fuentes' bigotry disproved."

The statement also said "we are appalled by the report's conclusion that the Chancellor cannot take disciplinary action against a community superintendent. The report's ruling that the final disposition of the matter rests with the local school board puts us right back on the merry-go-round the Chancellor's office set up last summer when the Fuentes appointment was announced." The statement said "it should be obvious" that a board that named a Fuentes "is unfit to pass judgement on its own conduct." The statement also said "the continuing ethnic controversy" in District I would "never be resolved by permitting anti-Semitism and racism to be ignored or swept under the rug."

Broderick held, in effect, that clearly prejudiced statements made several years ago by Fuentes were "time-barred by the three-year provisions of Education Law" and that a speech by Fuentes at the Board of Education on May 7, 1970, in which he said he was being dismissed because he was "uncircumcized," was not anti-Semitic because Fuentes asserted he had not meant it to be.

## BLACK CONVERT TO JUDAISM ELECTED TO BOARD OF JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, April 8 (JTA)--Donald W. Jones, 36-year-old Deputy Director of Community

Relations Services in the Federal Justice Department, who is Black and Jewish, was unanimously elected to the board of the Jewish Social Service Agency of Washington it was announced here. Jones, a native of Orlando, Florida, and son of the late Rev. John Jones who was a minister of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, is believed to be the first Black Jew named to the directorate of a community-wide Jewish organization in the United States.

He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he was converted to Judaism in 1968 by Reform Rabbi Joseph Narot of Miami. His wife, Carole, is a Methodist. Their eight-year-old son, Donald Jr., is receiving instruction in Judaism at home from his father who plans to place him in a Hebrew school soon.

Jones practiced law in Miami and was active in civil rights before joining the Justice Department agency which seeks to mediate racial disputes. Julius Sankin, president of JSSA told the JTA that in electing Jones to the board "my feeling and the feeling of all the directors is that he is eminently qualified and interested in serving the community and the JSSA board" of fifty members. Jones' election followed a demand by the Health and Welfare Council of the United Givers Fund that member groups include representatives of minorities on their boards on a quota system.

Sankin stressed that election of Jones was "not predicated in any sense" on the HWC's policy. JSSA was one of three Jewish social agencies warned that it would be deprived of financial aid from the area-wide United Givers Fund by Sept. 1 if it did not have representatives of Blacks or Spanish-speaking persons. At a meeting of HWC officials with leaders of the three Jewish agencies, agreement was reached dropping quotas for Jewish groups which pledged to increase efforts to aid minorities in their jurisdictions.

## EXTRADITION HEARINGS ON MRS. RYAN START TODAY

NEW YORK, April 8 (JTA)--Extradition hearings will open here tomorrow for Mrs. Hermine Braunsteiner Ryan, a former Nazi concentration camp guard wanted in West Germany on war crimes charges. Federal Judge Jacob Mishler refused Friday to delay the hearings. The delay was sought by Mrs. Ryan's attorney, Leo Barry, who contended that her U.S. citizenship was revoked illegally by immigration officials in 1971.

Mrs. Ryan was arrested two weeks ago after an extradition request from authorities in Bonn caused a halt in deportation proceedings against her by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. Judge Mishler twice denied bail and she has been confined to a women's prison. Mrs. Ryan, who is married to an American citizen, lost her citizenship after it was determined that she had gained it ten years ago by concealing the fact that she was convicted by an Austrian court in 1949 of brutality toward concentration camp inmates. She served as a guard at Maidanek in Poland and at other concentration camps.

The Polish government has also reportedly asked for Mrs. Ryan's extradition. The charges against her in West Germany include helping to select Jewish women and children for the gas chambers.

Dr. Martin Luther King Sr., father of the late Black civil rights leader, ended his visit to Israel today.