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TWO JEWISH SPY-RING MEMBERS GET 7 YEARS; FOUR ARABS GET 6-10 YEARS

TEL AVIV, May 13 (JTA)--Yehezkel Cohen and David Kupfer, members of a Syrian-directed Arab-Jewish spy ring, were each sentenced today to seven years imprisonment by a Haifa district court. Four Arabs tried with them received sentences of 6-10 years.

Cohen and Kupfer were the second pair of Jews to receive prison terms in connection with the spy ring's activities. Both confessed to acts aimed at overthrowing the Israeli government by force. They were allegedly recruited into the spy ring by Ehud Adiv and Dan Vered who were sentenced last month to prison terms of 17 and 10 years respectively.

Hagop Anteryessian, a young photographer from the Armenian quarter of East Jerusalem, was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment Friday for spying and maintaining contact with the enemy. Anteryessian was found guilty of meeting two Soviet agents in Beirut last summer and carrying out their instructions to collect information about political affairs in Israel. He was also ordered to watch the Armenian Patriarch in Jerusalem and report any contacts the latter might have with Defense Minister Moshe Dayan or other Israeli ministers.

JTA CORRESPONDENT ATTACKED

COPENHAGEN, May 13 (JTA)--The Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent in Copenhagen, Elie Kohen, was slightly injured here yesterday afternoon when he was attacked by several Palestinian left-wing demonstrators. He was covering a pro-Palestinian demonstration in front of the Israeli Embassy. The police did not intervene to rescue Kohen who was assaulted by some 10 people and had his camera stolen. About 150 people, mostly left-wing Danes and a number of Arab students, participated in the demonstration. There were no other incidents.

FRANCE PRESSING BOLIVIA FOR EXTRADITION OF BARBIE

PARIS, May 13 (JTA)--The French government announced yesterday that it will continue to "do everything within its means" to obtain the extradition of Klaus Barbie, the former Gestapo commander of Lyons, from Bolivia. Deputy Foreign Minister Jean de Lipkowsky told parliament "the extradition of Barbie is a national cause. I want this to be known in France and abroad."

He said the French government has contacted the Bolivian authorities "at the highest possible level" and has obtained the assurance that Bolivia is prepared to help in bringing Barbie to justice. The Minister said Barbie's extradition might be decided by Bolivia's Supreme Court before the end of the month.

Barbie is charged with the murder of former French national resistance leader Jean Moulin and with the deportation to death camps of thousands of Jewish women and children. Sentenced to death in absentia by a French court after the war, he found asylum in South America and became a Bolivian citizen. At the time he was tracked down he was using the alias of Klaus Altmann.

PRAYER RALLY, MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD FOR SLAIN IRAQI JEWS

JERUSALEM, May 13 (JTA)--Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef led a mass prayer rally and memorial service today at the Ramat Gan synagogue in memory of Jews reported slain in Iraq. These include five members of the family of Reuven Kashkosh who were reported gunned down by Iraqi secret police in their Baghdad home April 12.

Knesset member Moshe Shachal said Friday that the Christian churches in Switzerland have promised to intercede on behalf of Dori Kashkosh, the sole surviving member of the Kashkosh family. Shachal said that the International Red Cross was also intervening with the Iraqi government on behalf of Dori who is reportedly staying with a Jewish family in Baghdad, surnamed Shoukry.

It was learned today that memorial services for slain Iraqi Jews were held yesterday at the Choral Synagogue in Bucharest, led by Rumania's Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen. He eulogized the victims and read a list of names of Iraqi Jews reportedly missing or kidnapped. He demanded that they be freed and that the dead be buried according to Jewish rites. (An open air memorial service for the Kashkosh family was held yesterday outside the Iraqi Embassy in London.)

IMMIGRANTS STAGE HUNGER STRIKE TO PROTEST AGAINST LACK OF HOUSING Officials Say Protest Unjustified

TEL AVIV, May 13 (JTA)--About 150 recently arrived immigrants from the Soviet Union began a 48-hour hunger strike at the Shave Zion absorption center this morning to protest the failure of Israeli officials to provide them with permanent living quarters. Absorption Ministry officials claimed the protest was totally unjustified.

The immigrants, who include physicians, engineers and technicians, have been at the absorption center in northern Israel for four-and-a-half months. They claimed that permanent flats were available but that they were offered only temporary rented flats. They also said the Jewish Agency has told them they would have to leave the absorption center despite the fact that most of them are still jobless.

Baruch Zevulun, an Absorption Ministry spokesman, said that 15 of the 55 families at the center have been given permanent flats and the others were offered rented flats near their places of work. He said most of the newcomers were already working or had found jobs and that those still unemployed had been advised to move to another absorption center until they find jobs.

KISSINGER: SOVIET LEADERS WERE ASSURED BREZHNEV WILL BE TREATED WITH RESPECT DURING U.S. VISIT

WASHINGTON, May 13 (JTA)--Henry Kissinger, President Nixon's national security advisor, asked all Americans yesterday to bear in mind the important purposes of Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev's forthcoming visit to the U.S. Dr. Kissinger, who returned from a five-day visit to Moscow, made the remark at a White House press briefing when he was asked if the Russians expressed concern for Brezhnev's security, particularly in view of the attitude of some American Jews toward the visit. "There was no

concern expressed by Mr. Brezhnev or any of his senior colleagues about the physical arrangements for his trip," Dr. Kissinger said.

He added: "We have assured the Soviet leaders that they would be treated with the courtesy and respect consistent with the considerable importance we attach to the improvement of our relationship and we have every hope that all Americans will bear in mind that Mr. Brezhnev will be here as a guest of the U.S. government for extremely important purposes in connection with the peace of the world." Brezhnev's American visit June 18-26 was announced yesterday by the White House.

Dr. Kissinger was asked whether the Soviet leaders were aware of the Congressional opposition to trade concessions to the USSR as long as that country restricts the emigration of its citizens, particularly Jews. He replied that "the Congressional reluctance concerns not so much trade deals as the most favored nation clause and of course the Soviet leaders are aware of the fact that there is some opposition in the form of the Jackson Amendment to the Administration's proposal."

MFN Integral Part Of Negotiations

Dr. Kissinger asserted: "We, the Administration and the President, very strongly hold the view which I expressed before I left, that the MFN status with the Soviet Union is an integral part of the whole complex of negotiations and should not be isolated as a separate American measure for which we can exact additional concessions."

Some observers here felt that Dr. Kissinger was understating the temper of Congress when he described the Jackson Amendment which enjoys overwhelming support in the Senate as a form of "some opposition" to the Administration's trade bill.

They also observed that while Dr. Kissinger said the U.S. should not attempt to gain additional concessions from Moscow by isolating the MFN issue from the rest of the U.S.-Soviet negotiations, the Russians had done substantially the same thing by imposing the education tax on emigrants and subsequently suspending it to gain additional concessions from the U.S.

Dr. Kissinger told the newsmen, "We have in the past brought to the attention of the Soviet leaders the impact of the Jewish question on the American domestic situation. As you know, we have made considerable progress in the sense that the Soviet leaders have formally acknowledged that they are waiving the exit tax and you can assume that whenever we meet, an occasion is found to bring this to the attention of the Soviet leaders."

Mayor John V. Lindsay of New York, who returned from a visit to the USSR over the weekend, told television news reporters that the condition of Jews there was as bad as ever. City Hall announced that Lindsay would issue a full report on his Russian visit at a later date.

New Break For Divorced Women HUSBAND MUST PAY ALIMONY EVEN IF FORMER SPOUSE IS WORKING

TEL AVIV, May 13 (JTA)--The Rabbinical Court in Haifa has ruled that alimony must be paid by a husband in a divorce case even though the wife may be working. The law had previously stated that if the wife was working the husband did not have to pay alimony. The court found, however, that as more and more women are now working, husbands have been exploiting

the law to exert pressure on their wives.

The ruling was made last week in a case involving a childless couple, both working academicians. For over a year the husband had refused both to agree to a divorce and to pay alimony. The court ruled that payment of alimony in a separation starts as soon as the court approves a divorce, even though the husband does not agree immediately to the actual divorce.

Teamsters' President Feted ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION SELLS UNPRECEDENTED \$26M IN BONDS

WASHINGTON, May 13 (JTA)--The Israel Bond Organization paid tribute here to Frank E. Fitzsimmons, general president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. The gala Thursday night, which celebrated Israel's 25th anniversary and was attended by more than 2500 members of the Teamsters and affiliated unions, produced the unprecedented sale of \$26 million of Israel Bonds.

Speakers included Secretary of the Treasury George Shultz; Labor Secretary Peter Brennan; Gov. William Milliken of Michigan; former U.S. Attorney General Richard Kleindienst; Herbert Stein, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors and Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., Simcha Dinitz. The Israeli envoy substituted for Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban who is visiting the U.S. in behalf of the Bond Organization and was scheduled to address the celebration. Eban, who had an exhausting day of press briefings, meetings with Congressmen and State Department officials, and who earlier in the day addressed a Bond luncheon, was reported ill and could not attend.

Dinitz presented Israel's Silver Anniversary Award to Fitzsimmons in recognition of his leadership in mobilizing American labor's support for Israel's economic development. The Teamster president visited Israel at the personal invitation of Premier Golda Meir last Dec. Upon his return he embarked on the intensive campaign which resulted in Israel Bond sales that broke all records for such activity on the part of a single organization. The Teamsters have for years been large purchasers of Israel Bonds.

Reviewing Israel's 25 years of independence, Dinitz discussed the unresolved conflict in the Middle East and asserted that the strength of Israel was the first prerequisite for peace. Support for Israel through Israel Bonds, he emphasized, would help keep Israel strong and assure the attainment of peace.

In accepting the Israel Award, Fitzsimmons recalled his visit to Israel and said: "It was a golden opportunity for me to see how the people of Israel turned a wilderness into the promised land. While the struggles of the people of Israel are difficult to equate in exact terms to the struggles of the working people of America, there are definite parallels...which form the bond of labor in America with the people of Israel...in common pursuit of freedom and justice."

Carl Bernstein, who along with Bob Woodward was cited in the Pulitzer award to the Washington Post for breaking the Watergate scandal, is a former regional president of Aleph Zaidik Aleph, the teenage boys component of B'nai B'rith. Bernstein who also won, with Woodward, the Sigma Delta Chi, Drew Pearson, and George Polk awards, was a member of the Lincoln Chapter of AZA of Silver Spring, Md., the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization announced.

Hafez Ismail is due in Paris Tuesday for meetings with President Georges Pompidou and other top government officials.

RABBINICAL GROUP URGES POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES IN ALL SYNAGOGUES TO PROTECT JEWISH COMMUNITIES

WASHINGTON, May 13 (JTA)--The Rabbinical Council of America, in its Leadership Legislative Conference here last week, adopted a unanimous resolution urging "the establishment of political action committees in every synagogue across the country in order to safeguard and protect the economic and political status of the American Jewish community."

Elaborating on the Council's action, Rabbi Louis Bernstein, president of the Rabbinical Council, declared, "such political action committees have become an absolute necessity for the Jewish community, not only to promote legislation which they deem for the well being of the American community and which will enhance American freedom and the quality of its life, but also to defend the synagogue and the Jewish community from attacks that now threaten its viability, if not its existence."

The synagogue, he noted, has become "the victim of deteriorating neighborhoods. Its members have abandoned it and it is left alone in the midst of people whom they no longer can serve. Very often these deteriorations take place as a result of direct governmental action that increases the flight of its residents from the area and its deterioration into ethnic ghettos." Rabbi Bernstein stressed, "It is the purpose of the synagogue political action committees to take early steps to prevent such deterioration and to preserve the character and viability of the community." Rabbi Bernstein stated that the political action committees will also "impress upon our people not to run from areas which become racially mixed. On the contrary, we must be the ones who demonstrate how well various racial ethnic and minority groups can live together in peace and in harmony."

Rabbi Fabian Schonfeld, first vice-president of the Council, declared that these committees will also have to cope with the economic and professional pressures which so-called Affirmative Action and Quota Systems have placed upon the Jewish community. "This reverse discrimination causes polarization, bad feeling and what is even more corrosive, destroys the economic basis upon which Jewish communities have been established and have thrived," he said. "It even contributes to the deterioration of Jewish neighborhoods by the mobility which it creates when professional people must travel all across the country to find employment suitable to their abilities."

KAHANE, 3 OTHERS, PLEAD NOT GUILTY TO CHARGE OF ARMS SMUGGLING

TEL AVIV, May 13 (JTA)--Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the Jewish Defense League and three other defendants pleaded not guilty Friday to charges of attempting to smuggle arms out of Israel. Their trial will resume at a date to be announced when the prosecution presents its witnesses.

On trial with Rabbi Kahane are two other JDL members and Amichai Paglin, former operations chief of the underground Irgun Zvai Leumi who is accused of manufacturing the iron crate in which the arms were to have been sent abroad. The crate, containing submachine guns, pistols and hand grenades was intercepted at Lod Airport as it was about to be placed aboard a U.S.-bound plane. The crate was labeled "bisquit machinery."

The official charge against the defendants is "attempting to export arms illegally." The arms are believed to have been intended to fight Arab terrorists abroad.

2000 CIVIL SERVANTS ON STRIKE

JERUSALEM, May 13 (JTA)--Two thousand civil servants began a three-day strike today in support of wage claims which the government wants them to put off until the end of the year. The officials, men and women without university training, rejected an appeal from Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir not to press their wage demands until their contracts expire. The strikers are also demanding that Histadrut recognize them as an independent union and attend to their claims separately from those of other civil servants.

ISRAEL CONSIDERING UNESCO MOVE TO PROBE CHARACTER OF OLD CITY

JERUSALEM, May 13 (JTA)--Israeli officials are considering how to respond to the decision by UNESCO Friday to appoint a representative to visit Jerusalem to investigate and report on changes made by Israel in the character of the Old City. The UNESCO move was instigated by Arab pressure in connection with Israeli archaeological excavations in East Jerusalem.

Informed sources said the issue would be taken up by the Cabinet when Foreign Minister Abba Eban returns from his current visit to the U.S. According to the sources, Israel's attitude will depend to some extent on the person appointed by UNESCO. If the person has a cultural background and is from a nation friendly with Israel he is likely to receive a warmer welcome than someone without those qualifications, the sources said.

The UNESCO decision followed a recent visit here by its director general Rene Maheu who reported back to the UNESCO Executive in Paris. Maheu came here from Jordan where he heard complaints about Israel's archaeological digs. He toured the sites and met with top Cabinet ministers.

W. GERMANY CONCERNED ABOUT MIDEAST

BONN, May 13 (JTA)--West Germany and its European partners continue to be seriously concerned about the existence of tension in the Middle East, Foreign Minister Walter Scheel said here yesterday. Scheel said his forthcoming talks in Cairo (May 20-22), Amman (May 22-24), and Beirut (May 24-25) would help Germany understand better the Arab point of view.

President Anwar Sadat of Egypt also wants to hear of his and Chancellor Willy Brandt's recent conversations with President Nixon and Soviet Communist Party chief Leonid I. Brezhnev. Scheel said that the same applied to Brandt's talks in Israel. These, too, would help towards better understanding, he stated.

Scheel said he was convinced of the possibility of ending the Middle East conflict. All parties are interested in spending money on economic development, not armaments, he said. Europe could help to promote a solution, but not bring about one, according to Scheel. He said this was a matter for the two sides concerned. He promised economic aid from Bonn when a settlement is finally reached.

The Israeli Cabinet decided unanimously today to place the summer visitors scheme for Arabs from neighboring countries on a year-round basis. The proposal was made by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Interior Minister Yosef Burg. Cabinet Secretary Michael Arnon said the same regulations that prevail for Arabs visiting relatives in the administered areas during the summer would be applied to those visiting at other times.

KGB TELLS 50 JEWS' VISAS AVAILABLE IF THEY IMPLICATE DAVIDOVICH Face Trial If They Refuse To Cooperate

NEW YORK, May 13 (JTA)--The Soviet secret police (KGB) has told 50 Russian Jews that they would receive exit visas if they signed confessions implicating Col. Efim Davidovich, who is under criminal investigation in Minsk on charges of anti-Soviet propaganda and concealment of a secret weapon, the American Jewish Congress said it learned Friday in a telephone conversation with a leading Moscow activist.

The Jewish source reported that the 50 Jews are being investigated by the KGB. They had been told, the source disclosed, that refusal to cooperate in implicating Davidovich would result in their being brought to trial along with the retired Army colonel. Davidovich applied for a visa last fall and the KGB investigation began soon afterwards. Since that time, it was reported, he has suffered four heart attacks and his physical condition is poor. His trial is expected in Sept. the AJCongress reported. The charges against him carry a minimum term of 6 months to a maximum of seven years.

The source also said that no exit visas have been granted to Jews by the Moscow ovir during the last 10 days. It was also learned that the Goldstein brothers, who were arrested and later released earlier this year, are now under criminal investigation, as is Yefim Krischevsky of Leningrad, the AJCongress reported.

Earlier, the National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported that the third round of the investigations in Minsk of Davidovich, Lev Ovsishcher, Mikhail Matzitz, Grigory Levin and Grigory Peller, were completed at the end of last week. The four are being charged with anti-Soviet propaganda. The NCSJ also reported that the KGB recently dispatched some of its workers from Minsk to Riga to interrogate activists there in an attempt to prove the existence of a nation-wide Jewish network.

Meanwhile, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported that of the 130 Jews assembled May 9 in a Moscow park to celebrate Israel's 25th anniversary 30 were children. A SSSJ spokesman said this was "very unusual because activists do not normally bring young children with them for rallies or demonstrations." Eleven of the 130 Jews remained in the park overnight and at 5 a.m. the next morning were arrested by militia, the SSSJ reported. They were held in jail for six hours and released. The legal grounds for the arrests were not immediately known.

ISRAEL'S ECONOMY BOOSTED BY \$6M FROM ISRAEL INVESTMENT CLUBS IN U.S. AND CANADA

WASHINGTON, May 13 (JTA)--Israel's economy received a \$6 million boost last year from some 200 "Israel Investment Clubs" in the United States and Canada. Club members earned as high as 10 percent on their investments, the B'nai B'rith Cabinet on Israel Affairs reported at its annual meeting here. B'nai B'rith sponsors more than half of the North American clubs, which invest regularly in securities listed on the Tel Aviv stock exchange. The investments become expansion capital for Israeli companies and hard currency for the country's economy.

Franz Winkler, chairman of the B'nai B'rith Investment Club program, said that few of the clubs showed earnings of less than 6 percent last

year and that club portfolios appreciated substantially in the booming Israeli securities market. The \$6 million invested last year was a "dramatic jump" from \$300,000 invested by clubs in 1970, Winkler said. Most clubs maintain a policy of reinvesting their dividend earnings, he reported.

FRONT FOR SMITH HARANGUING CONGRESSMEN ON MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, May 13 (JTA)--A front organization for notorious anti-Semite Gerald L.K. Smith has deluged Congressmen and Senators with a letter aimed at exacerbating the friendly relations between this country and Israel, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has charged. According to Arnold Forster, ADL's general counsel, the "innocent-sounding letter is a covert means of aiding the Arab propaganda offensive in the United States."

The group, Citizens Congressional Committee, first organized by Smith in 1953, asks in its letter whether the crisis in the Middle East could lead to this country's involvement in a "third World War." The Committee, declaring it is "very much concerned over developments in the Middle East," asks the legislators to respond with their comments. Forster said Smith is expected to use the responses for his own anti-Semitic and anti-Israel ends.

He pointed out there is no indication from the letter itself that the Citizens Congressional Committee is a front for Smith or that its chairman, Roland L. Morgan, who signed the letter, is a nephew of Smith. Opan Tanner White, the only other name on the letter and listed as secretary of the CCC, is a long-time top associate of Smith, the ADL counsel said.

Smith's hate periodical, "The Cross and the Flag," has reported that the CCC's "activities are planned and executed by Gerald L.K. Smith, Director of the (Christian Nationalist) Crusade," the League said. The only address listed on the Citizens Congressional Committee's letter is a Los Angeles post office box number.

UJA, K-H, IN EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

NEW YORK, May 13 (JTA)--Paul Zuckerman, general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, announced the implementation of a program of heightened international cooperation between the UJA and Keren-Hayesod. Keren-Hayesod raises funds in 69 countries around the world in behalf of humanitarian programs in Israel.

Zuckerman said that the program, initiated under the leadership of Edward Ginsberg, president of the UJA and chairman of the World Fund Raising Committee of the Jewish Agency, involved the exchange of leaders of the UJA and Keren-Hayesod Campaigns in an effort to explore new avenues of fund-raising and to share methods that have proven effective.

The new program has opened, Zuckerman said, with Irving Bernstein, UJA executive vice-chairman, addressing Jewish communities in Argentina and Brazil, and Samuel H. Miller, a UJA national chairman, traveling to West Germany to assist the Keren-Hayesod campaign there. Arrangements were made in cooperation with Ezra Shapiro, chairman of Keren-Hayesod, and Shai Kreutner, the Jerusalem-based Jewish Agency's Director General. Bernstein said the purpose of the program is to learn from each other "by reviewing and exploring the skills and tools we need to do the job required of us today."