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**ELAZAR DENIES SYRIAN PWs
WERE MISTREATED BY ISRAEL**

JERUSALEM, June 6 (JTA)--Gen. David Elazar, Chief of Staff of Israel's armed forces, flatly denied yesterday a charge by the Syrian Defense Ministry that Israel had mistreated Syrian-prisoners of war. "There is no truth in the alleged claims," Elazar said in an interview published in the newspaper Yediot Acharonot. He said the Syrians were "throwing sand in the eyes" to divert attention from the charges by three returned Israeli PWs that they had been systematically tortured during their three years of captivity in Syria.

The Syrian Defense Ministry made its charges Monday following Sunday's exchange of three downed Israeli fighter pilots for 46 Syrian PWs, five high ranking officers among them. Israel also returned 10 Lebanese PWs. According to Damascus, the returned PWs claimed that they had been subjected to physical and psychological torture by the Israelis and that they were denied medical treatment.

Elazar said he was at Amadiyeh Junction on the Golan Heights last Sunday morning when the Israeli-Syrian PW exchange took place under Red Cross supervision. He said he personally greeted the Syrians and wished them well on their return to their country. He said he specifically asked them how they were treated and they replied: "We were treated quite well," Elazar said.

He said the only complaint he heard from one of the Syrian PWs was that they were blindfolded after they were taken prisoner and until they reached the PW camp in Israel. The Syrian thought that was "unbecoming for officers."

Elazar said that, on the other hand, the three Israeli PWs suffered horribly at the hands of their captors. "The Syrian treatment of PWs is well known, but I never thought their cruelty would reach such extremes. Our pilots were systematically beaten," he said.

**ONLY 274 OF SOME 60,000 JEWISH
IMMIGRANTS FROM USSR HAVE LEFT
ISRAEL, JEWISH AGENCY REPORTS**

JERUSALEM, June 6 (JTA)--The Jewish Agency reported yesterday that only 274 of more than 60,000 Jewish immigrants who arrived recently from the Soviet Union, have left Israel. The figure was given by Yehuda Dominits, deputy director of the Jewish Agency's aliyah department to correct what he called contradictory reports.

Dominits just returned from Rome where most of the departed immigrants presently live. He said that special emissaries have been sent to Rome by Soviet émigré groups in Israel to determine why their former countrymen left.

The Jewish Agency also announced that it has just ended its first six-week course for future emissaries who will leave Israel shortly to assist Jews in various countries who are planning to immigrate to Israel. The Agency's department of immigration and absorption currently has 137 emissaries on two- and three year missions abroad. The latest group includes lawyers, journalists and teachers.

Their six weeks of preparation included courses in interviewing immigrants, meetings with recently arrived immigrants, studies of absorp-

tion methods, publicity and information techniques. They also studied Israel's political problems and took courses in public speaking.

Debate On Mideast Begins

**TEKOA: ISRAEL WILL NOT AGREE TO
ANY CHANGE IN RESOLUTION 242
ZAYYAT: NO AID TO ISRAEL TO HELP
HER TO CONTINUE OCCUPYING AREAS**

UNITED NATIONS, June 6 (JTA)--Israel declared in the Security Council today that it would not acquiesce in any attempt to tamper with Resolution 242 or be drawn into any process that would introduce third powers into the Middle East conflict "which only the parties themselves can settle." Israel's position was stated by Ambassador Yosef Tekoah at the opening of the Security Council's general debate on the Middle East.

The session was formally opened by Secretary General Kurt Waldheim who asserted that Resolution 242 was still the basis for the search for peace in the Middle East and "indeed at the moment there seem to be few if any practical alternatives."

Tekoah was preceded by Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed H. el-Zayyat who urged the member states to "refrain from giving aid to Israel which might help her in her continued occupation of Arab territories." The Israeli envoy was followed by Jordanian Ambassador Abdul Hamid Sharaf who contended that Israel "created the problem" in the Middle East in 1967 and since then has "worked diligently" to close any avenue for its solution. Following the Jordanian presentation and a brief reply by Tekoah, the session was adjourned until tomorrow.

The opening of the debate, which had as its framework a detailed report by Waldheim on the UN's peace-making efforts since 1967, was marked by relatively mild speeches by the representatives of the adversary states. Tekoah, who prepared his speech several days ago, did not address himself directly to Zayyat's remarks. The bulk of his speech was devoted to a resume of what he characterized as "the melancholy chronicle of peace-making efforts in the last six years."

Will Not Yield To Coercion

He placed the onus of failure squarely on Egypt and said that his country "has repeatedly attempted in the last six years to reach peaceful agreement with Egypt and the other Arab states." Tekoah said that "The government of Israel has repeatedly declared that it does not wish to freeze the existing situation or to perpetuate the cease-fire lines, but to replace them in peace with secure and agreed boundaries to be established through negotiations with each of its Arab neighbors."

He accused Egypt and the other Arab states of attempting "to impose their will through the two Great Powers and through the four permanent members of the Security Council." Anticipating that such efforts would continue to be made during the current Security Council session, the Israeli Ambassador declared:

"Israel is not a country that would yield to coercion.... If there is a message to be retained from that experience (of the last six years) it is that Israel will not be drawn into any process that would introduce third powers, and their own differences, whether as members of committees or

participants in consulting groups, into a conflict which only the parties themselves can settle."

Continuing, Tekoah declared: "Another fundamental premise that emerges from the experience of recent years is that Israel will under no circumstances relinquish the right to establish the boundary of peace in negotiation and agreement nor acquiesce in any other change in the substance, balance or interpretation of Resolution 242... The purpose of Resolution 242 is to establish a new situation and not to restore the one created by the provisional Armistice lines, a situation of vulnerability and peril that resulted in the 1967 hostilities."

Unconditional Withdrawal To Pre-1967 Lines

El-Zayyat assumed the role of spokesman both for Egypt and the Palestinians. He said that Israel's "secure boundaries will not be inside Egyptian territory," asserted that the Palestinian people have a right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries, and called on the member states which have recognized Israel to extend similar recognition to the "Palestinian nation" within the boundaries provided by the United Nations partition resolution of 1947.

He asked the Security Council to resolve that Israel's continued occupation of Arab territories violates that country's obligations under the UN Charter, and declared that the occupation forces must be immediately and unconditionally withdrawn to the line from which they attacked in 1967. Zayyat further urged the member states to "give the victims of aggression every possible assistance" and deny such assistance to Israel.

In a brief exchange between the Israeli and Jordanian representatives, Sharaf accused Israel of oppressing Palestinians in the occupied territories. Tekoah replied that during the 19 years that Jordan dominated the West Bank it did nothing for the Palestinians. He also accused Jordan of misrule in Jerusalem and said that Israel has since made that city a "city of delight for all people."

CHURCH RESOLUTION EXPRESSES 'REGRET' AT ELECTION OF JEWISH MAYOR

JOHANNESBURG, June 6 (JTA)--A resolution of a local committee of the Dutch Reformed Church, which expressed regret at the election of a Jewish mayor in the small town of Odsendaalsrus in the Orange Free State, was the cause of much astonishment here.

The Mayor, Edel Cohen, a well-known businessman in the town and a member of the National Party, was elected by a predominantly Nationalist town council. Many church members have expressed resentment at their church committee's action and have called on Cohen to express their feelings and to assure him of their support.

Some reports said the resolution followed a sermon by the minister, Dominee D.H. Botes. Botes, however, denied that his sermon was directed against Cohen. He said that the sermon was a "normal" sermon dealing with the "historical" conflict between Christianity and Judaism.

The church committee, deploring "exaggerated" press reports of the incident, said their meeting was "a domestic matter which was never intended for publication." The committee stated that their resolution merely "regretted that a non-Christian had been elected leader of the town."

FIVE KIEV JEWS FACE TRIAL

BOSTON, June 6 (JTA)--Five Jewish activists

in Kiev, some of whom have been granted exit visas, will be brought to trial shortly on charges of anti-Soviet acts, none of which have been specified, it was learned here today. The information was relayed in a telephone call made by a Boston resident to Jewish sources in Kiev.

The five activists were identified as Juli Tarkovsky; Yuri Soroko; Aleksandr Feldman; Zinoviy Melamed; and Yan Monarstirsky. All were described as being in their late 20s or early 30s and all were engineers. Since they applied for exit visas all have been fired from their jobs and repeatedly harassed, the sources said. Those who were granted visas have not been allowed to depart because of the pending trial, the sources reported. They indicated that they had hoped the trial would be called off in view of the cancellation last week of a trial that was to have begun shortly against more than 100 Jews in Minsk.

ICAO GOVERNING COUNCIL VOTES 27-0 TO CONDEMN ISRAEL FOR LIBYAN AIRLINER TRAGEDY, RAID ON BEIRUT AIRPORT

MONTREAL, June 6 (JTA)--The 30-nation governing council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has condemned Israel for shooting down a Libyan civilian airliner that strayed into Israeli airspace over Sinai last Feb. 21 and crashed with the loss of 108 lives. A resolution stating that Israel had "no justification" for shooting down the Boeing 727 was adopted at a closed session of the council here late Monday night by a vote of 27-0 with the United States and Nicaragua abstaining and one member, Pakistan, absent.

The resolution, which also condemned Israel for a 1968 commando raid on the Beirut airport, was sponsored by Egypt, Indonesia, Lebanon and Tunisia. It was adopted in face of a report of the findings of a special ICAO committee assigned the task of investigating the disaster which indicated that the situation in which the Libyan plane found itself was due to inefficiency, laxity and incompetence on the part of Egyptian and Libyan air control authorities.

The report of the investigating committee was before the governing council when it voted and was released here and forwarded yesterday to the United Nations. Its text, however, had been "leaked" earlier to the London Daily Express whose science editor, Chapman Pincher, stated in an article Friday that "this report exonerates the Israelis to such an extent that many countries which criticized the Israelis... will have to do some swift apologizing."

An ICAO spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the report of the investigating committee was "entirely a technical report and drew no conclusions." The spokesman said that "exoneration is open to interpretation." The spokesman stressed that the investigating committee was a "subordinate body" of the ICAO governing council and that it was up to the latter to render a judgement. Israel is not a member of the council.

Incongruities In Vote Noted

An Israeli delegation, headed by Meir Rosenne, attended the council meeting as non-voting observers. Rosenne, who is a legal advisor to the Israeli Foreign Ministry, asked the council how it could condemn Israel when the report of its investigative committee blamed the Libyan plane disaster on "the behavior and incompetence of Egyptian and Libyan authorities." He also objected to Egypt and Lebanon, both council members, voting on a resolution concerning Egypt and Lebanon directly.

Rosenne stressed to the council that "what is important is to make sure that in the future these tragedies do not occur again." He said that as a first preventive step, Israel has installed VHF transmitters at its military radar stations so that direct contact can be made with civilian airliners.

He said that what is needed in addition is a "hot line" between Israel and Egypt such as the telephone hook-up that existed between Israeli and Jordanian military commanders in Jerusalem before the Six-Day War which was credited with preventing many incidents. He noted that Egypt had rejected similar proposals by Israel as far back as 1951.

ROGERS: U.S. HAS DECIDED TO SELL PHANTOMS TO SAUDI ARABIA; NO DECISION ON JETS TO KUWAIT

WASHINGTON, June 6 (JTA)--Secretary of State William P. Rogers indicated to the House Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday that the Nixon Administration has decided to sell a reported 24-30 F-4 Phantom jets to Saudi Arabia, but has not made any decision yet on Kuwait's request to buy the supersonic fighter-bombers. Rogers said that the sale of the warplanes and other military equipment to the two Arab states did not mean any change in U.S. policy toward Israel which, he said, is to support Israel.

Rogers added, however, that the U.S. must take into consideration the political realities in the Persian Gulf area. He said that if the U.S. did not sell arms to countries requesting them, others will. He observed that both Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are presently negotiating with other countries for equipment.

He said the arms sales programs the Administration is proposing "are intended to maintain the stability and military balance essential to encourage a meaningful Arab-Israeli negotiating process, as well as to promote regional security in the area of the Arabian peninsula and Persian Gulf where we have important interests." Israel has expressed serious concern over the projected sale of Phantoms to Arab countries. It has lodged representations with both the State Department and the White House on that aspect of the U.S. arms sales program.

Rogers appeared before the committee on behalf of the Administration's Foreign Aid Bill for fiscal 1974 beginning July 1. The bill calls for \$1.310 billion in military assistance and an almost equal amount--\$1.338 billion--in economic aid. Israel is not included in the economic recommendations but the Administration's proposed program for military assistance calls for Israel to receive credit of up to \$300 million and a grant of \$25 million for economic supporting assistance to help Israel meet its budget deficits in view of its defense burdens. The Administration bill also calls for \$40 million in grant aid to Jordan and \$5 million in military sales credit to Lebanon.

WIESENTHAL SAYS MANY FORMER NAZIS IN U.S., CANADA, SOUTH AMERICA

NEW YORK, June 6 (JTA)--Many Balkan refugees who are ex-Nazis now live in the United States, and in Canada where they, and especially Ukrainian "intelligentsia" are powerful, Simon Wiesenthal, founder and head of the Nazi-hunting Documentation Center in Vienna, reported yesterday at a meeting with Jewish leaders and the press at the Jewish Agency.

Small groups of Nazis, members of "Kamradenburg," which succeeded "Odessa" in 1961

as the organization assisting ex-Nazis, work in the capital cities of South America and maintain good relations with the German and Austrian Embassies, Wiesenthal said. Other former Nazis are to be found in the army and police of Egypt, in Syrian intelligence groups, in the East German government and newspapers, in the Austrian and Polish governments, and in Spain, he asserted.

Wiesenthal, whose organization is now handling some 330 cases, emphasized that Jewish leaders should publicize the fact that the Holocaust was not solely a Nazi-Jewish problem. Millions of non-Jews, he asserted, were slaughtered behind the smokescreen of the Jewish problem.

Calling himself "not only the bad conscience of Nazis, but of Jews as well," Wiesenthal said, "I refuse to work only for Jews.... We Jews reduce the whole problem to a struggle between the Nazis and the Jews and in this way we have lost many friends." He urged that the Jewish community demand continuation of trials of ex-Nazis because "the trials more than the sentences have educational value for... youth."

CHAGALL IN MOSCOW FOR OPENING OF HIS PAINTINGS AT TRETYAKOV GALLERY

NEW YORK, June 6 (JTA)--Back in his homeland for the first time in 51 years, Marc Chagall, the world famous Jewish artist, wept at the opening of an exhibition of his paintings at the Tretyakov Gallery, according to reports from Moscow. The exhibition, considered a major artistic event in the Soviet Union, includes 76 contemporary lithographs, two gouaches and three paintings which Chagall had not seen since leaving the Soviet Union in 1922. Arriving in Moscow on Monday, Chagall brought 16 lithographs and two gouaches with him; the other lithographs having been donated to the Soviet Union during the war.

According to reports, upon encountering one of the works he had not seen since 1922, Chagall hesitantly touched its surface and with tears in his eyes told a spectator, who asked if he remembered these paintings well, "More than you can imagine." He was escorted on a tour of the exhibition by Minister of Culture Yekaterina Furtseva. Several hundred guests were present. At one point during the tour, Minister Furtseva remarked, "One cannot cut oneself off from one's homeland." A museum official said the exhibition would last two weeks and possibly a month after which time the collection will presumably go back into storage.

Born in the Belorussian city of Vitebsk, Chagall studied in Leningrad, then called St. Petersburg, and left Russia in 1910 to work for four years in Paris. He returned to Russia in 1914 and was a provincial art minister. However, in 1922 he left again and settled in France. Asked whether he was happy to be back, Chagall replied, "It can be seen in my eyes."

While Chagall was in Moscow, it was announced yesterday in Paris that a state-built museum devoted entirely to his works will open in Nice on July 7, the artist's 86th birthday. The museum marks the first time France has built a museum to house the production of a single living artist.

Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, Israel's former Ambassador to the United States, said in Tel Aviv that the U.S. was well aware that American arms sent to Arab countries would be used against Israel in case of war. He noted that the best proof was the fact that tanks sent to Jordan under the U.S.-Jordanian arms deal of 1966 were used against Israel in the 1967 war. He said the U.S. tanks crossed the Jordan River although expressly forbidden to do so under the arms deal terms; 100 were captured.

CONFRONTATION LOOMS BETWEEN HASIDIC JEWS AND BLACKS IN CROWN HEIGHTS

Issue Is Public Access To Barricaded Streets

NEW YORK, June 6 (JTA)--A new confrontation loomed today between Hasidic Jews and Blacks in the racially mixed Crown Heights section of Brooklyn. The Blacks insist on the removal of police barricades which limit access on Saturdays to a service road running past the United Lubavitcher Synagogue.

Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky, a spokesman for the Lubavitcher movement, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the Blacks were "trying to prod us into a confrontation." He said that if anyone tried to remove the barricades without authorization it would be "between them and the police." He declined to say how members of the Hasidic community would react in such an event.

The block was the scene of a clash last Saturday between several hundred Hasidim and police after two patrolmen attempted to arrest three Hasidic youths who allegedly battered two cars being driven along the block during hours when traffic is restricted. One of the cars was driven by Dr. Rufus Nichols, a Black physician who lives on the block, and the other by a patient of Dr. Nichols. The Hasidim claimed the cars were being driven "recklessly."

At a press conference, Dr. Nichols and a Black pastor, The Rev. William A. Jones, who is president of the NY chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said they would demand that police remove the barricades. Dr. Nichols' wife, Janet, who is president of a neighborhood association, said, "The arbitrary traffic restriction instituted at the synagogue must be relieved at once or we will be forced to take the law into our own hands." Police spokesmen said that there were no plans to remove the barricades.

Barricades Up To Protect Worshipers

Rev. Jones, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, alleged that the barriers were intended by the Hasidim to force outsiders to conform to Orthodox Jewish law forbidding riding on the Sabbath. Rabbi Krinsky insisted that the barricades, which have been used for the past three years, were intended solely to protect worshippers, particularly children, who congregate outside the synagogue on Saturdays. He said that four children of his community have been struck by cars on the block during the past year.

Rabbi Krinsky told the JTA that only through traffic was barred from the block during Saturday worship hours and that residents were free to come and go. Dr. Nichols contended that as a physician, he and his patients must have free access to the block 24 hours a day.

Howard Scheiner, 34, one of three Hasidic Jews arrested in Saturday's clash with police, was arraigned Monday at Brooklyn Criminal Court and released on \$2500 bail pending a hearing set for July 9. Scheiner was charged with second degree assault, robbery, resisting arrest and other offenses. The police said that 15 officers were injured in the melee, which involved some 400 Hasidim. Hasidic spokesmen have accused the police of indiscriminately beating innocent bystanders and said they would file complaints against individual officers who allegedly "acted like Nazis."

N.Y. BOARD OF RABBIS SET SABBATH OF CONCERN FOR IRAQI, SYRIAN JEWS

NEW YORK, June 6 (JTA)--A "Sabbath of Concern for Iraqi and Syrian Jewry" has been declared by the New York Board of Rabbis "to highlight the terror under which the two Jewries are living," it was announced today. Rabbis in the metropolitan area will preach on the subject at services Friday night and Saturday morning. Last week, in a proclamation designating Solidarity Day for Iraqi and Syrian Jews, Mayor John V. Lindsay called on the UN Commission on Human Rights to "intervene and alleviate the suffering of the Jews of Iraq and Syria."

CAPT. EDWARD A. BRUDNO WILL BE BURIED IN SHARON MEMORIAL PARK

WASHINGTON, June 6 (JTA)--Air Force Capt. Edward A. Brudno, who was found dead Sunday, apparently a suicide, in the home of his parents-in-law in Harrison, N.Y., will be buried Friday in Sharon Memorial Park near Quincy, Mass. rather than in Arlington National Cemetery.

According to a Pentagon spokesman, the Air Force offered the Jewish officer's family the privilege of having a military funeral and a gravesite for him in Arlington but his wife, Mrs. Deborah Brudno, and his parents, Dr. and Mrs. James Brudno, preferred civil rites in keeping with his Jewish faith, and services will therefore be conducted Friday in Beth El Synagogue in Quincy.

Capt. Brudno, who was a prisoner of war in North Vietnam for 89 months after he was shot down on Oct. 18, 1965, had his Bar Mitzvah in Beth El. He was 33 at the time of his death. Air Force Capt. Michael Burch, a spokesman for the Air Force at the Pentagon, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Capt. Brudno was "well liked" by his Air Force colleagues who had "high respect" for him. Some of Capt. Brudno's friends in the Air Force, he added, may serve as pallbearers.

Burch said that the Pentagon conducted an investigation of Brudno's death but this was "routine" since the Pentagon is required to investigate the death of any serviceman. Burch said the Pentagon would accept the verdict of the County Coroner.

SUPPORT FOR CONSERVATIVE JEWS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, June 6 (JTA)--Mrs. Henry N. Rapaport, national president of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism (formerly the National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America) told Conservative Jews here that her organization would "give full support in the establishment and strengthening of the Conservative movement in Israel." Her pledge came during an unprecedented event in which she delivered the sermon at a Sabbath service in a Jerusalem synagogue.

Mrs. Rapaport coupled her statement with a plea that all observant Jews of whatever persuasion "join hands in support of our religious values, and to strengthen each other's hands in an increasingly secular society." She urged a 20th century approach to prayer without transplanting American religious practices to Israel. Mrs. Rapaport is leading a group of American synagogue women leaders from throughout the United States who are participating in a leadership conference sponsored by the Women's League.

A Tel Aviv court has denied an appeal by Rabbi Meir Kahane to have his passport returned.

JEWISH, NON-JEWISH BUSINESSMEN, THREATENED BY ALLEGED ARAB GROUP Scotland Yard Probing Blackmail Letters

LONDON, June 6 (JTA)--A new series of blackmailing letters were sent this week from London to the homes or offices of 12 distinguished businessmen and industrialists here, Jews and non-Jews, threatening them with dire consequences unless they send a check to the "Palestine Peoples' Fighting Fund." This is the second series of such letters. A number of the letters were sent May 26.

Scotland Yard is conducting an intensive investigation. It refuses to reveal the names of the addressees but it has become known here that one of them is the manager of the Dunlop Tire Co. and another a former chairman of the Truman Brewery who died four years ago. The blackmailers ask for checks to be sent to a numbered Swiss bank account.

The common link for the letters, nine of which are in special Scotland Yard branch hands, was that all the companies except Truman's have interests in the Middle East or deal with Israel. Truman's said that it was purely a Southeast England concern and was mystified as to why it should have been singled out.

Chief Superintendent Roy Habersham, head of Scotland Yard's bomb squad, is leading the investigation. Special branch officers were brought in to try to track down the source of the letters, but the inquiries are said to be progressing slowly. It is understood that the Swiss bank has denied having an account with the number mentioned in the letters.

PLO Denies Association With Fund

Arab sources here said that they had never heard of an organization called the "Palestine Peoples' Fighting Fund." In the letters, the Fund claims to have branches in London, New York and Paris. All the letters so far received were posted in the Shepherds Bush, Hampstead or Hammer smith areas of London.

The letters, neatly typed in good English on ordinary sheets of white writing paper, bore the printed heading, "Palestine Peoples' Fighting Fund," but no address. In place of a signature, the letter carried an Arab country postage stamp with the words, "We Can Remember When Palestine Was on the Map. Can You?" scrawled across it.

Said Hamami, London representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization, denied here any connection between his organization and the Fund. "The Palestine Liberation Organization would like to state that this alleged organization has nothing to do with it," said Hamami's statement. "We condemn such blackmailing methods, which would only serve the purposes of the Palestinian peoples' enemies, who have been trying for a long time to mar the Palestinian liberation movement."

The Palestinian spokesman added that special branch officers believed the Fund might be a "criminal ring." Hamami also claimed that it could have been an attempt by Israeli intelligence to discredit his organization.

A N.Y. GIRL PAGE IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS JEWISH

WASHINGTON, June 6 (JTA)--The first Jewish high school girl to be a page in the House of Representatives is 16-year-old Heidi Stam of Brooklyn, N.Y. The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Stam of 15 Mathews Pl., Heidi was

appointed by Rep. Bertram L. Podell (D.N.Y.) in whose district she lived. Contacted by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in New York, Dr. Stam, a Brooklyn ophthalmologist, said she started working as a page last Friday and told her parents "she was crazy" about the job.

Dr. Stam said his daughter was scheduled to be the first girl page but House Speaker Carl Albert (D.Okla.) appointed another girl earlier who will serve through the summer. He said Heidi was always very interested in government and during a school trip to Washington last year she stopped into Podell's office and asked him about the possibility of becoming a page. He asked her to write him a letter and she was accepted.

Heidi, who would have been a senior at Packer Collegiate Institute, a private school in Brooklyn, will attend the United States Capitol Page School in Washington next Autumn. The Senate and the Supreme Court first employed girl pages two years ago. The House delayed naming girls because of the problem of housing. Dr. Stam said. He said Heidi would live at the YWCA on Capitol Hill along with the other girl pages.

Housing for pages has to be close to the Capitol, Dr. Stam explained, because the pages attend school in the Library of Congress building from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and then go to work in Congress which sometimes stays in session until late in the evening.

AMERICAN JEWISH, YIDDISH PRESS TO RECEIVE AID FROM ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 6 (JTA)--The Jewish press in the United States will receive aid from Israel in the form of advertising from the Israeli government and non-governmental firms, it was announced here by Arye Tzimuki, coordinator of the World Union of Jewish Journalists.

Addressing a meeting of Jewish journalists at the Israeli Consulate General, Tzimuki said that a special public committee to support the Jewish press in the U.S. was established recently in Israel. Among its members are Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, Tourism Minister Moshe Kol and Jewish Agency Treasurer Leon Dultzin. Tzimuki said the committee concluded that the Jewish press is an essential tool in the battle against assimilation and deserves economic support. The Israeli journalist was in the U.S. to attend the annual meeting of the American Jewish Press Association in San Francisco.

Ambassador David Rivlin, Israel's Consul General who hosted the meeting here, accused the Israeli leadership and the Israeli press of not knowing "what American Jewry is like." He also stated that the Israeli press is negligent in its coverage of the American Jewish scene and called for greater efforts from Israel for American Jewry.

The journalists representing the Jewish and Yiddish press in this country who attended the meeting complained of the lack of rapport and viable relationship between the Israeli and the Jewish and Yiddish news media in this country. They urged economic support to aid the press to help fulfill its function as news gathering agencies.

The first group of summer visitors from Jordan crossed the Jordan River bridges for a month's stay in the administered territories. Israeli authorities expect several thousand visitors to arrive next month. The 4 1/2 month period during which Arabs from all over the world are permitted to visit relatives in the administered territories and Israel proper will be extended to a year-round basis next year.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV (JTA)--A scientific textbook on underground water movement written by three Haifa Technion professors and published in English by UNESCO has been translated by a Soviet publishing firm into Russian with all references to Israel and Technion deleted, and in violation of international copyright laws. However, in their "purge" of Israel, the translators overlooked one picture which contained Hebrew lettering. Rene Mahue, UNESCO general director, protested to the USSR over the violation of the copyright. The Soviet publishing house, Mir, responded by offering an appraisal of the book and noting that it was not a member of the international copyright agreements. Since then, the USSR announced that it would adhere to the international copyright convention.

WASHINGTON (JTA)--Governors and large-city mayors are being encouraged by B'nai B'rith to appeal to Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev to end the harassment of Soviet Jews and restrictions on their emigration. David M. Blumberg, B'nai B'rith president, said here this weekend that the officials are being asked to write to Brezhnev during his visit to the U.S. this month. "A hundred or more official letters sent to Mr. Brezhnev through the Soviet Embassy in Washington can be a persuasive indication that the fight for Jews is not just centered where American Jews live but is a matter of concern among all Americans," Blumberg said.

BONN (JTA)--Heinz Galinsky, Jewish community leader in Berlin, warned against future reversals in German-Israel relations. He told the "Allgemeine Juedische Wochenzeitung" that relations between the two countries require "extra special care." Referring to Bonn's stated policy of neutrality in the Middle East, Galinsky said that while this was in principle accepted and respected by Israel, neutrality did not mean that one should avoid distinguishing between attacker and attacked. He added that Chancellor Willy Brandt's visit this week to Israel was undoubtedly one of the most important occasions in German-Israel relations until now.

AMSTERDAM (JTA)--The French Jewish sociologist Claude Levi-Strauss, who was elected to the French Academy last month, was awarded the "Erasmus Prize" here for "his outstanding contribution to European culture." The 100,000 guilders prize was presented by Prince Bernhard in the presence of Queen Juliana and Crown Princess Beatrix. The annual prize, named after the 16th Century humanist, Desiderius Erasmus, was established by Prince Bernhard in 1958.

TUCSON (JTA)--A Hebrew culture major and a religious studies minor have been formally established by the University of Arizona Regents. Hebrew or Yiddish may be used to fulfill the language requirement. Classes in Judaic culture, the Prophets, Jewish philosophers and Yiddish literature have been added to the curriculum. These courses were instituted after students petitioned for some Jewish studies classes.

BOSTON (JTA)--The Jewish Defense League here was given an award by Mrs. Patricia Nixon

for its services to the elderly. The award was for JDL's efforts in aiding senior citizens in the government-sponsored Project Find, a nationwide effort to locate elderly Americans eligible for federal food assistance and to enroll them in appropriate programs. The JDL chapter here undertook the responsibility of contacting and aiding the elderly in the Mattapan area where many of Boston's Jewish elderly reside. The award was signed by Mrs. Nixon and Arthur Fleming, chairman of Project Find which is sponsored by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Six individual JDL members also received awards.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Some 1200 Gadna paramilitary youth movement members will take part in a double race beginning June 10 from Sharm el-Sheikh to Jerusalem and from Mount Hermon to Jerusalem. The race is organized by the Jewish National Fund as part of Israel's 25th anniversary celebrations. Many of the areas to be used by the racers have either been developed or are in the process of being developed by the JNF. The object of the race, said Jacob Tsur, JNF chairman, is to bring Israel's youth to both developed regions and those awaiting development.

BONN (JTA)--A deputy of the Social Democratic Party (SPD) asked the government in the Bundestag on Monday to "put mercy before justice" and free Rudolph Hess. The appeal by Dr. Friederich Beermann was the latest in a growing movement to have the one-time No. 2 Nazi released from Spandau prison in West Berlin. Beermann noted that Hess, the last surviving member of the Nazis' top hierarchy still in jail, has been imprisoned for more than 30 years. Hess is 79.

GREENVILLE, S.C. (JTA)--Furman University, a Baptist liberal arts university here, has awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree to Dr. George S. Wise, chancellor of Tel Aviv University. Dr. Wise, a Furman alumnus, received the honorary degree Sunday during Furman's 147th commencement exercises; graduated summa cum laude from Furman in 1928, two years after migrating from Poland to the United States, at the age of 20. The Furman citation credited Dr. Wise for bringing "honor to yourself and your alma mater," in a distinguished career as, "teacher, scholar, a leader in world Jewry, college administration and business executive." Dr. Wise is a member of the Furman University Advisory Council.

AMSTERDAM (JTA)--The Dutch Zionist organization announced Sunday that it is planting 25 trees in an Israeli kibbutz in honor of Amsterdam police. The group said the trees were "in gratitude for the excellent protection" given by police last month during Israel's anniversary activities. The group said the trees will be planted in the "Joop Westerweel" forest near the Galed Kibbutz. The kibbutz is named after a non-Jewish Dutch resister. In a related development, 150 trees were presented last Thursday to Israeli Ambassador to The Hague, Hanan Bar, by the Dutch Fundamentalist Calvinist organization, "Searchlight." The group said it viewed the founding of Israel as the "fulfillment of Biblical prophecies." The trees will be planted in a forest near Beersheba.