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KOSYGIN DISDAINFUL OF JEWISH EMIGRES WHO WANT TO RETURN TO USSR By-Richard Bruce, JTA Vienna Correspondent

VIENNA, July 5 (JTA)--Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin indicated today that he has little sympathy for Russian Jews who emigrated to Israel and now want to return to the USSR. A petition for permission to return on behalf of 60 such Jews living in a Vienna slum was conveyed to the Soviet leader by Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky during their four days of talks here.

Kosygin said at a news conference today that the Jewish emigrants have only themselves to blame if things go wrong and Soviet authorities refuse to permit them to return because they have become Israeli citizens. "I am familiar with this case," he told reporters. "But we are not to blame that they are in Vienna. We have not ordered anybody out of the Soviet Union. They put themselves in this position, partly due to false propaganda (from Israel)," he said.

Kosygin claimed that "many former Soviet citizens want to leave Israel and return to the Soviet Union." Commenting on the squalid conditions in which the would-be returnees are living here, he said that "some Russian Jews who emigrated live in similar bad conditions in Israel."

Report 40 Have Returned

The Jews who petitioned Kosygin have also petitioned United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and a few months ago sent a plea to Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev. About 40 Jews who left Israel reportedly have been allowed to return to the Soviet Union so far this year.

Vienna is the principal way station for Jews leaving the Soviet Union for Israel. The Jewish Agency maintains a transit center at the heavily guarded Schoenau Castle, 20 miles south of Vienna, where the emigrants are temporarily quartered and processed before being put aboard planes for Israel. About 2500 Jews passed through Vienna each month during the first four months of this year. Their number dropped to 1500 in May and declined further during the first two weeks of June.

There are no figures on the total number of Jews who have gone back to Vienna from Israel and are seeking re-entry to Russia. The Israel government says the number is minute and says they are being used for propaganda purposes by the Soviet Union. Israeli sources described them as the "dregs" of the emigrants.

In Vienna they comprise a community with no legal status and are permitted to do only menial work. Some had been in Israel as long as four years and others for only a few months before they began arriving here in 1971. Members of the group say they were disillusioned with Israel, were unable to adjust to its free enterprise economy and objected to the emphasis on religion.

ISRAELIS COOL TO PROSPECT OF CAMBODIAN REQUEST FOR MILITARY AID

JERUSALEM, July 5 (JTA)--Political sources here reacted coolly today to yesterday's suggestion by the new Cambodian Ambassador that his country would contemplate asking Israel for military aid if U.S. military support is terminated

next month.

Ambassador Keo Kimsan made the remark in an interview with the Jerusalem Post, published today. Israeli sources said no such request has been made yet and therefore the question was hypothetical. However, they added, Israel is not eager to run a program of military nature in Southeast Asia. The sources said, however, that a Cambodian request for any aid would be viewed as a request from a friendly country.

'Plans Taking Shape In My Head' MRS. MEIR PLEDGES ACTION ON DOMESTIC PROBLEMS IF RE-ELECTED

JERUSALEM, July 5 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir promised today to concentrate on Israel's urgent domestic problems if she is re-elected next Oct. "Plans are taking shape in my head on domestic matters and I want to get things moving on the inside," the 75-year-old Premier told members of the teachers union at Kibbutz Maaleh Hamisha.

Mrs. Meir said the government would discuss within ten days a report by a commission she appointed two years ago to study the problems of underprivileged children. She promised that some of its recommendations would be published before the Oct. elections. The report found among other things that 160,000 children live in poverty conditions, about 94 percent of them from families of Asian or African origin.

Mrs. Meir urged citizens with higher education to "come to terms with reality" when they demand that living standards be raised. "One cannot speak of closing the social gap in Israel and at the same time demand a rise in living standards," she said.

She warned that Israel could not afford social division because "for us it's a matter of life and death." According to the Premier, Israel has enough manpower to deal with its problems but not enough money. She called for more public volunteers to supplement the government's efforts to solve domestic problems.

KOSYGIN, KREISKY AGREE MIDEAST SHOULD BE ON HELSINKI AGENDA

VIENNA, July 5 (JTA)--Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin "agreed that the Middle East crisis is a valid case for the general debate" at the European Security Conference in Helsinki, Finland, an Austrian government spokesman said today. But according to the spokesman, "Kosygin said it should be brought up at a later stage because the agenda is already full of questions of more immediate concern."

Kreisky and Kosygin concluded four days of talks here yesterday. At a news conference later, Kosygin said the Soviet Union still held to the position that the only way to solve the Middle East crisis was "to support the United Nations Security Council Resolution (242) on the Middle East." He added that "Israel must withdraw from its occupied territories."

(A spokesman for the Israeli Foreign Ministry said in Jerusalem yesterday that Israel would want to be represented at the Helsinki talks if delegates from any Arab states are invited.)

(The Israeli position has been that the Middle East problem should not be included in the Helsinki

agenda. Premier Dom Mintoff of Malta has reportedly said, however, that he will try to get the Tunisian and Algerian foreign ministers invited. In that case, Israel will want representation on the same level so that it can state its case too, the spokesman said.

(Mintoff's efforts are not expected to succeed. In the unlikely case that they do, the U.S. and Canadian delegates would move to have Israel invited. Ron Ben Yishai of the Israel Radio reported from Helsinki today.)

DOCTORS' STRIKE ENDS ON 29TH DAY

Settlement Adheres To Govt. Ceiling

TEL AVIV, July 5 (JTA)--The doctors' strike ended this morning, 29 days after it began, when the National Physicians Council voted 54-1 to accept the terms of an agreement hammered out in two days of marathon negotiations that ended yesterday. Both sides claimed a victory. The 6000 salaried physicians, employed by government and sick fund hospitals and clinics, won their claims for extra pay for Saturday and night duty and a revision of the wage grading system. But their pay hikes do not exceed the 45.6 percent ceiling set by the government.

Health Minister Victor Shemtov welcomed the return to work and expressed thanks to the doctors who treated patients in need of medical attention even while they were striking.

The end of the strike brought no rush to hospitals and clinics today. Hasharon Hospital in Petach Tikva had only half of its 400 beds occupied and a similar situation was reported by other hospitals.

ROYAL VISIT TO EGYPT NO SLIGHT TO ISRAEL, FOREIGN OFFICE SAYS

LONDON, July 5 (JTA)--A Foreign Office spokesman said today that Britain's bid for closer ties with Egypt and other Arab states was not at the expense of friendship with Israel. The spokesman referred to yesterday's announcement that Princess Margaret will visit Egypt next Nov. 5-9--a trip she will be making at the Foreign Office's behest.

Israel, the spokesman said, "need not assume that this gesture, and close relations with Arab countries in general, are at the expense of Anglo-Israel friendship." He said it was British policy to maintain friendly ties with both sides in the Mideast conflict and to work for reconciliation.

ISRAELI SHIPPING LINE CAUGHT IN PROFIT SQUEEZE BUT IS EXPANDING

TEL AVIV, July 5 (JTA)--The Zim Lines, Israel's national shipping company, registered a profit of IL 19.3 million in 1972. But it was a mere three percent of the international carrier's IL 650 million turnover, managing director Moshe Kashti reported today.

Kashti said that the 1972 profit was 0.9 percent less than that in 1971 and forecast a further decline for 1973 even though most Zim services are flourishing. He said the profit squeeze stemmed mainly from this year's 40 percent wage rise granted officers, seamen and shore staff and the heavy losses incurred from harbor congestion in Israel during the first half of the year.

Kashti said Zim was presently embarked on a major new building program representing an investment of \$280 million. When completed the Zim fleet will reach 2.4 million tons deadweight (carrying capacity), he said. The last of four Clyde-type dual-purpose freighters will be delivered from a British shipyard next month and

four other ships, including a 250,000 deadweight ton tanker will be delivered during the next few months.

Kashti said the company is already working on further expansion plans involving an investment of between \$200-\$300 million that will add another million tons deadweight to Israel's merchant marine.

BUNDESTAG MEMBERS ASK COLLECTIVE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FOR RESCUERS OF JEWS

BONN, July 5 (JTA)--Opposition party members in the Bundestag have appealed to the Nobel Committee to award the 1973 Peace Prize collectively to persons who saved Jews during the Nazi era.

Members of the Christian Democratic Union and Christian Socialist parties, in a letter to the Oslo-based committee, said that those who risked their own lives to rescue Jews "placed the principles of humanity higher than tyranny and terror and made a genuine contribution to peace and reconciliation."

The group also noted, in support of the proposal, that the Israeli Yad Vashem Committee awards its "Medal of the Just" to those who can prove they helped Jews in the Hitler era.

COJO WILL MEET IN GENEVA JULY 15-16

NEW YORK, July 5 (JTA)--The World Conference of Jewish Organizations (COJO) will meet in plenary session in Geneva, Switzerland, on July 15 and 16, it was announced today. The meeting in the Hotel du Rhone will be attended by an estimated 75 delegates from COJO's 11 participating organizations in North and South America, Europe, South Africa, Australia and Israel.

Dr. William Wexler of Savannah, Ga., chairman of COJO, will preside at the two-day session. The agenda includes a comprehensive exploration of recent developments affecting Soviet Jewry and a series of reports and analyses of the Middle East scene and the problem of alienation and assimilation among young Jews in the Western hemisphere.

3000 FAMILIES TO BE SETTLED IN FORMER JORDANIAN TERRITORY

JERUSALEM, July 5 (JTA)--Some 3000 families, most of them young couples and large families will settle in four new Jerusalem suburbs in former Jordanian territory by the end of the year, the Housing Ministry said today. The four suburbs--Neve Yaacov, Ramot, Gilo and East Talpote--are all outside the 1967 borders. They will have some 25,000 apartments when completed. Housing construction in Neve Yaacov and Gilo has already begun.

ISRAEL SEEKS TO BOLSTER SAGGING TOURISM FROM U.S.

TEL AVIV, July 5 (JTA)--The winter slump in tourism is being compensated for by a sharp rise this summer. But Israel's expectation of a 15 percent increase in tourist traffic for its 25th anniversary year probably will not be realized, according to Hanoch Givon, director general of the Ministry of Tourism.

Givon said a ten percent rise was likely. He said more tourists are coming to Israel now but there has been a sharp drop in tourists from the United States, including Jewish tourists. Givon attributed the decline to the weakness of the U.S. dollar on the European money markets. He said the Ministry was starting a new campaign for American tourists with the slogan "In Israel The Dollar Is Still Worth 100 Cents," a reference to the fact that Israeli currency is linked to the dollar.

AJCOMMITTEE DEFENDS JEWISHLOYALTY TO CIVIL RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, July 5 (JTA)--The American Jewish Committee has taken strong issue with a recent charge by Joseph Rauh Jr., a prominent civil libertarian, that American Jews are swinging to the right and that Jews and Jewish organizations "are largely on the wrong side of the great civil rights issues of the day." That contention and others by Rauh that Jews were retreating from their traditional liberal stance, were challenged by Hyman Bookbinder, the AJCommittee's Washington representative who is himself a long time civil rights advocate.

"Even the most cursory review of the civil rights scene would reassure any objective observer that the Jewish community is, proportionately, significantly better represented than others in legislative, financial, personal, legal and political support of civil rights struggles," Bookbinder said in a "Dear Joe" letter to Rauh, a copy of which was made available to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today. The letter was in response to a speech Rauh made to the Jewish Community Council of Milwaukee, Wisc. June 26.

Rauh, who is Jewish and is general counsel of the Leadership Council on Civil Rights with which many Jewish organizations are affiliated, was the recipient of the AJCommittee's Isaiah Award last year "for a lifetime of service to civil rights."

Did Not Oppose Quotas

Bookbinder described as "particularly intemperate language" Rauh's charge that a "brigade of wealthy Jews" foresook "their long allegiance to the Democratic Party last fall" and gave "vast sums" to defeat a candidate "whose crime was to propose some modicum of redistribution of wealth." Bookbinder claimed that "for every 'wealthy Jew' who made a substantial contribution to the Nixon campaign there must have been three or four who gave perhaps even larger sums to the McGovern campaign."

Discussing "your general indictment of Jewish withdrawal from civil rights commitments largely on the troublesome issue of quotas," Bookbinder wrote to Rauh that while "very few" now believe in quotas, "a year ago, when the quota issue was devised, there were many who did support quotas in the practice." With few exceptions, Bookbinder continued, "Jewish agencies and Jewish activists do favor strong affirmative action, including the use of goals and timetables as you define them." While the problem remains of "occasional distortion of 'goals and timetables' into defacto systems, it is a burn rap to argue that Jewish concern about quotas makes them anti-civil rights," Bookbinder said.

ISRAELI AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATING
DEPARTURES OF IMMIGRANTS FOR CANADA

TEL AVIV, July 5 (JTA)--The Jewish Agency and the Absorption Ministry are investigating reports that an unidentified organization has been urging settlers in the new immigrant township of Karmiel to emigrate to Canada.

The reports surfaced after 18 new immigrant families from that Upper Galilee town left the country and some of them reportedly reached Canada. More Karmiel families reportedly are preparing to emigrate. Mayor Baruch Langer of Karmiel insists, however, that no problem exists. He said that Karmiel has absorbed 600 new immigrant families in the last few months and the rate of departure has been no greater than in any

other part of the country.

The mysterious organization allegedly responsible for the departures was said to promise immigrant families high salaries and free education for their children if they go to Canada. The emigrants reportedly fly to Canada by way of Greece.

ARABS SEEN OUTNUMBERING
JEWS IN NORTHERN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 5 (JTA)--A report prepared for the Ministry of Interior predicts that the Arab population will exceed the Jewish population in northern Israel within the next few years. The report, prepared by Eliezer Brutzkus, an architect, was published in a planning quarterly today.

According to the projection, the present population ratio of 53.6 percent Jewish to 46.4 percent non-Jewish in the north will be reversed in a few years as a result of a steady Jewish exodus from that region and the relatively small number of new immigrants settling there.

Brutzkus' projections are based on estimated Israeli population of five million by 1991 of which 4.180 million will be Jews and 820,000 Arabs. The projection covers only Israel proper and the areas of Jewish settlement in the administered territories where Israeli law applied.

The Jewish population is expected to rise by 58 percent and the Arab population by 79 percent but there will be a substantial drop in the annual rate of natural increase among the Arab population from 3.9 to 2.6 percent, Brutzkus said. The Jewish rate of increase is expected to drop but to a smaller degree. Brutzkus' report anticipates major growth for Jerusalem but a decline of population in Tel Aviv where the trend is to move to the suburbs.

EGYPTIANS NERVOUS OVER ISRAELI
ATTACK, TOURISTS REPORT

TEL AVIV, July 5 (JTA)--The Egyptian Navy explodes depth charges all night long at the entrance to Alexandria harbor for fear that Israeli frogmen or submarines might sneak through to attack shipping in Egypt's largest port.

That report was brought here yesterday when the Greek passenger vessel Eurpeheus docked at Haifa with 300 pilgrims, mostly American Baptists, on a Holy Land tour. The ship was the first in years to sail directly from Egypt to an Israeli port. The Eurpeheus was carefully inspected and placed under special guard for the three days that her passengers will be visiting Israel.

TEL AVIV'S NEW CHIEF RABBIS INSTALLED

TEL AVIV, July 5 (JTA)--Rabbis Yedidya Fraenkel and Haim David Halevi were installed last night as Tel Aviv's new chief rabbis in ceremonies at the Mann Auditorium. The ritual included the sounding of shofars by Yemenite rabbis and the playing of Hasidic music by a police band. Rabbi Fraenkel was given a long black gown and Rabbi Halevi received the gown and the traditional Sephardic headdress.

Chief Rabbis Shlomo Goren and Joseph Ovadia, both chief rabbis of Tel Aviv before their election to the Israel Chief Rabbinate last year, attended the ceremonies.

A youth orchestra from Dimona, Israel, is to visit the German town of Andernach, in Aug., as part of both towns' continuing effort to strengthen provisional friendship links between them. In May, a municipal delegation from the Rhenish town visited Dimona and this month delegations of young Conservatives and young Socialists plan to follow suit.

BUFFALO COMMUNITY LEADERS PLAY DOWN ALLEGED 'NAZI PROBLEM'

BUFFALO, N.Y., July 5 (JTA)--A Jewish community spokesman dismissed as exaggerated today a local press report that Buffalo faces "a serious Nazi problem." The spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that while there had been "two or three cases" recently of Nazi activity, only a tiny number of people were involved and "the matter is well in the hand of Buffalo County and federal law enforcement authorities."

The Buffalo Jewish Review, an English-Weekly published here, reported on June 29 that "a reliable federal government source" had informed it "that the problem of Nazi activity in the Buffalo area is more serious than the Jewish community has been led to believe." The paper said the source who declined to be identified, was known to be well-informed. According to the paper, the source said the Buffalo police were not sufficiently aware of the situation because there was no public demand for them to keep up with it.

A statement minimizing the "Nazi problem" which will be published in the Review tomorrow, was issued by Eugene M. Warner, chairman of the Buffalo chapter of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League; Wayne Wisbaum, chairman of the American Jewish Committee chapter here; and J. Milton Zeckhauser, president of the United Jewish Federation of Buffalo. They called on the community to refrain from "emotional reaction" in dealing with the problem.

Louis H. Glickman, executive director of the Upstate New York ADL, told the JTA that there are no more than "four or five" people in Buffalo who engage in Nazi activity. He refused to name the people on grounds that publicity would only "spur them to further activity."

Glickman said there were no more than three or four Nazi incidents during the last three months. In one case a group paraded with a swastika in front of a Jewish-owned supermarket and in front of a school. In other cases, persons passed out leaflets of the National Socialist White Peoples Party.

The source cited by the Jewish Review claimed that the local Nazi group "has dozens of adherents" and "have a camp in the Buffalo area." Glickman told the JTA that there was no such camp and that this fact "was confirmed by the police."

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BURIAL OF JEWISH DEAD AS CEMETERY STRIKE GOES ON
No Further Harassment Reported

NEW YORK, July 5 (JTA)--Jewish bodies were buried here over the 4th of July holiday despite the continuation of the grave diggers' strike against the 47-metropolitan area cemeteries now in its fourth week. The chairman of the Emergency Committee for Jewish Burial, Rabbi Samuel Schrage, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Committee is having great difficulty getting volunteers to assist in burials. He said 2500 Jewish bodies remain unburied.

The Committee which once had over 100 volunteers now has only 35. They buried 35 bodies on July 4, bringing the total number of Jewish bodies buried by the Committee since the start of the strike to 450, according to Rabbi Schrage.

Rabbi Schrage said that members of striking Local 365 of the Cemetery Workers and Green Attendants Union haven't interfered with the vol-

unteers this week. He attributed the absence of harassment to the increased presence of police at the cemeteries. One union member, Willy Taylor, is facing charges in court for assaulting a volunteer a week ago at Mt. Hebron Cemetery.

Rabbi Schrage told the JTA that old people "are breaking their backs" digging graves with the help of young volunteers. He said he planned to go to the Catskill resort area this week to recruit Jewish youths from summer camps to assist in the burials.

JDLers WHO WOULDN'T TESTIFY RELEASED ON \$50,000 BAIL

NEW YORK, July 5 (JTA)--Two members of the Jewish Defense League have been released from prison on \$50,000 bail each pending trial on charges of criminal contempt. Jeffry Smilov and Richard Huss were cited for contempt when they refused to testify as prosecution witnesses in the trial last week of Stuart Cohen and Sheldon Davis who were charged with the fatal fire-bombing of impresario Sol Hurok's office in Jan. 1972.

Their refusal led to the dismissal of the case against Cohen and Davis for lack of evidence. No trial date has been set for Smilov and Huss.

CHORAL FESTIVAL OPENS TO FULL HOUSE

JERUSALEM, July 5 (JTA)--The eighth Zimriya Choral Festival opened here last night under the honorary chairmanship of Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu. Fourteen choirs from nine countries sang to a full house which included ministers and public personalities.

The Russian New Immigrants Choir began the concert with the song, "Prisoners of Zion." Eight of the singing groups had non-Jewish members.

Eighteen local choirs will join the visiting choruses in giving seven concerts, in army camps, twenty-two in kibbutzim, and three in towns.

5 JEWS RE-ELECTED TO MANITOBA PARLIAMENT

TORONTO, July 5 (JTA)--Five Jewish members of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly have won re-election--three of them on the slate of the incumbent New Democratic (Socialist) Party and two on opposition party tickets. There are only 22,000 Jews in the Canadian mid-western province of 850,000 but they play a prominent role in its political affairs.

The three Jewish New Democrats re-elected are Saul Cherniak, Sydney Green and Saul Miller, all members of the provincial cabinet. The two other Jews are I.H. Asper, leader of the five-member Liberal Party and Sydney Spivak of the Progressive Conservative Party. Asper won by a single vote and a recount is expected. A sixth Jewish member of the Assembly, Cy Gonick, did not stand for re-election.

SOVIET JEWISH VIOLINISTS EMIGRATE TO U.S.

NEW YORK, July 5 (JTA)--Two Jewish musicians who recently received exit visas to leave the Soviet Union, arrived at Kennedy Airport with their families this week enroute to Tanglewood where they have been accepted in the fellowship program of the Berkshire Music Center for the 1973 season. Victor Yampolski, 30, and Michael Zaretsky, 26, both violinists, were assisted in coming to the United States by the United Hias Service which arranged their transportation, reception and resettlement.