GENEVA, July 17 (JTA)--Louis A. Pincus, newly elected chairman of the Conference of Jewish Organizations (COJO) said here yesterday that the struggle for Soviet Jewry "is only at its midpoint" and has not yet reached a termination. The struggle, he told a press conference here, "will go on unimpaired."

Pincus, addressing a press conference after his election, said also that COJO will try to coordinate the activities of its various members in their relations with Christian churches and organizations in response to a question by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Pincus said that COJO "does not plan at this stage to open a bureau in Rome to deal with relations with the Vatican." He said that the three main international organizations participating in COJO, the World Zionist Organization, the World Jewish Congress, and B'nai B'rith, will continue their individual activities but consult each other during the COJO framework.

Summing up the period, Pincus said: "The most important progress was perhaps achieved in the COJO Commission for Education. Within one year it has established itself as a world Jewish body for education. Embracing the two education departments of the Jewish Agency, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Alliance Israélite Universelle, the ORT, the Otsar Hatorah, the American Association for Jewish Education, educational bodies in various countries, the universities of Israel and the Israeli Ministry of Education."

Pincus said, however, that the commission does not think in terms of a world master plan for Jewish education but in each country tackles educational problems separately in partnership with the local Jewish community.

Additional officers elected to the COJO presidency at the closing plenary session yesterday were: David Mann, chairman of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies; Prof. Ady Stieg of the CRIP in France; and one additional member, unnamed yet, of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry.

STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS WALDHEIM'S MID EAST TRIP NOT INITIATED BY U.S.

WASHINGTON, July 17 (JTA)--United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's trip to the Middle East in search of a peaceaton to Israel-Arab-Israeli conflict was not initiated or inspired by the United States, State Department sources informed the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today. They said that the trip "is probably his (Waldheim's) own idea."

Meanwhile, in response to questions, State Department spokesman Paul Hare reiterated the Department's position that it supports the Waldheim trip. He would not comment further on this development. Neither would he discuss the present status of the U.S. initiated suggestion for an interim Israeli-Egyptian agreement that would lead to the reopening of the Suez Canal.

In reply to a question, Hare said he would not comment beyond the denial by the spokesman for the U.S. Mission to the United Nations that the U.S. is trying to start the Security Council debate on the Middle East. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat accused the U.S. of trying to have the debate postponed in favor of an American proposal for negotiations between Iraq and Egypt on reopening the Suez Canal.

WALDHEIM IN CONTACT WITH GOVERNMENTS TO SET TRIP DATE

UNITED NATIONS, July 17 (JTA)--A UN spokesman said today that Secretary General Kurt Waldheim is in contact with the governments concerned on a convenient date for his trip to the Middle East but that no date has been set as yet.

Meanwhile, no date has been fixed for resuming the Security Council's general review and debate on the Middle East. President Anwar Sadat of Egypt accused the United States yesterday of trying to postpone the debate, but most observers here discounted the Egyptian charge. They said that on the contrary, Cairo was responsible for the delay because, having originally initiated the debate, it is now in a quandary over what it wants the Security Council to do.

Egypt's Foreign Minister, Mohammed H. el-Zayyat left Paris last night after two days of talks with French leaders. According to unconfirmed reports he will arrive here tonight. While in Paris Zayyat said that Egypt "welcomes" Waldheim's attempt to the Middle East and wanted the Security Council debate to get started.

The Egyptian diplomat spoke to newsmen after an hour-long meeting yesterday with Foreign Minister Michel Jobert which French circles described as "cordial," Zayyat denied that Egypt had suggested the creation of a Palestinian state. "We are not the Palestinians' spokesman; decisions concerning a Palestinian state are for them to make," he said.

ISRAEL CONTRIBUTES AID TO DROUGHT-STRICKEN AREAS IN AFRICA

JERUSALEM, July 17 (JTA)--Israel has contributed $20,000 worth of foodstuffs to drought-stricken Upper Volta, officials said here. Israel has also given $10,000 to the UN Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) for assistance to the drought areas below the Sahara. Some of the stricken countries such as Mali and Chad broke their diplomatic ties with Israel a year ago, excluding direct help from Jerusalem.

Officials here have expressed great satisfaction at the current visit of the Agriculture Minister of the Central African Republic, Joaquim da Silva heading an economic mission. Da Silva is seeking increased Israeli economic and agricultural aid to his country. He met with Foreign Minister Abba Eban and had an unscheduled meeting with Premier Golda Meir.

His visit follows a visit here from a Swissland minister and a Gabon delegation. -A Ghanaian mission is expected soon and Israel is hopeful that the
tide has turned in Africa where things had been going badly of late. The countries sending mis-
sions here seek more aid and are obviously ignor-
ning hostile resolutions by the Organization for
African Unity (OAU). Officials pointed out that
the more countries that ignore them the less im-
portant and importance those resolutions have.

5 ARABS HELD ON SUSPICION OF
PLANTING GRENADES IN THEATERS

TEL AVIV, July 17 (JTA)—Three West Bank
Arabs and two from Acre were arrested today on
suspicion of planting hand grenades with timing
device in two Haifa movie houses last night.
Police said the suspects on the basis of des-
criptions obtained from patrons. The grenades
were discovered at the Chen and Armon theaters
and were dismantled safely.

A projectionist at the Chen was credited with
spying a suspicious, looking parcel left between
the row of seats by an Arab who was seen leaving the
theater. The parcel contained a grenade-
concealed among fruit. Police were alerted and
began an immediate search of all Haifa movie
houses which yielded the second Arab on the
basis of descriptions, a police artist drew composite-pictures of the suspects.

U.S. LEADING IN MACCABIAH GAMES

TEL AVIV, July 17 (JTA)—The United States
appears almost certain to be the winner of most
medals in the 9th Maccabiah games which close
with a gala ceremonial Thursday night. As of to-
day, U.S. athletes had amassed a total of 148
medals against 45 for the second place Israeli
contestants. The U.S. has a wider lead in gold
medals—65—37—and continued to win gold med-
als in today’s events.

Joseph Gould, of Queens, NY, took his second
gold medal with a javelin throw of 71.36 meters,
a new Maccabiah record. He won one earlier for
shot put and claimed silver and bronze medals
respectively for the discus throw and hammer
throw.

The Americans came close to monopolizing
gold medals in the swimming events and would
have had it not been for the 19-year-old Swedish
twins, Anita and Berent Zarnowiecki. Anita took
seven gold medals, surpassing the Olym-pic
swimmer, Mark Spitz who set a Macc-
abiah record in 1969 by winning five gold med-
als. Her twin brother Berent will return to
Stockholm with two gold and three silver medals.
South Africa will take home two gold medals won
by Carmel Goodman.

American Winners in Events

Among the main American medalists were:
Wendy Weinberg, Baltimore, Md., four gold and
three silver; Roy Abramowitz, Princeton, N.J.,
four gold; Ina Paskin, Encino, Ca., three gold,
two silver, two bronze; Sam Franklin, Tua-
tin, Cal., and Jeffery Latz, Tempe, Arizona, each
with three gold, one silver, and one bronze;
Michael Cook, Rancho Mirage, Cal., three gold,
one silver; Andrew Lehner, Caldwell, N.J., three
gold; and Devon Reiff, S.Canton, Pa., two gold and
one bronze medal.

The quadrilateral event, billed as the "Jewish
Olympic Games," ran smoothly in general but
was marred by three unpleasant incidents. Early
during the opening ceremonies on Monday night, one of three phys-
icians accompanying the American boxing team,
punched Shmuel Lalkin, head of the Israel Sports
Committee, in a fracas that developed when an
American heavyweight was counted out by the
referee while still on his feet. Lalkin subse-
quentlly accepted written and verbal apologies
from Dr. Novich and the matter was not referred
to the Maccabiah Court of Honor for hearing.

The other incidents involved non-Jewish ath-
letes who had been invited by the Israeli Maccab-
iah committee to compete. A track team from
Kenya angrily refused to run against the Rhodes-
ian team or against any team that competed with
the Rhodesians.

Yesterday, American coach Roy Chernock
threatened "to punch someone" if a Norwegian
distance runner, Per Halle, was permitted to
compete. The Israelis, who had invited him, re-
cutantly acceded to Chernock's protest.

ISRAEL NEGOTIATORS AT EEC TALKS

JERUSALEM, July 17 (JTA)—Israel’s team of
negotiators for the new tariff agreement with the
European Economic Community left yesterday
for Brussels where the talks open tomorrow. 'Already
in Brussels is Israel's Ambassador-to the Com-
mon Market, Moshe Allon, who will head the Is-
raeli team. Negotiations are expected to continue
sporadically for several months. The ultimate
aim is to draft a new agreement before the end of
the year.

Negotiations will also begin this week in Brus-
sels with the other four countries involved in the
projected "Mediterranean global agreement" be-
tween the EEC and the Mediterranean countries.
These are Spain, Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia.

The overall aim is to achieve free trade in in-
dustrial goods between these countries and the
EEC nine, and low tariffs on agricultural com-
modities.

Israel will be pressing for as long an adjust-
ment period as possible before she is required to
match her tariff walls on industrial imports to
zero. Last month the EEC Council of Ministers
spoke in terms of zero tariffs before the end of
this decade, but Israeli officials believe that this
would be far too premature for Israel’s own in-
dustry which is used to heavy featherbedding. Is-
rael hopes for gradual tariff reductions not reach-
ing the zero mark until 1985.

To Seek Tariff Reduction

On the agricultural front, Israel will seek the
same low tariffs for its citrus exports as those
enjoyed by the three Maghreb countries (Morocco, Algeria, and
"outside"
Morocco) which figures as this means
an 80 percent tariff reduction on the fruits and the
fruit products—the terms Morocco, Algeria and
Tunisia have enjoyed to date.

Israel would settle, all other things being equal,
for a 60 percent reduction in tariffs on some cit-
rus products—but would take nothing less than
that. Sixty percent was the tariff reduction Israel
enjoyed from her main market, the United Kingdom,
before the UK joined the EEC, and she feels, there-
fore, that her exports should not be made to suffer
because of the British joining.

Drawing nearer to Europe has, of course, im-
portant political as well as economic overtones.
The Common Market members themselves, espe-
cially the Germans, say that the EEC is mov-
ing towards political union and with their growing eco-

omic power behind them, the Market-countries
would present a formidable political force if they
achieve unity.

Israel is hoping that by drawing closer to the
EEC economically it will be able to favorably in-
fluence the Market's political policies—particularly
in the Middle East. News that the French have ap-
parently decided to desist from active anti-Israel
diplomatic activity there is hope in Jerusalem that
the EEC can be held to a balanced line on the Mideast.

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UN TERRORISM COMMITTEE HEAD URGES RECOMMENDATIONS BE MADE TO ASSEMBLY

UNITED NATIONS, July 17 (JTA)—A 35-nation ad hoc committee on international terrorism—which was to have begun formal discussion today of measures that could be taken by the world community to deal with the problem of terrorism—adjourneed this afternoon after 15 minutes.

Aquitino E. Boyd, of Panama, was elected chairman.

Boyd described terrorism as “a grave problem that afflicts mankind” and said the duty of the committee was to make recommendations to the General Assembly. The committee was established by the Assembly last Dec. to consider observations and “concrete proposals” from member states. According to the UN, observations from 38 states have been received so far.

Observers here said it was highly questionable whether the body, which will be meeting through Aug.-10, will be able to agree on a formula for concrete action to submit to the General Assembly when it convenes in Sept., largely because of the sharply divergent views among member states as to what constitutes terrorism.

The committee is a direct outgrowth of the Sept. 5, 1972 massacre of 11 Israeli Olympic athletes in Munich by German militants Kurt Waldheim said, however, that he had no specific situation in mind when he asked the General Assembly, last Sept. 8, to put the issue of terrorism on its agenda.

Tekoha Assailed

The Assembly did so in face of vigorous opposition from the Arab states. Israel itself was bitterly disappointed that the Assembly took no action beyond passing a resolution creating the multi-national ad hoc committee to give further study to the problem.

Israel’s UN Ambassador, Yosef Tekoha, declared at the time that the resolution setting up the committee “makes sheer mockery of the Secretary General’s request that the General Assembly take effective measures to prevent international terrorism.” He said the resolution, supported by the Afro-Asian and Arab-Soviet blocs indicated the UN’s “virtual incapacity” to deal effectively with such major problems confronting the international community.

The U.S. delegate, Ambassador W. Tapley Bennett Jr., saw the resolution as an equivocal move that recalled the “disintegration of the League of Nations.” Other diplomatic sources at the UN remarked that the ad hoc committee’s study “could take ages.” The Arab states failed to keep the subject of terrorism off the agenda but managed with support of the Soviet bloc to kill proposals for an international convention on the prevention and punishment of terrorism or a code of conduct for states propounded by the five-power plan which included a call on all states to refrain from giving assistance, shelter or protection to the perpetrators of terrorist acts and to extradite such criminals, or bring them to trial.

Committee Has Wide Leeway

The approved resolution, which forms the mandate of the ad hoc committee now meeting, recognized “the importance of international cooperation in devising measures effectively to prevent and punish international terrorism and of studying their underlying causes.” The resolution condemned at the same time “the continuation of repressive and terrorist acts by colonial, racist and alien regimes—in denying people their legitimate right to self-determination and independence.”

The committee, therefore, has wide leeway to study both means to deal with terrorism and its causes. The Arab states, which seek to picture terrorist acts as “part of a Palestinian struggle for national liberation,” are expected to try to steer the committee to concentrate on causes. Israel and the Western powers are interested primarily in prevention and punishment. Afro-Asian and non-aligned states fear strong preventive and punitive measures could be directed at their continuing struggle against colonialism.

The ad hoc committee includes five Arab states—Algeria, Democratic Yemen, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen. Both the U.S. and the USSR are members. Israel is not.

EMIL VON BEHRING PRIZE AWARDED TO WEIZMANN INSTITUTE PROFESSOR

REHOVOT, July 17 (JTA)—The Emil von Behring Prize, named after the first man to receive the Nobel Prize in Medicine and Physiology, was awarded to Prof. Michael Sela, Dean of the Weizmann Institute’s Biology Faculty and head of its Chemical Immunology Department, in a ceremony last Friday at the Philips University of Marburg, in the Federal German Republic.

Given every two years by the Philips University for outstanding achievements in medicine and science, with special emphasis on immunology, it was presented to Prof. Sela for his “basic immunological studies on the molecular structure of antigens and the immune response, which have given a new impetus to the development of synthetic antigens and permitted a better understanding of the genetic basis of antibody formation.”

Prof. Sela, who holds the W. Garfield Weston Chair in Immunology at the Weizmann Institute, has also been the recipient of the Israel Prize, the Rothschild Prize, and the Otto Warburg Medal of the German Biochemical Society.

ARAB HELD FOR STABBING SOLDIER

TEL AVIV, July 17 (JTA)—A 16-year-old Arab from Hebron was arrested last night after confessing he had stabbed an Israeli soldier yesterday near the Machpela cave (Patriarchs Tomb) in Hebron and stole his submachine gun and bullets. The soldier is recovering in a hospital. The youth was one of 30 suspects detained for questioning after the incident. The others were released.

The stabbing occurred in the morning when the soldier was on his way to the cave for a routine inspection before the site was opened to the public. Israeli authorities attributed the attack to inflammatory broadcasts from Arab countries. A similar incident took place near Jerusalem several months ago when Arab high school students attacked a soldier and stole his weapon.

NO CHANGE SEEN FOR RETURNING SOVIET JEWS

VIENNA, July 17 (JTA)—Jewish sources here said today that there seemed to be little chance that the Soviet Union would change its position against some 200 Russian Jews who emigrated to Israel and are now in Vienna seeking permission to return to the USSR. “It is unreasonable to think that after the death of Soviet Ambassador, (to Austria) Averky B. Aristov the Soviets are going to change their mind on the subject,” the sources said.

Following Aristov’s death last week, rumors cropped up that the new Soviet envoy would take a softer line on issuing visas to Jews who want to return. “Without a directive from Moscow even a new man in Vienna will not have the authority to ease the situation,” the sources said.
ZURIELLENS ENDS TOUR OF DUTY ON NOTE OF HUMOR, IMPLIED CRITICISM

JERUSALEM, July 17 (JTA)—J. Owen Zurhellen, Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy, ended a five-year tour of duty in Israel yesterday on a humorous note which also implied criticism of Israeli policies. Zurhellen, guest at a farewell luncheon given for him by Foreign Minister Abba Eban, presented Eban with a photograph of himself trying to pull a stubborn Israeli donkey. The photo was labeled “American diplomat in Israel, or working for peace in the Middle East.”

The point was not lost on those who are aware that Zurhellen feels that Israel missed a chance for peace in 1971 when it stalled on the U.S. initiative for proximity talks with Egypt until Washington agreed to supply Israel with more Phantom jets. By that time, according to Zurhellen, the Egyptians had lost faith in American efforts. Israel maintained at the time that it was not stalling but was seeking “clarifications” before entering proximity talks with Egypt.

Zurhellen, a former chief of the U.S. Department of Deputy Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, has been succeeded at the Embassy by Nicholas Velocci. The new U.S. Ambassador to Israel, former Sen. Kenneth Keating of New York, is expected here in a few weeks. In the interim, Embassy-Counselor Jack Button has charge of the U.S. Embassy.

B’NAI B’RITH APPEALS FOR MASSIVE INTERVENTION FOR IRAQI, SYRIAN JEWS

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, July 17 (JTA)—The B’nai B’rith International Council has appealed for “immediate intervention” for Iraqi and Syrian Jews “before these beleaguered communities disappear.” Representatives of B’nai B’rith affiliates in 40 countries, at the Council’s annual meeting last week, urged particularly that the United Nations “act in the spirit and letter of its charter to protect those whose fundamental human rights are being trampled upon.”

A Council report said that the Jewish communities in both countries were being victimized “by government-administered harassment and terror tactics.”

Dr. M. Blumenthal, B’nai B’rith president, told the Council that the Iraq and Syrian Jews “are hostages of the Middle East conflict. Their religious, cultural and ethnic identity is being systematically destroyed.” He charged Iraq and Syria with “clear violation of Article II of the UN Genocide Convention” that outlawed efforts to destroy all or part of a national, ethnic, racial or religious group. A need for the United States to “consider carefully” its projected sale of military equipment to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia was emphasized by Dr. William A. Wexler, Council chairman.

The U.S. failure of maintaining a balance of arms in the region’s favor has prevented an outbreak of large-scale fighting,” Dr. Wexler said. “It would be foolish for American interests to compromise that policy.” Although neither Arab state has been directly involved in military attacks against each other, “both have been violently anti-Israel and supporter of Egypt’s belligerence and El Fatah terror,” Dr. Wexler said. “The State Department itself has acknowledged there are no guarantees by either nation that it won’t transfer the Phantom jets it wants to buy to Egypt or some other Arab belligerent, he said.

CAB DENIES EL AL CHARTER RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, July 17 (JTA)—The Civil Aviation Board (CAB) has denied EL Al the authority to operate a charter flight, the third time in the past two months, it was reported in the July 19 issue of the magazine, “Travel Agent.” According to the article, the CAB cited the lack of reciprocity between Israel and the United States.

The cancellation was a roundtrip New York- Rome charter for the Reservoir Officers Association. “Although EL Al argued that denial of authority would seriously inconvenience the passengers of the flight, the CAB appears intent to use charter cancellations as a weapon in the attempt of the U.S. to convince Israel should it lift its charter ban,” the article stated.

AFTER 2 YEARS, 10 MONTHS, A HOPE IS FULFILLED

TEL AVIV, July 17 (JTA)—In September 1970 when the Raab family of Trenton, New Jersey, was aboard a TWA plane that was hijacked by Arab terrorists on its flight strip in Jordan, David, the eldest of five children, decided that if his family emerged unhurt from the affair he would see that they emigrated to Israel.

Menachem Raab, the father, was the rabbi in his community. He and his wife, Sarah, said that David was among the few Jews who were separated from the other passengers and kept somewhere else. It was then that David decided he would come to Israel if he emerged alive. David came to Israel last year and asked and pleaded with his family to follow him. Yesterday they arrived and went to Jerusalem where they will make their home.

NEW ISRAELI STAMPS DUE IN AUG.

NEW YORK, July 17 (JTA)—Israel will issue six new postage stamps Aug. 21 showing six stained glass windows by Marc Chagall which are in the chapel of the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, the Israel Philatelic Agency in America announced. Stamps showing the six other windows were issued March 26. All the stamps of the Chagall windows have 1L.100 values. Israel will also issue on Aug. 21 its annual Festival set of postage stamps. The stamps, depicting the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel, were designed by P. Greha and have values of 1L c.18, IL 0.65, and IL 1.10 respectively.

MIZRACHI WOMEN HONOR JACKSON

WASHINGTON, July 17 (JTA)—The Mizrachi Women’s Organization of America today conferred its America-Israel Friendship Award on Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D. Wash.).—Mrs. Milton S. Jacobson of New York, national president of the religious Zionist organization, made the presentation in a ceremony in the Senate’s office. The award is given to Americans not of the Jewish faith who have made “significant contributions in the furtherance of America-Israel friendship.”

In accepting the award, Mrs. Jacobson said the women’s group for the first time considered issues involving freedom and liberty for all people, which, she said, is in keeping with the American ideal. He said “that a modicum of freedom for those in the Soviet Union who wish to emigrate is in the interests of all mankind. The award usually is conferred by the organization at its national convention, which takes place this year in Miami Beach starting Aug. 19, but Jackson’s schedule would not permit him to be there at that time.

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