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SPECIAL KNESSET SESSION TO DISCUSS JACKSON AMENDMENT, SOVIET JEWRY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 18 (JTA)--The Kneset will meet in special session tomorrow to discuss the Jackson Amendment which is now before the U.S. Senate, and Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union.

The matter was placed on the agenda at the request of Likud, the new non-Labor alignment. The Israeli government has taken no official position on the Jackson Amendment on grounds that it is an internal matter of the U.S. But the Kneset may make some move in favor of the measure although the Labor Alignment has supported the government policy of non-interference.

Gahal, the largest faction in the Likud coalition, has been active in demanding that Israel indicate to the U.S. that it favors adoption of the Jackson Amendment. Gahal leader Menachem Beigin has repeatedly accused the government of not doing enough for Soviet Jews. The Kneset turned down his demand for support of the Jackson Amendment before it adjourned for summer recess.

PANOV TOLD HE CAN GO TO ISRAEL IF HE LEAVES HIS WIFE BEHIND

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 (JTA)--The National Conference on Soviet Jewry said today it learned that Valery Panov has received permission from Soviet authorities to go to Israel on condition that he leaves his wife, Galina, in the Soviet Union. According to the NCSJ, Soviet officials told Panov that his wife was being denied a visa because her father has refused to let her emigrate. Galina is not Jewish.

The NCSJ reported that Panov reportedly was told by Soviet Interior Ministry officials that his wife would be reinstated with the Kirov Ballet Company from which she and her husband had been expelled if she would divorce Valery. Panov's answer was "I prefer to die rather than to leave her."

Richard Maass, NCSJ chairman, termed this latest Soviet action "outrageous" and a form of heartless harassment. "Valery Panov and his wife are being brutally and heartlessly crushed by the Soviet government's persistent refusal to allow them to leave. To even suggest that a man must leave his wife or a woman divorce her husband in order to qualify for the basic human right to live freely in a country of one's choice, is a perversion of the true meaning of that right," Maass stated.

LABOR PARTY BESET BY PROBLEMS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 18 (JTA)--Israel's ruling Labor Party, girding for what promises to be a tough Kneset election next month, found itself today in a state of serious internal difficulties. Mordechai Surkiss, the party's deputy secretary general resigned in anger last night because he was not given what he considers a "realistic" place on the Labor election lists. Yitzhak Ben Aharon, secretary general of Histadrut, is threatening to resign that post and had some scathing words last night for Labor Party colleagues who have refused to guarantee in advance that they will support him for another term.

The difficulties stem in part from the make-

up of Premier Golda Meir's Labor Party which was created seven years ago by the merger of three Laborite factions—Mapai, Rafi and Achdut Avodah. It also reflects the weakness of Israel's proportional representation system which often causes Kneset candidates to fight harder for a "safe spot" on their party's election list than against the opposition.

Surkiss, who belongs to the Rafi group, was given tenth place on the list which, he intimated, was an insult to his position and to Rafi. Rafi has eight "safe" places on the Labor Alignment list. Surkiss' post as deputy secretary general will remain vacant while efforts are made by party colleagues to persuade him to withdraw his resignation.

Ben Aharon Raps Party

Ben Aharon, a leader of the Achdut Avodah faction, directed his remarks against the Mapai wing which he alleged was trying to crowd him out. He said that after seven years of official merger "we are still living in the narrow framework of separate groups." He accused the Mapai leadership of having deliberately undermined Labor's Histadrut election campaign in order to discredit him. Labor dropped 3.76 percentage points below its 1969 showing.

Addressing a meeting of the Achdut Avodah kibbutz movement here last night, Ben Aharon repeated his demand that the party give him unqualified support for another term. "I am not here to have my blood shed," he declared.

He said he would not stay in his Histadrut office solely for the sake of the election campaign only to be dropped afterwards. Ben Aharon was supported by Achdut Avodah colleagues who declared that "he will be ousted only over our dead bodies." The meeting resolved that the Hakibbutz Hameugad movement would exert strong pressure on the Labor Party leadership to assure another term for Ben Aharon.

JEWISH LEADERS URGE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO REPORT FAVORABLY ON THE MILLS-VANIK MEASURE

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 (JTA)--Spokesmen for leading American Jewish organizations demanded today that the House Ways and Means Committee report favorably on the Mills-Vanik Free Emigration Act, an amendment to the East-West Trade Bill that would deny most favored nation status to the Soviet Union unless it lifts restrictions on emigration.

The key Congressional committee was to have met behind closed doors today to hear testimony on the measure which has the support of two-thirds of the House and to hear testimony by Secretary of State-designate Dr. Henry Kissinger. However, the committee decided to postpone action on MFN and to postpone Dr. Kissinger's appearance. (See P. 3 for details.) An identical measure in the Senate, the Jackson Amendment, commands more than a 75 percent majority. But the Nixon Administration is making serious attempts to have both bills killed in committee.

'Quiet Diplomacy' Termed Insufficient

The Administration's policy of "quiet diplomacy" on the issue of Soviet Jews was termed "insufficient" today by Harry K. Gutmann, chairman

of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations Board of "rustees. Gutmann, urging the nation's more than one million Reform Jews to continue their support for the Jackson and Mills-Vanik bills, noted that since Nixon's summit meeting with Russian leaders last year, "conditions for Soviet Jews and dissidents inside the country appear to have grown worse." He said "The sacred moral and ethical rights of individuals cannot be subordinated by any nation for either detente or improved trade relations."

Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, in a telegram to the House committee urged its "unwavering support" for the Mills-Vanik bill. He said "the compelling need for its passage is underlined by current developments in the Soviet Union" and that its adoption "by your committee will demonstrate that the U.S. will not sacrifice human rights on the altar of expediency."

Mrs. Rose Matzkin, national president of Haddassah, said today that her 325,000-member organization firmly supports the Mills-Vanik bill. "We are opposed to revisions of this bill which would allow the continuation of the present restriction on free emigration of Soviet Jews," Mrs. Matzkin said. "The Mills-Vanik legislation is one of the most effective measures to gain freedom for Soviet Jews."

The Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry also urged the House committee to approve the Mills-Vanik legislation. "Any efforts to modify this legislation could be interpreted as a signal by the United States to the Soviet Union that this nation is more interested in products than people," said Stanley H. Lowell, Conference chairman.

FRANCE TENTATIVELY AGREES TO SELL MISSILES TO SAUDI ARABIA

PARIS, Sept. 18 (JTA)--France and Saudi Arabia have reached a tentative agreement providing for the sale of the French-made Crotales (rattlesnake) ground-to-air missile to Saudi Arabia. The agreement was reportedly reached last week during the four-day visit to Riyadh by French Defense Minister Robert Galley. Reliable circles in France say that the agreement provides for the sale of "large quantities" of Crotales batteries. France is already supplying Crotales missiles to Libya.

The Crotales is a highly sophisticated missile used for low-flying airplanes. Many observers here believe that following the recent rapprochement between Egypt and Saudi Arabia, King Faisal intends to transfer part of the missiles to Egypt where they can be used to protect low-flying planes and the SAM installations at major Egyptian airfields and along the Suez Canal zone.

Reliable sources in Paris add that Galley also seems to have reached a tentative agreement for the supply of 36 Mirage 3E jets. Preparations are being made at the French military air base at Dijon for the arrival of some 40 Saudi pilots and technicians. The men, who are to be trained by the French, are due to arrive early next month. Negotiations providing for the sale of the Mirages started last May during Faisal's visit to Paris.

NO HIRED LABOR IN RAFFAH REGION

TEL AVIV, Sept. 18 (JTA)--Two settlements in the Pithach Raffah region agreed yesterday to terminate their employment of Arab hired labor by next March or April. The agreement was reached between the representatives of Netiv Haasara and Sadot settlements and Defense Min-

ister Moshe Dayan who has insisted that the security zone between Sinai and the Gaza Strip be inhabited solely by Jews.

Dayan has said that he did not want Arabs, mainly Bedouins, who were evacuated from the Raffah salient for security reasons to return there in the guise of hired hands. The main idea of the Raffah salient is to create a security buffer zone between Sinai and Gaza, he said.

The agreement was reached after the Jewish Agency's settlement department promised to alter the pattern of settlement labor so that there will be no need for outside hired help. Yesterday's announcement spoke of hired labor in general terms but the reference was understood to refer to Arab labor. There will be a transition period during which a limited number of permits will be issued for the employment of hired labor until the end of the current crop season.

DULZIN REPORTS ON ALIYA

NEW YORK, Sept. 18 (JTA)--Leon Dulzin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency and of the World Zionist Executive, said that while aliya on a global basis remained at a strong level, emigration from the United States to Israel has declined during the past eight months, but predicted that 7200 Canadian and American olim would arrive in Israel by year-end. He said that 188 Jews were being absorbed daily by Israel and that there was a resurgence of aliya from Eastern European countries--independent of that from the Soviet Union--which will result in some 10,000 new immigrants this year from those countries.

Dulzin, addressing a special meeting of the American Zionist Federation Executive Committee, disclosed that in order to make adjustments in Israel easier for single people, the Jewish Agency has initiated a program in which 1000 housing units are being built to accommodate single people who come on aliya. He stressed that "insofar as the continuity of the Jewish people is concerned our two major concerns should be Jewish education and aliya. Certainly, aliya must be the central Zionist concern in the United States."

Discussing the quality of the Soviet immigrants, Dulzin said they were highly-trained and educated but that frequently it is difficult to find appropriate professional placement for them. In such cases the immigrant is given further education and training so as to enable him to enter the mainstream of Israeli life.

"The fact remains," Dulzin said "that with few exceptions all Soviet olim are placed in jobs and provided with housing and other necessities of life. Consequently, those few who choose to leave Israel will no longer be assigned refugee status, which hitherto has entitled them to aid from other Jewish sources."

SECURITY CONFERENCE TO HEAR ISRAEL

GENEVA, Sept. 18 (JTA)--The European Security Conference opened here today with Israel scheduled to be heard in a few days on the question of security in the Middle East. The Conference commission on the free circulation of persons and ideas is scheduled to deal with the problem of Soviet Jews and intellectuals.

In Paris, the Alliance Israelite Universelle, headed by Nobel Peace Prize winner Rene Cassin, said today European Jews were at present victims of "disguised persecution." The Alliance called on the Conference to "profit by the lessons of the last World War." In a related development, representatives of the French Jewish welfare organization (CRIF) met in Paris with French Foreign Minister Michel Jobert on the subject of Soviet Jews.

HOUSE VOTE ON MFN POSTPONED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18 (JTA)--The House Ways and Means Committee postponed its crucial vote today on most favored nation treatment for the Soviet Union as Congressional sentiment mounted in favor of the Mills-Vanik Free Emigration Act and its companion measure in the Senate, the Jackson Amendment. Secretary of State-designate Dr. Henry Kissinger, who was scheduled to testify on the Mills-Vanik measure before the committee today, cancelled his appearance.

White House Deputy Press Secretary Gerald Warren told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he "understood" that the committee had asked Dr. Kissinger to delay his testimony. He had been expected to oppose the Mills-Vanik bill linking MFN status to a relaxation of Soviet emigration policies.

Dr. Kissinger, meanwhile, was confirmed by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today for the office of Secretary of State. Sen. George S. McGovern (D.S.D.) cast the sole dissenting vote, saying he did so "on grounds of conscience."

The House committee's postponement of its vote on the Mills-Vanik measure, at a closed door meeting this morning, was apparently based on the reported view of its acting chairman, Rep. Al Ullman (D.Ore.), that more time was needed to cool "the emotions" in Congress toward the Soviet Union.

Senate Condemns USSR

The Senate voted today to condemn the Soviet Union for its harsh treatment of dissident intellectuals and demanded that President Nixon apply pressure during current trade and disarmament talks to end Soviet repression.

The Senate acted on a resolution by Sen. Walter Mondale (D.Minn.) after Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.) read a letter yesterday from Soviet physicist Andrei Sakharov appealing for passage of the Jackson Amendment. Ullman, who is not one of the original 18 supporters of the Mills-Vanik bill on the Ways and Means Committee, asked a delay on the vote until next week "on the chance that we can get more reason interjected into this discussion."

At present 16 of the 25 committee members support Mills-Vanik. Two earlier supporters--Reps. James C. Corman, a Democrat, and Jerry L. Pettis, a Republican, both from California--defected. Dr. Kissinger was expected to try to sway more supporters from the bill which the Nixon Administration opposes.

Full Senate Confirmation Of Kissinger Expected

Dr. Kissinger's near unanimous confirmation by the Foreign Relations Committee is expected to be followed by his confirmation by the full Senate. When Dr. Kissinger appears before the Ways and Means Committee, therefore, it will be as U.S. Secretary of State.

McGovern said in a statement after the committee voted that he could not back Dr. Kissinger's confirmation in view of his role in "the needless prolongation" of the Indo-China war and "the tragedy" of the Pakistan-Indian war over Bangladesh. He did not mention Dr. Kissinger's opposition to the Jackson/Mills-Vanik measures over which they had clashed during the Foreign Relations Committee hearings.

GOREN REJECTS WOMEN IN MINYAN

LONDON, Sept. 18 (JTA)--Israel's Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren rejected here yesterday the decision by American Conservative Judaism

to count women for a minyan. Rabbi Goren, who is visiting here on behalf of the Joint Israel Appeal, said "I hadn't even paid attention to this ruling until the question was put to me. It cannot be even considered."

The Orthodox rabbi added that the traditional exclusion of women from a minyan "is not a matter of discrimination. It is halachic law based on the nature of the universe."

Other points made by Rabbi Goren at a press conference here included the assertion that Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union was not mere aliyah "but a Messianic phenomenon"; that aliyah was a Divine injunction and hence it was a religious obligation to live in Israel; that the most important achievement of Israel's new Chief Rabbinate since it took office a year ago was its defense of the religious status quo which forbids civil marriage or divorce in Israel.

Rabbi Goren who recently visited the Jewish Agency's immigrants transit point for Soviet Jews at Schoenau castle near Vienna, said that about three percent of the Jewish emigrants from the Soviet Union brought non-Jewish spouses into Israel. He said there were plans for a special center, sponsored by the Chief Rabbinate, the Jewish Agency and the Absorption Ministry, to give them special religious instruction preparatory to conversion.

SPECIAL LATE BULLETIN**TEKOAH SAYS ISRAEL DELEGATION NOT****PRESSING FOR SEPARATE VOTE ON GERMANY'S**

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 18 (JTA)--Ambassador Yosef Tekoah of Israel told the General Assembly this afternoon that his delegation was "not pressing" Israel's earlier request for a separate vote on the admission of the two Germanys to the United Nations. "The Israeli delegation regrets that due to objections of the sponsor of the draft resolution, a separate vote on the admission of the German Democratic Republic has become impossible," he said.

Tekoah was referring to a resolution worked out here whereby the Democratic Republic of East Germany and the West German Federal Republic would be admitted simultaneously by acclamation. The admission of both Germanys in that manner occurred late this evening.

The Israeli diplomat said that Israel had asked for a separate vote for the opportunity to record its opposition to the East German regime. He said that Israel supports the admission of West Germany and would have voted accordingly had a direct vote been held.

Tekoah said that for "more than 20 years the German Democratic Republic has been trying to relegate to oblivion the holocaust wrought upon the Jewish people by Nazi Germany and has been fanning the flames of hostility against Israel."

GITTERMAN AND FAMILY ARRIVE IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 18 (JTA)--Prof. Moise Gitterman, an expert in solid state physics, arrived here last night from the Soviet Union. He was one of six Jewish scientists who staged a hunger strike in Moscow to protest the denial of exit visas. Prof. Gitterman was accompanied by his wife, daughter, mother and aunt. The 42-year-old scientist said that the Jewish activists are very excited over the Jackson Amendment. They believe that adoption of the amendment would exert pressure on the Russian authorities to permit Jews to emigrate. He was not sure, however, the amendment would solve the problems of Russian Jewry in general. Prof. Gitterman has a post in the Tel Aviv University physics department.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES**MINYAN EQUALITY RAISES STORM**

By Ben Gallob, JTA Staff Writer

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By a majority vote the Conservative movement's rabbinical Committee on Jewish Law and Standards voted to include women as equals with men in the minyan. Under the committee's procedures, it was left to the individual Conservative rabbi to apply it in his congregation. Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly, the association of Conservative rabbis, predicted the practice would become standard in Conservative congregations within the next two decades.

The basic point of the Orthodox criticism was that the change was a violation of halacha. Among the critics were Rabbi Louis Bernstein, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, Rabbi David Hollander, president of the Rabbinical Alliance, and Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of Agudath Israel of America.

Rabbi Norman Lamm of the Jewish Center of New York, a professor of Jewish philosophy at Yeshiva University, expressed the Orthodox view in a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, that women are exempt from many requirements obligatory to man. He added that "voluntary assumption" by a woman of a non-obligatory responsibility "does not transform the act into one of halachic obligation" and a woman so doing therefore "cannot be counted as part of a minyan."

Two Issues Generally Ignored

In all the uproar, two relevant issues were generally ignored. One was whether Jewish women regarding themselves as bound by halacha generally accepted the halachic definition of their status or whether there was significant and informed dissent among such women within the framework of halacha. The other was whether there was any threat to the unity of the Jewish community, Klal Yisroel, arising from disputes within religious Jewry of such apparent ferocity.

There are Jewish women who accept the halacha as binding but contend it has been adapted to changing conditions in the past and can be adapted in the present to end what they consider their second class status. A number of such women, identifying themselves as both Orthodox and Conservative, formed an organization called Ezrat Nashim to press the rabbinate for such changes.

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Fears Of Split Unfounded

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Rabbi Kelman did not share such fears. He said there had been two groups in American Orthodoxy for the past 20 years, the "militant separatists" and the "cooperators." He said the latest Orthodox reaction represented a development which was neither new nor unpredictable and that it would make "absolutely no difference" in existing cooperative efforts. He asserted the Orthodox militants would remain militants and that the cooperators would continue to cooperate.

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ATA 'C'	.27	.261/2
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Bank Leumi Investment	.51	.47
Delek	.42	.391/2
Discount Bank Investment	3.06	2.99
Electra	2.77	2.55
Electric Wire & Cable	1.22	1.19
General Mortgage Bank	2.71	2.66
Hassneh Insurance	5.57	5.07
Mehadrin Citrus	.49	.46
Shemen	1.40	1.39
Taal Plywood	1.40	1.39

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