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King Faisal's 'Favorite Literature' NEWSMEN ACCOMPANYING JOBERT TO SAUDI ARABIA GET COPIES OF PROTOCOLS, WRITINGS BY HITLER AND HERZL

PARIS, Jan. 28 (JTA)--King Faisal of Saudi Arabia has presented the French newsmen who accompanied Foreign Minister Michel Jobert to Jidda with a personal gift--the Protocols of the Elders of Zion and an anthology of anti-Semitic writings. Each of the newsmen in the party--and they included four known to be Jewish--was presented with a small silk basket as a "personal gift" from the King. The anthology published in 1972 contains 428 extracts from such strange co-authors as Adolf Hitler and Theodor Herzl. A large part is devoted to what it claims to be parts of the Talmud.

The Protocols is introduced by an Arab scholar, Fayez Ajjaz, who appeals to "Christians throughout the world to realize the danger threatening them and to unite their efforts to ours for the good of the entire human race." "Le Monde" is the only French paper to reveal publicly the contents of the King's gift. The other newsmen, apparently acting at the request of the French Foreign Ministry, have not made known to their readers the nature of the two books described by Saudi officials as "the King's favorite literature."

Le Monde's Eric Rouleau, known for his articles critical of Israeli policy, was the only member of the French party to be refused a visa by the Saudis. Rouleau described himself as Jewish in his visa application. Four other Jewish newsmen either said that they were "without religion" or are believed to have produced forged baptism certificates. When invited by the Saudis to send another reporter to replace Rouleau, Le Monde forwarded the name of Miss Nicole Bernheim who also described herself as Jewish. She, too, was refused a visa.

Visa Refusal Provokes Sharp Protests

Meanwhile, the Saudi Arabian Embassy's refusal to grant Rouleau a visa has provoked sharp protest here against Saudi Arabia and Jobert. The International League Against Racism and anti-Semitism (LICA) sharply criticized what it called Jobert's "passivity" in the affair and expressed its "indignation at the Foreign Minister's failure to protest in the name of France against such racial discrimination."

Daniel Mayer, president of the Human Rights League (HRL) said, "as is often the case, their avowed anti-Zionism (Saudi Arabia's) is nothing but the official label they give to their anti-Semitism." The National Union of Journalist Syndicates (NUJS), in a written "solemn protest" of the Saudi Arabian visa refusal, expressed "its indignation at racist, philosophical or religious pretenses used to prevent the free exercise of the journalist profession and to suppress freedom of expression."

In addition, the NUJS strongly criticized what it termed the "passivity of the Quai d'Orsay (French State Dept.) which did not deem it necessary to protest such a discriminatory measure." The Socialist Party also protested the visa refusal and said it was "shocked" that the Foreign Minister had failed to take "urgent" steps with the Saudi Arabian authorities and see

that the refusal "was annulled."

FIRST PHASE OF WITHDRAWAL COMPLETED

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28 (JTA)--Israeli forces completed the first phase of their withdrawal from the west bank of the Suez Canal at noon today. They occupied a new line north of the Suez-Cairo road after formally turning over the evacuated area to the United Nations. Later today the UN-handed it over to the Egyptians. (See related story P. 3) The port of Adabiyeah on the Gulf of Suez was the first position transferred to the UN. Later, the Israeli flag was lowered in the town of Suez and a symbolic "key" to the city made of cardboard was presented to the officer in command of the UN unit taking temporary control of the town.

Kilometer 101 on the Suez-Cairo road which enjoyed its brief moment of world fame as the spot where Israel and Egypt signed their ceasefire agreement Nov. 11 and disengagement accord Jan. 21, reverted today to just another lonely desert marker. The green UN tent where the documents were signed is no longer Israel-held territory. The new Israeli positions are from 1 1/2-4 kilometers north of the road. There, Israeli forces have strung barbed wire and posted border warning signs. But the new lines will be occupied only until the Israelis complete the second phase of their pullback to a point north of Fayid.

Meanwhile, it turned out that the Israeli promise not to engage in a scorched earth policy did not apply to Egyptian military installations. As convoys of army trucks and buses evacuated Israeli troops, demolition squads blew up or put torch to Egyptian military equipment and installations that could not be moved. But roads and basic civilian installations were untouched.

The Egyptians will benefit from a new road constructed by Israeli engineers during the past month and from new bridges thrown over the Suez Canal to facilitate the withdrawal. The Egyptians will also be able to use once more the airfields at Fayid, Gasparit and Kebrtit which they had abandoned long ago because they were within artillery range of Israeli forces on the Barlev line. With Israeli forces pulling back to positions 20 kilometers east of the Suez Canal, the airfields are expected to be re-activated and will constitute a potential threat to Israeli positions. (By Yitzhak Shargil.)

SYRIA STILL CALLS IT PALESTINE

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (JTA)--As far as Syria is concerned there is no such place as Israel. This was revealed yesterday in a two-page advertisement on Syria's economy in The New York Times' special International Economic Survey which was topped by a map showing Syria and its neighbors--next to a picture of President Hafez Al Assad--in which Israel was listed as Palestine.

HIGHEST PRICE HIKES IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28 (JTA)--Israeli housewives had a disagreeable surprise when they went to the supermarket this morning. Their money bought one-third less of such essential commodities as bread, butter, margarine, oil, eggs, sugar and milk than it did the day before. This was the result of yesterday's Cabinet decision to cut by

more than a half the government's price support subsidies for essential products.

The blow was softened somewhat by the government's announcement that it would pay its employees an additional four percent cost of living allowance—above the 14.5 percent paid earlier this month. It has urged private employers to do the same. Families with more than two children, pensioners and families on social welfare will receive increased grants to cushion the impact of soaring prices.

But the price hikes posted today were unparalleled in Israel's economic life. Sugar was up more than 80 percent, from IL 1.14 to IL 2 per kilo; eggs were up from 16 to 26 agorot; margarine from 32 to 50 ag.; milk from 64 to 100 per half liter; flour from IL 450 to IL 850 per ton; bread from 32 to 55 ag. per loaf, and challah from 40 to 60 ag. Hard cheese went from IL 7 to IL 11 per kilogram; edible oils from 75 to 105 ag. per bottle. In addition, public transportation is due for a 50 percent fare increase to go into effect within two weeks.

Economic analysts believe today's price hikes are only the first round in a new chain reaction of price increases. The next items expected to go up are products made from the essential commodities. These include cakes, sweets, juices, jellies, ice cream and, of course, restaurant prices. A general increase of 10 percent in the cost of living is forecast before the end of the year, although Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said he hoped the present prices on essential foodstuffs would hold "unless there is a world price earthquake."

Yeruham Meshel, acting secretary general of Histadrut, called a meeting of the central committee tonight to discuss the new price situation. Histadrut wants employers to follow the government guidelines by paying additional cost of living allowances. But the employers are balking. The Employers' Coordination Bureau called on the government last night to reconsider its decision to pay additional COL allowances on grounds that it would only strengthen inflationary trends.

Police Arrest 5 In Price Hike Demonstration

This afternoon police cordoned off the Central Bus Terminal and arrested five persons in dispersing a demonstration against the food price hikes. The demonstration was conducted by several score Black Panthers who were joined by an undetermined number of local housewives. The demonstrators trooped through the bus station carrying signs that read, "They eat cake and let us eat dry bread," and "War on poverty, not on the poor." Traffic to and from the terminal was halted until the police restored order.

AZBEL HUNGER STRIKE SET

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (JTA)--David Azbel, a 62-year-old physics professor in Moscow, will begin his hunger strike Feb. 1, it was reported here today by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. His hunger strike is in protest against the treatment of Soviet dissidents Andrei Sakharov and Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn as well as over the denial of an exit visa to himself. According to the SSSJ, Prof. Azbel will be joined in the hunger strike by three of his friends: Prof. Vitaly Rubin, an expert on China; Benjamin Gorokh, a screenwriter; and Anatoly Galatsky, an artist. Prof. Azbel, who was a prisoner in forced labor camps between 1935 and 1951, first applied for his visa in April, 1972. His friends have also applied for visas but have been turned down.

SABBATH PROBLEM SOLVED

LONDON, Jan. 28 (JTA)--The Board of Deputies of British Jews welcomed the announcement by the government that the three-day work week in industry will henceforth be applied not by fixed days for fixed zones but by giving each factory an opportunity to choose which three days in the week they want to work. A spokesman for the Board said:

"This is of the greatest importance to Jewish owners of factories and workshops in London and the London area, and some other areas in the country, where the working days were Thursday, Friday and Saturday, so that Orthodox Jews could only work a day-and-a-half. They will now be able to work three full days without being involved with Friday afternoons and Saturdays. The Board had made strenuous efforts to alleviate the original situation." The new regulations are also helpful to Seventh Day Adventists, Moslems and other groups.

500 NORTH AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS PLEDGE TO HELP ISRAEL'S ECONOMY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28 (JTA)--The Israel Air Force welcomed yesterday afternoon the more than 500 American and Canadian Jewish civic, business and professional leaders who arrived in Israel to participate in an international Israel Bond conference which was convened by Premier Golda Meir and Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir to formulate plans whereby the Israel Bond Organization will seek to sell \$1 billion in Bonds to finance reconstruction and development efforts in Israel. The El Al jumbo jet which carried the Jewish leaders landed at an Air Force base somewhere in Israel and the delegates witnessed military exercises which dramatized Israel's need for constant preparedness.

Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Bonds Organization and head of the delegation, said on arrival of the seven-day conference ending Feb. 2, "We have come to commit ourselves to the strengthening of Israel during this period of momentous decisions. In the light of Israel's urgent economic needs today, this conference ranks as one of the most crucial ever held. We must think in terms of heightened needs and assure Israel maximum economic strength in the difficult year of the Geneva peace negotiations." At the air base, Air Force Commander Gen. Benjamin Peled briefed the conference participants at a luncheon in the air base's dining hall.

Later, in Jerusalem, Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the delegates that Syria holds the key to the opening of the negotiations on the disengagement of forces on the Golan Heights front. "All they have to do," he said, "is what Israel has already done: provide lists of prisoners of war they hold and accept International Red Cross visits to them." Eban said the actual exchange of POWs could then be negotiated within the framework of the Geneva peace talks.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Syrian artillery fired on Israeli positions today for the third successive day while the orderly withdrawal of Israeli forces from the west bank of the Suez Canal continued on the Egyptian front. An Israeli military spokesman said a number of artillery shells were fired by the Syrians at Israeli forces near Tel Fares on the Golan Heights. There were no casualties. Syrian shell fire Saturday killed one Israeli soldier and wounded two in a three-hour exchange of fire. Yesterday a five-hour artillery exchange occurred on the Heights.

EYEWITNESS REPORT: THE LAST DAYS OF ISRAELI PRESENCE ON THE WEST BANK

By Gil Sedan, JTA Jerusalem Correspondent

FAID, OCCUPIED EGYPT, Jan. 28 (JTA)--One can choose any point on the battered roads west of the Suez Canal and be a witness to the Israeli withdrawal from this part of Egypt. The withdrawal is clearly seen, felt--and heard. Empty trucks make their way from Sinai, across the canal bridges, deep into the African territory, and then return eastward heavily laden with many items, from the mattresses which comforted soldiers on the front lines to burned out tanks which may still prove useful some day. The traffic reminds one of the picture on the first days of the war: the roads are covered with vehicles, which sometimes form long lines, almost impassible. Only this time the movement is in the opposite direction, for a different purpose--handing this stretch of land back to its original owners, with the hope that the Egyptian and Israeli armies will really be disengaged.

In the southern sector of the area occupied by Israel one noticed buses loaded with paratroopers, with a big sign on the front, "home." The paratroopers had manned the outskirts of the town of Suez, and in the last few weeks before the disengagement agreement they were engaged in an almost daily exchange of fire. Now that the town of Suez was evacuated, the paratroopers hope to really go home. As to the military installations--one is shocked every now and then by a noisy blast which means another installation has been blown up. Of major importance are the three airfields and the missile sites. During the last few days the army began systematically destroying the hangars which protected Egyptian aircraft, and such was also the fate of the well-equipped missile sites. It was not clear yet what would happen to the runways. Other than that, many installations of a minor military importance were seen burning up in the last few days. "The job has to be done, and that's all there is to it," said one soldier. If there is any joy in it, it is due to the fact that this work means packing up and leaving--if not for home, at least closer to home.

Outside the casino in Suez a group of paratroopers sat yesterday and counted the hours until UNEF was to take over. On top of the big casino building there was a message for the Egyptians: "Make peace, not war." One soldier was holding a bundle of keys in his hand. He found them and convinced everybody around him that these were the keys to the museum. He expected to deliver them in an unofficial ceremony to the UNEF soldiers, to be forwarded later to the Egyptians.

In the northern sector of the west bank there were other paratroopers, still manning the positions opposite the Egyptian lines on the outskirts of Ismailia. Here, during the last few months, relations between the soldiers of the opposing armies developed into personal relations. Israelis made friends with Egyptians, exchanged coins, views and impressions. This is a new phase in the relations between the two armies. This nature of relations was regarded as utopian only a few months ago, and it was achieved paradoxically only after a bloody war. This was the nature of relations in the field. The question that remains open is--would it affect the politicians?

**JEWISH AGENCY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
TO SEEK BUDGET INCREASE TO \$720 M**

JERUSALEM, Jan. 28 (JTA)--The Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency is to meet here tomorrow to approve an increase in the Agency's budget from \$470 million to \$720 million. This increase is mainly due to the greater needs of Israel since the Yom Kippur War, and to the intention of the Agency to take over as many civilian expenses as possible so that Israeli resources can be devoted to security expenses. The added funds will enable concentrated efforts in immigrant absorption and housing.

Moshe Rivlin, director general of the agency, told the JTA today that the nature of fund-raising has changed from an image of "shnoring" to a true feeling of a sharing of the burden by the Jewish people. "For many Jews abroad it is just like paying taxes," he said. He noted that there is an increased participation by the younger generation among the organizers of the funds, which gives reason to believe that the participation of the Jewish people in the future will be just as good as in the present.

SHIPS IDLED IN THREE MAIN PORTS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 28 (JTA)--The Seamen's Union said today that it was tying up all Israeli ships in the three main ports--Haifa, Ashdod and Eilat--for three days in an effort to force the government to reconsider its plans to sell Israel's last remaining passenger vessels, the motorships Dan and Nili. The tie-up went into effect this morning. Ships entering the ports were immediately idled and those already in dock or at anchorages were being held for three days. Histadrut called on the seamen to return to work but agreed to intervene with the govern-

ment to retain at least one of the two ships scheduled to be sold to foreign interests.

The Seamen's Union is concerned about unemployment. The Dan and Nili each carries a crew of several hundred. The twin vessels, built as car ferries for Mediterranean service, have been operated by Zim Passenger Lines, Ltd., an affiliate of the national shipping company, Zim Lines. The passenger service proved to be a money-loser and since the Yom Kippur War the ships have run virtually empty. Not affected by today's tie-up are tankers transporting oil from the Abu Rodeis fields in southern Sinai to Eilat.

The Zim Lines meanwhile ended the year with reduced profits but definitely not in the red despite severe trading losses caused by the Yom Kippur War. "We did make a small profit," Zim's general manager Moshe Kashti disclosed. But it was nothing like the previous year--1972--when Zim's world-wide cargo and bulk operations netted earnings of IL 20 million and an IL 14 million capital gain from the sale of surplus ships.

Kashti estimated the company's Yom Kippur War losses at IL 10 million owing in part to the sharp drop in the import of cement, iron and consumer goods such as motor cars. He said an additional loss of IL 16 million was attributable to mechanical defects in four new containerships built in Italy which had to be laid up for repairs with a resulting loss of revenue.

NEW YORK (JTA)--Eighty Reform and Conservative synagogue officers from synagogues in the U.S. departed Sunday for Israel to press their demands that Premier Golda Meir not accept the request of the National Religious Party for a change in the Law of Return, thereby recognizing only the conversions by Orthodox rabbis.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ORDERS TWA TO PAY \$11,889 IN BIAS CASE

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (JTA)--A Brooklyn taxi driver was awarded \$11,889 in damages and compensation from Trans-World Airlines today on grounds that anti-Semitic bias was responsible for his dismissal from a probationary job with TWA at Kennedy Airport in 1969. In ordering the airline to pay the amount, the City Commission on Human Rights contended that Malcolm Rattner, 27, a Vietnam war veteran, was fired, "because of his religion." A TWA spokesman called the ruling "ludicrous" and said the airline would appeal.

The Commission, in its ruling, rejected TWA's contention that Rattner was fired because his work as a ramp serviceman was "unsatisfactory." "He was subjected to a deliberate campaign of harassment by company officials which included his being forced to work in areas where vile anti-Semitic graffiti known to his superiors were in evidence," the Commission said in its ruling. It also stated that \$5000 of the total damages awarded was to compensate Rattner for "humiliation, outrage and mental anguish." According to Rattner, who now drives a cab for a living, his troubles with TWA began when he asked for a day off on Yom Kippur.

INSTRUCTION OF JEWISH STUDIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO BE OFFERED AS IN-SERVICE COURSE TO NYC TEACHERS

JAMAICA, N.Y., Jan. 28 (JTA)--A weekly course on the introduction of secular Jewish studies in public schools, approved by the New York City Board of Education, will be offered this year to junior and senior high school teachers. While in-service courses have previously been offered in Jewish subject matter and in Hebrew language instruction, the American Association for Jewish Education series is believed to be the first to deal specifically with the introduction and teaching of Jewish studies in New York public school curricula, according to Bernard Schwartz, the Board of Education's coordinator of in-service courses.

The 15-week in-service course, to begin Feb. 6 at Jamaica High School here, will be conducted by the AAJE's Commission on Jewish Studies in Public Schools. An in-service course allows teachers to accumulate credits to qualify for salary advancement. The AAJE applied for permission to offer the course "so that English and social studies teachers would be encouraged to acquaint their students with aspects of the Jewish experience," said Dr. Theodore H. Lang, chairman of the group's public school commission.

Dr. Lang, who is director of graduate programs in educational administration and supervision at the Bernard Baruch College of the City University of New York, said the Jewish studies programs to be taken up in the course "are neither artificial nor capricious" for inclusion in public school curricula. "Rather their portrayal of Jewry's contributions to the development of Western thought, culture and literature distinguishes them as curricularly compatible and academically valid," he said.

Max Nadel, consultant to the AAJE commission, said the course "will provide teachers with information on available course outlines, texts and materials for Jewish studies programs and will demonstrate methods and materials for teaching them." He said it will cover the integration of supplementary materials on the Jewish people into regular English and social studies courses; the addition of "minicourses" on

Jewry's contributions to Western civilization, and to the American democratic process, to existing or contemplated ethnic studies programs; and the introduction of semester courses on Jewish history and Jewish literature as high school electives.

However, Nadel, who was formerly English Department chairman at the Bronx High School of Science, noted that the course would convey an approach that makes Jewish studies programs "acceptable to the entire school community--Jewish and non-Jewish alike." He cautioned that these programs, or those of any other ethnic group, "must not project a single-minded focus that blurs the total picture pedagogically and sociologically." This means that a course in American Jewish literature, for example, cannot be regarded as a substitute for a general course in American literature, and that it should not be introduced without parallel programs offered in other ethnic writings," Nadel said.

The course will include seminars on the Jew in ancient, medieval, American and modern world history; the Jew in American and East European literature; Israel's place in Middle East history, and the teaching of the Holocaust. Lecturers are members of the city's Board of Education, principals and department heads of high schools. All are members of the AAJE commission.

HOFFBERGER NAMED CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF THE INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LIFE

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (JTA)--Jerold C. Hoffberger, prominent Baltimore communal and business leader, and long active in national Jewish affairs, has been named chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Jewish Life, a division of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, it was announced by Raymond Epstein, CJF president. Hoffberger succeeds Hyman Safran of Detroit, who will continue to serve on the Board and planning committee of the Institute.

Under Safran's chairmanship, major initiatives were taken by the Institute in embarking on major programs to strengthen Jewish life in five primary areas--Jewish education, the Jewish family, youth and leadership, use of advanced communications media, and Israel as a resource. The Institute, headquartered in Boston, was established by the CJF in 1972 with the prime purpose of encouraging and developing innovative and replicable projects to strengthen the quality of Jewish life. Basic funding for the Institute is provided by various Federations throughout North America.

Nationally, Hoffberger is a member of the CJF's Board of Directors, chairman of its Smolar Award Committee for Excellence in North American Jewish Journalism, and a vice-president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Additionally, he is a director and member of the national cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal and member of the Assembly of the Jewish Agency for Israel and others. The Institute was created under the guidance and leadership of the late Council president, Irving Blum of Baltimore. It resulted from the work of CJF's Task Force on Jewish Identity, which, over a two-year period, conducted extensive community dialogues in 38 cities involving more than 1000 communal representatives from all walks of life.

PARIS (JTA)--The Union of Jewish Students of France (UJSF) has set up here a "Committee for the Liberation of Israeli Prisoners in Syria." A UJSF spokesman said the major aim of the committee is to "alert French public opinion about the problem of Israeli POWs in Syria," and to see to it "that Syria accepts a reciprocal exchange of POWs with Israel."