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NAMES OF WAR DEAD TO BE PUBLISHED IN SPECIAL BOOK

TEL AVIV, Feb. 25 (JTA)--The names of Israeli soldiers who were killed from the start of the Yom Kippur War through Feb. 12 will be compiled in a "Sefer Hakedoshim," book of the fallen, to be published within three weeks. The "Sefer Hakedoshim" had been previously used in Central and Eastern Europe by Jewish communities after a pogrom. This is the first time such a booklet is being issued in Israel. Up to now the names were listed in newspapers. But some argued that newspapers were not the proper place since they are used for packing or wrapping or just thrown away.

After sending a questionnaire to the bereaved families it was decided to print the names in a booklet which will be available at post offices, public institutions, libraries and Israeli missions abroad. The booklet will include names of 2328 soldiers killed. Only 32 families have asked that their fallen relatives not be published in the booklet.

There will be also a list of 126 missing soldiers on the southern front (18 families of MIAs have requested they not be listed). The soldiers missing on the Syrian front will not be included. There are 80 MIAs on the Syrian front who are presumably held by Syrians as POWs. The 130 page booklet is preceded by an official army condolence, the prayer of "Yizkor" and the "Kinat David" (when Saul and Jonathan fell on the battle front).

OFFICIAL RAPS ARGENTINE MINISTER'S STATEMENT ABOUT JEWS IN GOVERNMENT

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 25 (JTA)--A former Presidential candidate criticized Argentine Welfare Minister Jose Lopez Riga for his statement last Tuesday that the presence of Jewish officials in the Argentine government was not helpful to Argentine interests in Libya. Lopez Riga, who headed a trade delegation to Libya, told a meeting of representatives of the Argentine Arab community that he found a "negative atmosphere" in Libya. He attributed it to the fact that several cablegrams from the Argentine government to the delegation had been signed by Jewish officials.

Lopez Riga also reported that in his negotiations with Libyan officials he had been able to "overcome this difficulty" and had reached a number of important agreements. Newspapers in Buenos Aires indicated that the comment about "Jewish officials" was aimed at Jose Ber Gelbard, the Argentine Finance Minister.

Francisco Manrique of the center-right Alianza Republicana Federalista, a candidate in the March, 1973 elections, said the action of the Welfare Minister in inviting local Arabs to hear a report on his Libyan trip depressed him. He said that in Argentina "we never divided" on the basis of being the "offspring" of some group. He added that "this is a way of bringing the Middle East problem to Argentina." His criticism was published in the morning newspaper, "La Opinion."

PLANS LAID FOR EBAN VISIT TO PARIS

PARIS, Feb. 25 (JTA)--The French govern-

ment is said to have laid the basic outlines for an official visit to Paris by Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban sometime next April. It is expected Eban will meet with President Georges Pompidou, Premier Pierre Messmer and Foreign Minister Michel Jobert during a predicted 5-day visit. The exact details of the trip will probably be worked out today when Israeli Ambassador Asher Ben Nathan is expected to meet with Jobert.

Jobert himself is expected to visit Jerusalem either this summer or fall for two days during which time he will also visit other parts of the country. It will be the first time a French minister will have visited Israel since the creation of the Jewish State. French sources say the forthcoming visits will finally "normalize" relations between the two nations.

JAKOBOVITS RAPS NRP FOR REFUSING TO JOIN COALITION OVER WHO IS A JEW

LONDON, Feb. 25 (JTA)--Britain's Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits issued a statement today sharply critical of Israel's National Religious Party for refusing to join a coalition government over the Who is a Jew issue.

"The belated insistence of the NRP on pursuing the Who is a Jew controversy is a disastrous blow to the vital national and religious interests of the Jewish people at a time of supreme crisis" and "cannot but gravely weaken Israel's leadership and unity when these are indispensable assets for the security and survival of the Jewish State," Rabbi Jakobovits said. He noted in his statement that as a result of the NRP's tactics "The Law of Return has not been amended; neither will religious influence continue to be exercised within the government."

Rabbi Jakobovits' statement could also be taken as implied criticism of Israel's Chief Rabbinate which forbade the NRP from joining a government that refused to amend the Law of Return according to Orthodox demands. Rabbi Jakobovits observed that while "all committed Jews are deeply concerned to resolve the Who is a Jew issue...a principle of such universal ramifications should not be determined by political bargaining."

COALITION MAY COLLAPSE IN A FEW MONTHS, REQUIRING NEW ELECTIONS

By David Landau, JTA Jerusalem Bureau Chief

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir was hard at work today trying to form a minority government which most political pundits believe will not last out a four-year term and may in fact collapse within a few months, necessitating new elections. Mrs. Meir hopes to present her Cabinet to President Ephraim Katzir this week and to the Knesset next Monday. A Knesset vote of confidence is not at all certain and lack of it would bring down the new government before it got started.

The Premier's most immediate problems lie within her own Labor Alignment. She must also bargain with the Independent Liberal Party, which, after the National Religious Party's defection last week became her chief coalition partner. The ILP is expected to receive two portfolios against the single one held by Tourism Minister Moshe Kol in the outgoing government.

Mrs. Meir apparently still hopes to persuade

Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Transport Minister Shimon Peres, leaders of the ex-Rafi faction, to participate in her new Cabinet. But the chances that they will reconsider their decision not to serve dwindled. At a meeting of the party's Central Committee last night many Rafi supporters argued that their faction should abstain in the Knesset vote of confidence in the new government and force new elections. The Rafi group will meet here tomorrow to adopt a final position.

The Olive Branch And Thorn

The NRP is also expected to decide tomorrow whether to abstain—as one of its leaders, Yitzhak Rafael has been urging—or to vote no confidence in the government as outgoing Interior Minister Yosef Burg demands. Mrs. Meir still entertains the hope that the NRP will eventually join her coalition despite the Chief Rabbinate's ban against its joining a government that refuses to amend the Law of Return according to Orthodox demands.

By continuing to extend an olive branch to the NRP, Mrs. Meir is running into difficulties with the ILP and is foregoing a chance to establish a majority government, albeit one with the very slim majority. That would be possible if the Premier agreed to the ILP's urging that she invite Mrs. Shulamit Aloni to add her three-seat Civil Rights List to the government coalition, raising the government's 58 Knesset votes to 61, a majority of one. Mrs. Meir has refused so far, contending that to include the vehemently secular Mrs. Aloni in her Cabinet would foreclose any chances of the NRP joining. Political observers are quick to point out that Mrs. Meir also harbors an intense personal dislike for the outspoken Mrs. Aloni.

The Premier has also resisted ILP demands that its second Cabinet portfolio, almost certain to go to Gideon Hausner, the Eichmann prosecutor, be the vacant Justice Ministry. She insists that the ILP accept a ministry without portfolio in order to reserve three Cabinet posts for the NRP. The Justice Ministry is expected to go to Laborite Haim Zadok, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. The ILP is meeting today and is expected to concur with the Premier's wishes.

Lubavitcher Rebbe Blasted

At the Labor Party Central Committee meeting last night the Premier had some harsh words against the alleged intervention of the Lubavitcher Rebbe in Israel's current domestic troubles. According to press reports, the Brooklyn, NY-based Rebbe who is spiritual leader of Israel's large community of Habad hasidim, said "This is the time to get rid of the Socialist regime in Israel."

Said Mrs. Meir, "We have reached a stage when instructions are received from Brooklyn to get rid of Socialism. He (the Rebbe) should not give such instructions to his Habad people or to the NRP. It is a catastrophe and I do not know how they will overcome it." Mrs. Meir added that it appeared that the NRP saw its natural place in alliance with Likud.

ABSORPTION CENTER FOR SOVIET JEWS, AIDED BY UJA GRANT, HAILED BY KEATING

REHOVOT, Feb. 25 (JTA)—Four hundred cheering Soviet immigrants and native Israelis joined U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Kenneth B. Keating, at the dedication ceremony of the Rehovot absorption center. The four-building com-

plex, to be used for housing new immigrants from Russia, was built with funds provided by the American people. These funds were part of a \$75 million grant given to the United Israel Appeal, Inc. of New York to assist and absorb Soviet immigrants.

Keating, obviously moved by the warm reception of the audience, declared: "There is something extraordinary about this day. We meet here for a remarkable event...we are dedicating a structure that reflects simple human decency. This center is a link in a chain that brings a people whose sufferings are among mankind's shame to a nation that is very special and precious to them... There is also the encouraging aspect of my own country helping another nation to settle people from a third nation...it is the right thing to do. It reflects the will of the American people, as expressed by our legislators, and I am proud of the decision and proud to join in representing my country here today."

Ambassador Frank Kellogg, special assistant to the Secretary of State for Migration and Refugee Affairs, spoke for the U.S. Department of State. He had recently completed an extensive tour of absorption centers, educational facilities and hospitals in areas populated by recent arrivals from the Soviet Union to Israel. Speaking on behalf of the United Israel Appeal of New York was chairman Melvin Dubinsky, who expressed his appreciation to the people of America for their share in this dynamic partnership.

Leon Dulzin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, emphasized the great heritage shared by the people of Israel and the people of America. "Both nations," he declared, "were built by waves of immigrants." Included among the guests were Zeev Sharef, Israeli Minister of Housing; Gottlieb Hammer, executive vice-chairman, United Israel Appeal, N.Y.; Gen. Uzi Narkiss, director general of the Department for Immigration and Absorption, Jewish Agency; and Shmuel Rechtman, Mayor of Rehovot.

SISCO DENIES KISSINGER HAS PLAN TO ACHIEVE DISENGAGEMENT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (JTA)—Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger left today for his fourth trip to the Middle East with high hopes of helping to bring about a Syrian-Israeli military disengagement on the Golan Heights and with the possibility that he will meet Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko in Cairo next week.

Undersecretary of State Joseph J. Sisco, who is in the small party accompanying Kissinger, told newsmen before takeoff, "I think the whole atmosphere has been more favorable" than in the past. But he denied that Kissinger has a plan by which to achieve disengagement. "We don't go there with any pre-packaged plan of our own," Sisco said. "We go there to listen" to Arabs and Israelis.

The Kissinger party will spend overnight in London where the Secretary will meet with British Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home and then go to Damascus tomorrow and Wednesday to Israel. While it is being reported that Syria will give Kissinger the names of Israeli POWs and that he will show the list to the Israelis, this report has not yet been confirmed.

Egyptian officials in Moscow said, according to information received here, that Gromyko will visit Cairo next week and there is more than "a remote possibility" that he will see Kissinger there. The State Department had disclosed last week that it is "in touch" with Soviet officials on the disengagement effort. This was understood to mean Soviet officials are to intercede with their

ally Syria, on the POW names, and International Red Cross visits to the prisoners.

Bingham Cautions Kissinger

Meanwhile, as Kissinger was on his way to the Mideast, Rep. Jonathan V. Bingham (D.NY) cautioned the Secretary to be "fully understanding and supportive of the insistence of the Israelis that they must hold on" to the Golan Heights they gained in the Six-Day War. "The exact line to be drawn on the Heights," he told the House of Representatives, "can be forged out in negotiations but no one should expect the Israelis to return to the bottom of the hills."

Bingham recalled that the Israelis before the 1967 war had "only a narrow strip a few hundred yards wide at the foot of those hills, utterly at the mercy of any sniping, any artillery fire, any shooting from up above on the Heights."

CHURCH GROUP URGES VIGILANCE AGAINST HATE PROPAGANDA DUE TO ENERGY CRISIS

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (JTA)—The Board of Directors of the Council of Churches of the City of New York, in a resolution urging face to face negotiations in the Middle East, warned "our fellow citizens and particularly all church members, to be vigilantly on guard against the dangers of hate propaganda intended to set group against group in our country, in connection with tensions arising out of the present energy shortage."

The Middle East resolution was recommended by Dr. James Sheldon, chairman of the executive committee, who exhibited the Dec. 1973 and Jan. 1974 issues of the American Nazi Party's monthly "White Power," which carried headlines saying "We need oil—not Israel," and "Jews to Blame for Energy Crisis."

The Council, which represents 1700 churches and 34 Protestant denominations in New York City, called "upon all parties concerned in the Middle East conflict to engage in direct negotiations with each other, with a view to establishing permanent boundaries along just and secure lines." There was no call for an Israeli withdrawal as a condition for negotiations.

The resolution also condemned the Syrian government for refusing to provide a list of Israeli prisoners of war and to allow Red Cross inspection of the POW facilities. "Minimum humanitarian considerations require that every government in the world abide at least by these rules, which help to mitigate the terrible evils of war," the Council said. The Arab oil embargo was condemned by the Council which said it "violates principles of the United Nations, endangers the peace of the world, and harms the lives of millions of innocent people."

The resolution concluded by declaring that "we look forward to a new era of peace in a land which has the deepest meaning for Christians, Jews and Moslems alike, and we shall support policies of economic assistance for the purpose of rebuilding the destruction which a succession of wars has saddled upon all of the suffering peoples of the Middle East."

HOUSING PROJECT DISPUTE SETTLED

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (JTA)—A dispute between Jewish and Puerto Rican groups which has kept a new housing project on Manhattan's Lower East Side vacant for more than two years was ended when Federal Judge Mossir Lasker signed an order Friday approving a compromise settlement. Under the plan, which Judge Lasker called "a just settlement of a difficult and complex dis-

pute," apartments in two low-income buildings in the Seward Park Extension Urban Renewal area will be occupied on a 60 to 40 non-white to white ratio, including an estimated 120 Jewish families.

In complicated litigation which preceded the settlement, Judge Lasker had previously granted first priority to former occupants of buildings on the site which had been demolished to make room for the housing project. Judge Lasker said approval of the plan would prevent further delay in occupancy of the 360 apartments in the two 23-story buildings. He said the settlement offered a "nice balance, not only between the races but between the rights of the parties."

Litigation began when former Puerto Rican residents brought suit because the City Housing Authority gave preference to families outside the designated area, most of them Jewish. The National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA), and the Legal Aid Society represented the Jewish tenants at the request of the United Jewish Council of the Lower East Side, coordinating agency for aid to the area's Jewish poor. A COLPA spokesman said the Housing Authority initially granted 171 leases out of 360 to residents of nearby areas.

Major Constitutional Significance

After several lower court rulings, including one by Judge Lasker, in favor of the Puerto Rican suit, the federal Court of Appeals reversed the lower courts and ordered the case back to Judge Lasker for a trial of the issues, particularly the question of ghettoization. A series of conciliation meetings, to avoid a trial, followed, which led to the settlement approved by Judge Lasker.

The COLPA spokesman noted that the Court of Appeals decision in the case could have major constitutional significance on priorities in public housing projects. The appeals court upheld the contention of COLPA and the Legal Aid Society that the Housing Authority's regulations giving preference in new buildings to prior site residents need not be applied automatically where the result would be creation of a non-white ghetto.

Under the ruling, also, the spokesman said, while religious beliefs may not normally be used as a basis for assignment of public housing apartments, Jewish families could be re-located from other public housing and assigned space in a concentrated area of a new project near a synagogue they used regularly, if their safety and physical well-being were jeopardized by their disbursement throughout an otherwise hostile community. In addition to local community leaders, Harvey Blitz and Dennis Rapps of COLPA, and Kalman Finkel and Helaine Barnett of the Legal Aid Society, represented the Jewish community of the area.

VIENNA (JTA)—Chancellor Bruno Kreisky will lead a delegation of European socialists on a fact-finding mission on the Middle East conflict to Israel and several Arab countries starting in the first half of March, a spokesman for the Chancellor said. The delegation of the Socialist International was expected to visit Israel, Egypt, Syria and Jordan, according to socialist sources. Kreisky is scheduled to leave for the Middle East, March 9.

TEL AVIV (JTA)—The Israeli army is cracking down on soldiers whose personal appearance is sloppy. Henceforth they will have to wear their berets in public instead of carrying them in their shoulder straps as permitted by an order issued two years ago. This is a new emphasis on discipline which reportedly has been weakened by the long period of service since the October war.

**SOVIET POLICE, SOLDIERS BREAK UP/
HUNGER STRIKE IN KISHINEV; IDA
NUDEL JOINS MOSCOW HUNGER STRIKERS**

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (JTA)--Soviet-uniformed police, plainclothesmen and soldiers broke up a planned hunger strike by four Jews seeking exit visas in Kishinev and arrested the participants and two Jewish spectators, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry reported today. The SSSJ said the authorities rushed into the central telegraph office at Kishinev Friday night 2 1/2 hours after the planned 48-hour demonstration began. The six arrested Jews were taken to the Kishinev police station and then to an unknown destination, according to the SSSJ.

The four hunger strikers, Leonid Bendensky, Mark Abramovich, Sender Levinson and Yakov Scharztman all had served in the Red Army and this, the SSSJ said it learned, was used as a reason for denying them exit visas. In a letter to Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny and to the President of the Moldavian Republic, the four Jews said the refusal because of their military service was "arbitrariness" on the part of their personnel. One of the two Jewish spectators arrested, Miron Dorfman, recently staged a marathon 23-day hunger strike in an effort to obtain an exit visa.

Meanwhile, Ida Nudel, 43, a Jewish economist in Moscow, has joined the 10-day-old hunger strike of three other Jewish activists in Moscow protesting the denial of exit visas. According to information received here by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry and the SSSJ, Ms. Nudel has been the target of KGB (secret police) harassment for several months and has been threatened with imprisonment for alleged alcoholism and prostitution.

In a statement addressed to women all over the world, she noted that an exit visa cost 900 rubels in Russian currency. "But no one has so far estimated the price that one has to pay in human suffering for the privilege of being able to obtain this tiny scrap of paper," she said. She said that she had applied for a visa to go to Israel 21/2 years ago. "It is difficult to describe all the hardships and humiliations I have had to endure during these years as a consequence of the simple expression of my will," she said. Ms. Nudel is staging her hunger strike in her apartment in solidarity with David Azbel, Vitaly Rubin and Vladimir Galatsky. The three are staging their action in Azbel's Moscow apartment.

**JDL RAPS PUBLISHING FIRM FOR
PROMOTING KAHANE'S NEW
BOOK AS 'A JEWISH MEIN KAMPF'**

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (JTA)--David Fisch, executive director of the Jewish Defense League, strongly criticized today the use by the publisher of JDL founder Meir Kahane's new book, "Our Challenge," of the phrase "A Jewish Mein Kampf," in promotion of the book. Chilton Book Co. of Radnor, Pa., the publisher, issued a news release which included the following statement: "Our Challenge, called a 'Jewish Mein Kampf' by some, is a battle plan for the reshaping of Jewish destiny...."

Benton Aronvitz, publicity director for Chilton, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the phrase "some" referred to "a couple of Jewish friends in Philadelphia." He said he could not recall whether the descriptive phrase was his suggestion or came from one of his "Jewish friends." Aronvitz disclosed that the Mein Kampf comparison also will appear on the jacket of the Kahane

book, which will be published in April. He quoted from the jacket as follows: "Our Challenge is not a Jewish Mein Kampf, though some readers are sure to think so."

Aronvitz said he did not know whether the phrase would be used in advertising the Kahane book. He said its use for the book jacket had been cleared with the JDL by Shifra Hoffman. Miss Hoffman was identified by Fisch as a JDL volunteer who, he said, had no authority to give such approval.

URGE PROGRAMS IN HEBREW, YIDDISH

TORONTO, Feb. 25 (JTA)--The Canadian Jewish Congress has urged the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. to broadcast programs in the Yiddish and Hebrew languages. Sol Kanee, national president of the Congress, in a letter to the Canadian Radio and Television Commission notes that the government Commission on Biculturalism and Bilingualism has recommended that the CBC "recognize the place of languages other than English and French in Canadian life."

Supporting this recommendation, Kanee said that "if Canada is to accept the cultural pluralist concept its mass media should play a part in this." He said it "is not possible to espouse multiculturalism and deny existence of languages which build these cultures. Yiddish and Hebrew have their role in Jewish song, poetry and prose, and to ignore languages is a distortion of cultural interpretation."

**UPSTATE NEW YORK POLL SHOWS
MANY OPPOSED TO EXTENDING MILITARY
AID TO ISRAEL, COMMERCE WITH USSR**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (JTA)--Rep. Samuel S. Stratton (D.N.Y.) has reported that replies to the annual questionnaire he had distributed in mid-December in his Congressional District showed that about two out of three respondents oppose extending military assistance to Israel and 4-1 are against giving President Nixon authority to adjust U.S. tariffs to boost U.S. commerce with the Soviet Union.

Stratton said in a statement that he had sent a 10-point questionnaire to some 161,000 households in his district and received 22,160 replies covering 35,852 opinions. His district embraces the cities of Albany, Schenectady and Amsterdam in upstate New York with a population of 467,189, according to the 1970 census. There are about 18,600 Jews in the three cities.

To the question, "Do you favor furnishing military assistance to Israel?" 31.9 percent replied yes, 50.0 percent no, and 8.2 percent were undecided, Stratton reported. On the question, "Do you favor giving the President wide powers to raise and lower tariffs to promote greater trade with Russia?" 19 percent replied yes, 75.2 percent no and 8.8 percent undecided.

Stratton voted for the \$2.2 billion emergency aid program for Israel and, being a co-sponsor of the Mills-Vanik proposal, voted for barring U.S. trade benefits and credits to the Soviet Union until it relaxes its emigration restrictions. Both measures were overwhelmingly favored in the House voting in Dec. However, Stratton opposed the tariff reform act as a whole, of which the Mills-Vanik measures are a part. The act is now awaiting Senate action.

BONN (JTA)--A court in Warsaw has handed down a death sentence against Henryk Matuszkowiak, a former Polish guard in the Czech concentration camp at Leitmeritz, for murder in 10 cases.