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THOUSANDS LINE UP TO RECEIVE THE BOOK OF THE DEAD; ALL BOOKLETS DISTRIBUTED IN AN HOUR

TEL AVIV, March 12 (JTA)--Israelis who are used to queuing up for everything from bus tickets to a concert, stood in long, mostly silent lines today outside post offices all over the country waiting to receive a booklet, just published, that contains the names of the more than 2500 Israeli soldiers, sailors and airmen who died in the Yom Kippur War. It is called "The Book of the Dead"--Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshehahu referred to it yesterday as "the book of pain, heroism and dedication"--and is the first complete list of Israel's war dead.

Although the number of casualties was published some time ago, the dimensions of the tragedy suffered by so many Israeli families was brought home more forcefully by the publication of the actual names. Grown-ups and school children wept openly as they approached tables draped in black to be handed the booklets by members of the Association of Bereaved Parents.

Within one hour the booklets were all distributed and tens of thousands were still lining up to get the booklet. It was later announced that the booklet was now printed in another edition and the distribution will resume Friday. "We shall continue to print the booklet until everyone who would like to have one will get it," a senior army officer said tonight.

ISRAELIS, SYRIANS IN 3-HOUR DUEL; NO ISRAELI INJURIES

TEL AVIV, March 12 (JTA)--Israeli and Syrian forces engaged in a three hour artillery duel on the northern front this afternoon. No casualties were reported on the Israeli side. A military spokesman said the Syrians started the incident at 3:30 p.m. local time by shelling Israeli hill positions along the cease-fire line at Tel Marasi, Tel Antar, Tel el-Maal and Tel Maroun. Israeli forces returned the fire, something they hadn't done when the Syrians opened fire last week. The shooting ended at 6:15 p.m.

The artillery clash ended two days of quiet on the Syrian front. It had been reported earlier that tension had eased somewhat and that roads on the Golan Heights were reopened to unrestricted civilian traffic today for the first time in a week. But Israeli forces remained on full alert. Roads in the Syrian enclave, the northern section of the Golan Heights captured by Israeli in the Yom Kippur War, were still closed to all but military traffic.

'NOTHING IS SET' ON NIXON VISIT TO MIDEAST; NIXON-HUSSEIN MEETING DEALS WITH MIDEAST MATTERS

WASHINGTON, March 12 (JTA)--White House Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said today that "nothing is set" on a possible visit by President Nixon to the Middle East this spring or early summer. Replying to questions relating to reports that Nixon planned to visit Egypt and Israel in May or June, Ziegler said he could not confirm plans for such visits but noted that the President has stated publicly his

interest in making such a trip.

Nixon met for over an hour today with King Hussein of Jordan. The meeting in the Oval Office was also attended by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and the Jordanian Premier Zaid Rafai who is accompanying the King. Ziegler said the discussions covered the "entire range of Middle East matters and developments" and were conducted "in the spirit of close consultation that characterizes the relations between the two countries."

According to Ziegler, Nixon and Hussein discussed in detail the U.S. desire to help all parties to the Middle East conflict negotiate a peace settlement and that Nixon reiterated that the U.S. would press for disengagement accords, despite the continuing Arab embargo of oil. The President also discussed with Hussein the program of U.S. military assistance to Jordan which has been averaging about \$40 million a year but there was no extensive consultation on that support today, Ziegler said. King Hussein reportedly wants U.S.-made Hawk ground-to-air missiles and increased assistance to modernize Jordanian forces.

Asked if the matter of a Palestinian state on the West Bank of the Jordan was discussed, Ziegler said "Our position has been the recognition of Palestinian interests being expressed in the final negotiations." Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban, is scheduled to hold talks with top U.S. officials here later this week.

4 CHARGED WITH PLANNING TO BLOW UP EL AL OFFICE, ISRAELI-MANAGED HOTEL

BONN, March 12 (JTA)--Four Palestinians who entered West Berlin last Oct. from Beirut via East Berlin appeared in a Berlin court yesterday, charged with planning to blow up an El Al office, an aliens authorities bureau, an Israeli-managed hotel, and a dance-hall. The accused range in age from 18 to 33. The youngest, 18-year-old Mohamed Zaher, pleaded guilty to the charges. He said, "I feel it is my duty to do what my country demands of me," adding that the other defendants had nothing to do with the planned bomb attacks.

The four men entered West Berlin in two groups on Oct. 1, and registered in a Schoeneberg Hotel. The West Berlin police searched their rooms on Oct. 18 after a tip-off and found about 10 pounds of explosives. The defense counsel has asked the court to investigate the possible involvement of the Israeli secret service in the affair.

16 JEWISH LEADERS MEET WITH KISSINGER FOR 90 MINUTES; DISCUSS SUPPORT TO ISRAEL, STATUS OF SYRIAN NEGOTIATIONS

WASHINGTON, March 12 (JTA)--Sixteen leaders of American Jewish organizations met with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger in his office late yesterday for 90 minutes in what was officially described later by the participants as "an off-the-record" discussion. A short statement, drafted immediately after the meeting by three of the participants and made available to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, said: "The meeting dealt with the status of Syrian

negotiations, continued economic and military support to Israel and other matters of importance to the Jewish community." Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major-American Jewish Organizations, and Max Fisher, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency, described the meeting as friendly, positive, comprehensive and frank. There was a full exchange of information and views.

"The meeting was a follow-up to a similar discussion held in the Secretary's office at the end of December" the statement said. "The Secretary agreed that it would be desirable to meet again in the near future." The drafters of the statement were Rabbi Miller, Fisher, and Leonard Garment, assistant to the President who represented the White House and was one of the three government officials attending the meeting. The others were Kissinger and Under-Secretary of State for Political Affairs Joseph J. Sisco. None of those attending would discuss any phase of the session and referred to the statement for news of the meeting.

Statement Does Not Mention J/M-V Bills

The issues of Soviet Jewish emigration and the Jackson-Mills-Vanik legislation, which Kissinger strongly opposed last Thursday before the Senate Finance Committee, were conspicuously absent from the statement. It also was noted the National Conference on Soviet Jewry was not represented at the meeting. However, while the Soviet emigration issue was not mentioned in the statement it may have been included in the discussion in "other matters" which the statement reported.

At the Dec. meeting with Kissinger by the same group the major subject discussed was disengagement of military forces along the Suez and the Geneva peace talks that were projected at that time. The Soviet Jewish issue was said not to have been discussed at that session. Kissinger told the Senate committee Thursday that he had been meeting "regularly" with Jewish leaders on the Soviet emigration issue and that they were sympathetic to his view on the J/M-V legislation.

Besides Rabbi Miller and Fisher, other Jewish leaders present were: Rabbi Louis Bernstein, president, Rabbinical Council of America; Lewis Cole, chairman, National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council; Melvin Dubinsky, chairman, United Israel Appeal; Raymond Epstein, President, Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds; Edward Ginsberg, chairman, American Joint Distribution Committee; Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president, American Jewish Congress; I. L. Kenen, chairman, American-Israel Public Affairs Committee.

Also present were Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman, American Section, World Zionist Organization; Mrs. Rose Matzkin, president, Hadassah; Rabbi Judah Nadich, president, Rabbinical Assembly; Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president, Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Jacob Stein, past president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; Elmer Winter, president, American Jewish Committee; and Paul Zuckerman, general chairman, United Jewish Appeal. (By Joseph Polakoff)

DAYAN: RUSSIANS KNEW ABOUT ARABS' WAR PLAN BUT DID NOT PREVENT IT

JERUSALEM, March 12 (JTA)--Defense Minister Moshe Dayan charged last night that the Soviet Union knew of the Arabs' war plans in Oct., 1973

and had a detailed timetable but did nothing to prevent the Yom Kippur War from breaking out. In fact, he added, Moscow did not even inform Washington that war was imminent. Dayan's statement drew a sharp response from Tass, the Soviet News Agency, which accused Dayan of responsibility for Israel's "surprise attacks" on Egypt in 1956 and 1967.

Speaking at the dedication ceremony of the Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations at the Hebrew University, Dayan praised U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger's mediation efforts, saying that Israel and the Arabs certainly needed a mediator and Kissinger was "the best diplomat in the world." He said Arab-Israeli co-existence within pre-1967 Israel and the peaceful conditions in the administered territories since 1967 were likely to pave the way towards a settlement between Israel and the Arab states. He compared the present peaceful co-existence in the country to the frequent riots and clashes in Palestine during the Mandate period.

Guaranties No Substitute For Security

Premier Golda Meir, addressing a symposium on international relations marking the official opening of the Hebrew University's institute, reiterated her position that no international guarantees could substitute for the security provided by Israel's presence on the Golan Heights. International guarantees have value only when an emergency developed, she said, but she did not believe the U.S. would send troops to Israel, even in a crisis.

Mrs. Meir said that Israel was prepared to return the Syrian territory it captured in the Yom Kippur War in a disengagement accord with Syria but would never return the Golan Heights, captured in the 1967 Six-Day War, which the Syrians had used to shell Israeli settlements. The Premier conceded that differences of opinion could develop between friendly nations. She said differences could be expected between Israel and the U.S. but was sure these would be settled.

KAHANE TRIAL ADJOURNED TEMPORARILY

JERUSALEM, March 12 (JTA)--The trial of Rabbi Meir Kahane was adjourned temporarily today pending a decision by the Supreme Court as to whether certain defense evidence has to be presented in secret. The Jewish Defense League leader who is charged with conspiracy to violence and to harm Israel's relations with a friendly nation--the U.S.--filed an appeal with the high court today asking that evidence in his behalf be presented at an open session of the Jerusalem district court.

His appeal was directed against a written request submitted several days ago to the court by Premier Golda Meir that the Kahane evidence concerning government activities in connection with Soviet immigration be kept secret in the interests of national security. District court Judge Jacob Bazak complied but ordered the postponement today, with the concurrence of State Prosecutor Gabriel Bach.

The nature of the alleged evidence is not known. Some of Kahane's followers have intimated that he has evidence that the Israeli government worked clandestinely with the Russians to keep aliya within certain limits.

REFORM RABBIS SEEK TRIPARTITE SOLUTION TO CONVERSION ISSUE

JERUSALEM, March 12 (JTA)--The president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform), Rabbi Robert I. Kahn, made a public overture today to the other two branches of Judaism to join with Reform Judaism in seeking a common solution to the problem of conversions. Addressing a news conference here marking the start of CCAR's 85th Annual Convention, to be held through next Monday, Rabbi Kahn said he would appoint a committee of his rabbis to examine conversion and allied problems and to seek meetings with Orthodox and Conservative rabbis to look for common ground.

"We want to heal wounds, to annul divisions," Rabbi Kahn said. He added: "If we decide on a joint approach with Orthodox and Conservative, we shall be guided by the Halacha." He said the committee he proposed to set up would very probably study possibilities of tripartite Orthodox-Conservative-Reform panels which would perform conversions under a pre-agreed unified procedure, following a process initiated in Toronto, Canada.

Rabbi Kahn said he and his colleagues had asked to meet Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren but had received no response yet. He said the holding of the CCAR convention in Jerusalem (the second here since the Six-Day War) demonstrates "our love for Eretz Yisrael, our affection for Am Yisrael, and our support for Medinat Yisrael." He said Reform Jewry in the U.S. was today a bastion of Zionist support and sympathy and was in the forefront of UJA contributing and work. The "Return to Jerusalem" by CCAR was to be seen as part of a general Reform trend back towards Jewish tradition, Rabbi Kahn said. Greater emphasis was being placed now on performance of Mitzvot as "opportunities to enrich Jewish life."

Irony For Israeli To Question Jewishness

Rabbi Kahn stressed that even if a common solution was attained on conversion with the other two branches, Reform Jewry would fight for the full recognition as Jews of the converts who had been converted in the past by Reform Rabbis without meeting the Halachic requirements. It would be unthinkable, he said, if years or decades after their sincere conversions, after having lived as Jews and raised families as Jews, such persons were to have their Jewishness questioned by Israel.

Rabbi Glazer, and Rabbi Richard Hirsch, Jerusalem-based director of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, strongly attacked Israel's monopoly of Orthodox Judaism and the National Religious Party's attempt to tighten that monopoly through Who Is a Jew legislation. "It is real irony," said Kahn "That we who have fought for religious liberty for all Jews in the U.S. must now fight for our own rights as Jews in Israel. We resent efforts by anyone to make Orthodox Judaism the sole religious authority in Israel, and to have it in control of Who Is a Jew."

Rabbi Hirsch explained that Reform Jewry's chief complaint was that even those of its rabbis who did abide by the Halachic requirements of circumcision and ritual immersion for conversions found that their conversions were not accepted in Israel. He noted with satisfaction, however, that the ministerial committee which under the new coalition agreement Premier Golda Meir is to set up to examine the Who Is a Jew issue, is to consult with all streams in Judaism,

KATZIR URGES EDUCATORS, INTELLECTUALS TO PROPAGATE HISTADRUT TENETS

JERUSALEM, March 12 (JTA)--President Ephraim Katzir and Premier Golda Meir addressed the opening of Histadrut's 12th national convention here last night, attended by Cabinet ministers, diplomats, representatives of American labor and the international trade union movement. Katzir, who recalled his own youth as an ardent Histadrut supporter, called on educators and intellectuals to propagate the tenets of Histadrut which, he said, were equality, mutual aid, farming and social security. The convention, which will elect a new secretary general, moved to Tel Aviv this morning to continue its sessions.

In his keynote speech, Histadrut's acting secretary general, Yehoram Meshel, urged Israeli workers to demonstrate the same unity and maturity in the future that they displayed in the Yom Kippur War emergency. He said that while Histadrut was waiting for the new government to decide its overall economic policies before deciding its own wage policies, it would certainly demand a higher minimum wage, retention of automatic cost-of-living allowances and a fairer distribution of the tax burden. He called for higher taxes on industries which recently received massive new orders from the defense establishment.

Meshel said Histadrut would continue to fight for higher wages for manual workers in order to encourage people to take manual jobs. He also pledged to fight for equal wages for women and special benefits for working wives. He urged free education "from ages 3-18" instead of 5-15 as at present and said the school curriculum should include the history of Israel's labor movement.

All did not run smoothly last night. The festive opening session was plagued by constant heckling from Black Panther and Moked delegates. They chanted "Golda resign" when Mrs. Meir stepped to the podium wearing a sad smile. Meshel was unable to finish his speech. Nor did the hecklers spare an American visitor, AFL-CIO representative Michael Mann, who drew catcalls and shouts of "Watergate" when he spoke in support of Israel's demands for secure borders. Mann brought greetings from AFL-CIO president George Meany.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Five Jerusalem area Arabs were arrested Monday in connection with the unsolved disappearance a month ago of Yussuf Nasser, publisher of the East Jerusalem Arabic newspaper El Fajr. Police refused to disclose information about the suspects except that they are aged between 23-24. Yussuf was a controversial journalist whose paper was pro-Palestinian and anti-Hussein. Police believe he may have been kidnapped for political reasons.

BONN (JTA)--Mrs. Hermine Braunsteiner Ryan, the former Nazi concentration camp guard extradited to West Germany from the U.S. last summer is expected to be indicted for war crimes in about two months, an official spokesman disclosed. He said that Mrs. Ryan who is being held at Cologne-Ossendorf prison is one of a group of 7-8 persons facing charges stemming from their activities at the Maidenak death camp near Lublin during World War II.

PRIEST PRAISES ISRAELI TREATMENT OF POWs

NEW YORK, March 12 (JTA)--An American Catholic priest has returned from a special mission to Israel with high praise for its compassionate treatment of Syrian prisoners captured in the Yom Kippur War. The Reverend Joseph Konrad, Pastor of St. Matthias Church, Queens, New York, said that he "was favorably impressed by the good care and privileges Israel gives the Syrian POWs, the type of care and privileges apparently not received by Israeli soldiers captured by Syria."

Father Konrad visited Israel as co-chairman of the Catholic-Jewish Relations Committee (CJRC) co-sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. He was appointed to the post by Bishop Francis J. Mugavero, spiritual leader of the largest Catholic diocese in the United States. Father Konrad interviewed the Syrian war prisoners together with Rabbi Bruce K. Cole, community consultant of the League's New York regional office and co-secretary of the Catholic-Jewish Relations Committee.

Father Konrad said that they spoke to a sizeable group of the 396 prisoners. "They seemed to have difficulty in understanding why a U.S. Catholic priest and rabbi had come to see them. We had the feeling that they looked at us as official emissaries of the U.S. government because they kept asking how soon would we permit them to go home." He told them that it wasn't up to the United States, that they could go home as soon as Syria agreed to a prisoner exchange.

POWs In Excellent Condition

While the Syrian POWs complained that their treatment could be better, Father Konrad said they lived in large, clean dormitory facilities, had ample exercise areas, received weekly mail from their families in Syria and were permitted to send home weekly postcards.

According to Father Konrad, the prisoners appeared to be in excellent physical condition, well-fed and healthy. He said he saw a modern dental clinic, a first aid clinic for medical treatment, and that hospital care in nearby cities was available for those prisoners needing it. The prisoners, he went on to say, appeared well clothed. Besides the army food rations allotted to each prisoner by Israel, they were also permitted to accept donations of food sent by the five Arab mayors of nearby Israeli towns.

"Our overall objective," Father Konrad said, "was to express in a dramatic way the concern of the three million Catholics and Jews in Brooklyn and Queens for the Israeli prisoners of war in Syrian hands."

This concern had been expressed in a CJRC statement released before the priest and rabbi left for Israel which noted recorded mistreatment of captured Israelis and called upon Syria to abide by internationally recognized conventions for the treatment of prisoners of war and the repatriation of the sick and seriously wounded. Shortly after their return to New York, the Syrian government released the names of Israeli prisoners and permitted visits to the prison camps by the International Red Cross.

ARTISTS DEMONSTRATE FOR PANOVs

NEW YORK, March 12 (JTA)--The plight of the famed Soviet ballet star, Valery Panov, and his wife, Galina, a ballerina, was dramatized today on the occasion of his 35th birthday, at a birthday party at Plaza Square at Fifth Avenue and 59th Street. Several hundred people, including celebrities from the world of arts, gathered in the square to proclaim their solidarity with the two beleaguered artists.

Clive Barnes, theater and dance critic of the New York Times and a member of the Committee for Valery and Galina Panov, said that for two years Panov has been "persecuted, harrassed and jailed." Panov, he continued, is forced to practice his dancing in his small two-room apartment. "This is inhumanity," Barnes said, adding that Panov is like "a man in a zoo." Barnes said he had appealed to the Nixon Administration on behalf of Panov but that there was "no response because of the policy of de-
tente."

Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D. Wash.), the sponsor of the Jackson amendment, sent a statement applauding the gathering and called for continued efforts to help "this brave couple." Noting that the Soviet Union continues to deny the Panovs their fundamental right "to emigrate to a nation which would welcome them," Jackson added: "The actions of the Soviet leaders in this matter speak louder to the American people and the Congress than the words of Soviet officials seeking U.S. trade help and concessions." Martha Graham, the famed dancer, told the audience: "I appeal to the Soviet Union, as an older dancer, to let the Panovs choose their own lives. No shame will descend on Russia for this decision, only honor."

Dancers from the American Ballet Theater, the Jose Limon Dance Company and the Martha Graham Dance company handed out pieces of birthday cake along with a flyer describing the Panovs' situation. John Sumakis, a student of the American Ballet Theater School, wore the "Petrouchka" costume, symbolically portraying Panov in what is considered to be his most dramatic role. Irving Goldman, the newly appointed commissioner of cultural affairs of New York, sent greetings from all New Yorkers to Panov.

The event was sponsored by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry with the cooperation of the Committee for Valery and Galina Panov, the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry and Writers and Artists for Peace in the Middle East. Among those participating in today's event were Hal Prince, Beverly Sills, Carol Channing, Peter Yarrow, Edward Albee, Glynis Johns, Gwen Verdon, Tony Randell, Jack Guilford, Maureen Stapleton, Paddy Chayefsky and Tammy Grimes. Ben Grauer, noted commentator, was the M.C. Similar solidarity birthday demonstrations took place in Washington, Boston and London. Many people purchased aerogrammes and wrote their own messages of support to the Panovs.

BONN, (JTA)--The new Hitler-era magazine, "Das Dritte Reich," published by the John Jahn Verlag in Hamburg to "explain the social, political and economic background of the Hitler phenomenon, is "selling like hot cakes," news agents report. The magazine is bought mainly by young people of school age, and by elderly people. People between these two age groups are not much interested, news agents say.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--Specially trained police dogs loaned by Scotland Yard are assisting the tripartite (Israeli-UNEF-Egyptian) teams trying to locate the remains of soldiers who died in the Sinai desert during the Yom Kippur War, it was learned here.