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## 3 ISRAELI SOLDIERS WOUNDED BY SYRIAN ARTILLERY FIRE

TEL AVIV, March 14 (JTA)--Three Israeli soldiers were wounded by Syrian artillery fire today, the third successive day of shooting on the northern front. A military spokesman said the Syrians opened fire this morning on Israeli positions in the Mazraat Bet Jan area, Tel Shams and other points. Israeli gunners returned the fire. The shooting was described as sporadic and lasted 90 minutes. It ended by mid-day. Golan Heights settlers who took to their bomb shelters this morning emerged in the afternoon and resumed their daily routine.

## 4 JEWISH WOMEN FOUND DEAD IN DAMASCUS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED

NEW YORK, March 14 (JTA)--The names of four Jewish women murdered in Damascus were disclosed today by the Israeli UN Mission. They are Eva Saad and Tony, Lora and Farah Zeybak, sisters. The names were received from relatives of the murder victims in Europe whose identity is withheld for security reasons. The four women were found last Friday in a street of the Jewish quarter.

## 4000 SOVIET JEWS PASSED THROUGH AUSTRIA DURING JAN. AND FEB.

VIENNA, March 14 (JTA)--Only 4000 Soviet Jews emigrating to Israel passed through Austria in Jan. and Feb., Amnon Lev, press attache of the Israeli Embassy in Vienna reported. In Oct. 1973 there were also 4000 Soviet Jews who stayed in Austria before going to Israel. Lev said that this is normal because the Soviet authorities usually issue less exit visas at the beginning of the year.

The emigrants are only allowed to stay for a short time at the aid station in Woellersdorf (lower Austria) which by decision of the Austrian government replaced the special transit Schoenau camp north of Vienna.

The Austrian government promised to close the transit camp in Schoenau Castle in exchange for the release of three Jewish hostages and one Austrian customs officer seized by two Arab gunmen in Austria Sept. 28. The new transit camp is run by the Austrian branch of the International Red Cross. Lev said that the formalities connected with the emigration are still handled by the Jewish Agency.

## MRS. SADAT AND SISTER OF MISSING ISRAELI SOLDIER EXCHANGE LETTERS

TEL AVIV, March 14 (JTA)--An exchange of letters between the wife of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and the sister of an Israeli soldier missing in the Yom Kippur War, was published here today. The exchange was initiated by Mrs. Ophira Telem, an Acre school teacher, who appealed to Mrs. Gehan Sadat to help determine the fate of her brother, Sgt. Eli Kimche, missing after an Israeli commando raid in the Port Said area last Nov. 17. The letters were sent through the Red Cross. Mrs. Telem's was dated Dec. 23, 1973 and Mrs. Sadat's reply, dated Feb. 14, 1974, was widely published in Egypt and Lebanon, though it has not yet reached Mrs. Telem.

The President's wife reproached Israel's leaders for allegedly forcing on Egypt a "war that we tried by all means to prevent." But she observed that there are no true victors or losers in any war. "Whoever was killed in the Oct. war is our son and part of our soul," Mrs. Sadat wrote, adding, "We the Egyptians truly mean to make every move toward real peace, just and lasting and we want to construct and rehabilitate our country so that our nation will fulfill the hopes for a happy family and a happy home."

Mrs. Telem's letter reflected the agony suffered by Israeli families who don't know if their sons are dead or alive. "As a sister of a missing soldier I am writing to you because my parents swing from hope to despair," she said. "Now that his name was not on the POW list, they have lost all hope and have changed their way of life. Their sufferings are great...I call on you, as an Egyptian mother, to try and find my missing brother. The weeping of my father who never wept before and the black dress of my mother haunt me. My story is the story of thousands of families."

Mrs. Telem, whose father is the Mapam representative on the Acre Labor Council, noted in her letter that she was brought up in a mixed Jewish-Arab town "where we know how to live together" and where many Arab friends share her family's grief. She was not brought up to hate Arabs, she wrote, or to glory in war and killing. "We in Israel do not teach our people to kill," she wrote.

Mrs. Sadat said in her reply, "My husband believes in the call for peace and love." She said Egypt fought to free its occupied lands "but we do not wage war for the sake of war. We want peace, but the Israeli leaders, who are the leaders of the army too, have closed all doors..." (By Yitzhak Shargil)

## 200 DEMOBILIZED SOLDIERS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST THE POLITICAL ESTABLISHMENT

JERUSALEM, March 14 (JTA)--Some 200 young men--all reservists who were this week released from the same fighting regiments--demonstrated today outside the Knesset calling for ministers to accept their parliamentary responsibility and resign, and for a total clean sweep of the long-lived leaderships in all the political parties. "Lucky they didn't bring their tanks with them," said one Knesset veteran watching the demonstrators wave their banners. The protesters' cries recalled the pre-war blunders of the government in mis-assessing the intelligence reports and failing to hold the army in a state of battle preparedness.

## SAPIR PRESENTS RECORD BUDGET OF \$8.4 B; \$3.5 B IS FOR DEFENSE

JERUSALEM, March 14 (JTA)--Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir presented the Knesset today with a record budget of IL 35,350 billion (\$8.4 billion) of which IL 14.5 billion (\$3.5 billion) is for defense. Although the defense portion of the new budget is IL 2 billion less than actual defense expenditures during the current fiscal year which included the Yom Kippur War, it is 1 1/2 times larger than the defense allocations in the original budget for fiscal 1973-74 which was planned before the war.

Sapir introduced the budget in a 90-minute speech during which he disclosed that last Octo-

ber's war had cost Israel \$6.6 billion. He computed that cost, he said, on the basis of extra defense spending required by the war and losses in production and investments resulting from the conflict. Sapir said a large portion of the population would have to reduce its living standards this year to ease the nation's economic difficulties. But he said the reduction would be moderate and suggested that most people would have to reduce their living standards only to the levels of 1972. Low-income families should be exempt from this burden, he said.

The Finance Minister said he did not expect an economic slowdown during the coming fiscal year, 1974-75. But the new budget includes an additional IL 400 million to stimulate the economy should that be necessary. He said that even since the war there had been a fair sharing of the economic burden. "The economy deserves a matriculation certificate," he said.

Sapir said that his proposed budget would enable Israel to buy all the weapons and ammunition it needs "if they will only be sold to us." He said it was expected that following a disengagement agreement on the Syrian front, the number of reserve soldiers on active duty will be cut. But he warned, "We have to prepare ourselves for the opposite possibility," meaning a renewed flare-up of hostilities.

He said the new budget anticipated an influx of 55,000 new immigrants during the fiscal year. It does not provide for increased social services but special efforts will be made to secure a minimum wage, housing for young couples and improved education, he said. Sapir stated that the income tax will rise slightly but the defense levy will be abolished for an overall saving of 13 percent to the taxpayer. The war loan imposed following the Yom Kippur War will continue to be deducted from wages, he said.

#### WJC CREATES NEW ADVISORY BODY

NEW YORK, March 14 (JTA)--The formation of an Advisory Council of the World Jewish Congress was announced here this morning by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the WJC Congress. The founding meeting of the new body was held in New York last Tuesday. Dr. Goldmann said the Council was a purely advisory body and that its members were selected as individuals on the basis of their prestige in the business, finance, professional and academic fields.

The direction of the Council is in the hands of three chairmen: Edgar Bronfman of New York; Sir Marcus Steff of London; and Dr. George Wise of New York. Its headquarters will be in New York. The overall task of the new body will be to look beyond the day-to-day problems of Jewish communities, to try to predict the impact of social, economic and political trends on the Jewish future, to identify and analyze the likely problems of the next five to ten years and to suggest priorities.

Among the questions that the Advisory Council will objectively and seriously examine are: the possibilities of a viable Jewish life in Communist countries; the long-term relationship between the State of Israel and the Jewish diaspora; the internal problems of Jewish communities in Latin America, especially with regard to the young generation. The members of the Council will also be available to the World Jewish Congress leadership for consultation on any problems with respect to which the Congress might consider helpful for their influence and

broad contacts.

The members of the Council, which is still in the process of formation, include: England: Sir Marcus Steff and Sir Sigmund Warburg; France: Baron Edmond de Rothschild; Israel: Dr. David Horowitz, former Governor of the Bank of Israel; and Dr. Nathan Rotenstreich, Prof. Jacob Talmon and Prof. Ephraim Urbach, all of the Hebrew University; United States: Dr. Marver H. Bernstein, president, Brandeis University; Philip M. Klutznick of Chicago; Prof. David S. Landes, Harvard University; Prof. Henry Rosovsky, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University; and George Wise, former president of Tel Aviv University. The Latin American countries are represented by important personalities from different communities.

#### CCAR LEADER CALLS FOR END TO DEBATE BETWEEN ISRAEL, DIASPORA

JERUSALEM, March 14 (JTA)--Rabbi Robert I. Kahn, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, called last night for an end to debates between the Israeli and diaspora Jewish communities regarding centrality and urged that all Jews should consider themselves as part of a family unit. "We need unity now, especially after the Yom Kippur War," he said in his address at the opening session of the Reform Rabbinic group's 85th annual meeting here which ends next Monday.

Referring to the development of Progressive Judaism in Israel, Rabbi Kahn stressed that "we have come to share our experience, not for the purpose of establishing outposts of Reform Judaism here, but in order that Israelis may enrich their lives with religious options."

He felt that Reform Judaism can share much with the Israeli regarding the American Jewish experience in a democratic society where Jews can seek to bring the values and ethics of Judaism into action in dealing with problems affecting all United States citizens and communities. Rabbi Kahn said that today for Reform Jews "Israel is our spiritual homeland; no matter where we live, it is the Mizrah (east) on the wall of our hearts."

The CCAR president called for a strengthening of the links between Jews from both communities. "We will continue to encourage our people to visit Israel, urge our youngsters to come on pilgrimage. We ought not rest until every Jewish youngster in the world is brought into contact with this land, for a month, a season, a year. Those who then choose to make aliyah will bring strength to the land of Israel, and those who return to the diaspora will bring strength to the children of Israel wherever they live."

#### JNF COMPLETES FIRST STAGE OF RAFAH REGIONAL CENTER WORK

JERUSALEM, March 14 (JTA)--The Jewish National Fund is ready to hand over to the Ministry of Housing a tract of 200 dunams in the Rafah region south of Gaza which the JNF has now fully prepared for settlement. Upon this tract will arise the first homes in the planned "Absalom" regional center which is to serve the kibbutzim and settlements of the region. Completion of the ground-clearing and infrastructure-preparing work was announced in Beersheba this week by JNF chairman Jacob Tsur who toured the area. Tsur also revealed that JNF was making feasibility studies of a scheme to lay a new road from the Arava settlement of Ein Yahav to the central Negev settlements of Revivim and Sde Boker. The road, if laid, would greatly ease transport problems from the Arava to the center of the country.

# KISSINGER: LIFTING OF OIL EMBARGO WILL NOT AFFECT U.S. DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO SETTLE MIDEAST CONFLICT

WASHINGTON, March 14 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger declared today that the lifting by Arab oil producing nations of their embargo against the United States will not affect American diplomatic efforts to settle the Middle East conflict. "We have to move at the pace that seems to us suitable for a settlement," Kissinger told newsmen at a surprise news conference. "That cannot be affected by it" (the embargo lifting).

He made the comments after he was asked whether a news report that the embargo was being lifted only for a trial period to give him time to arrange a settlement meant this was "a sword over your head to have something done immediately." Kissinger said, "I actually know no more than you," when he was asked by newsmen about the reports that Arab leaders at their meeting in Tripoli, Libya yesterday had favored lifting the embargo. "I have no official report or official notification," Kissinger said. "I have the same conflicting reports you have had. Your speculation is as good as mine."

## Eban, Kissinger Meet Friday

Meanwhile, Kissinger's meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban, expected for today, has been re-scheduled for tomorrow when the two are expected to lunch in the Secretary's office in the State Department. Eban, who arrived in Washington early today, will hold a news conference at 3 p.m. tomorrow after his meeting with Kissinger. No reason was given for the re-scheduling of the meeting by either the State Department or the Israeli Embassy. It was understood that Kissinger's busy schedule, which includes meeting with King Hussein, caused the change in timing.

State Department spokesman George Vest took the unusual step today of announcing that Eban was to dine tonight with Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz. The State Department seldom discusses publicly events held in a foreign embassy to which the U.S. is not formally a party.

Vest said that the Eban-Kissinger talks could be looked upon as a preliminary discussion and a prelude to the arrival of a special Israeli emissary for discussions on Syrian-Israeli disengagement. Vest did not say when the Israeli or the Syrian representatives might be here but they are expected before March 24 when Kissinger goes to Moscow for three or four days.

## CHANNEL 13 TO CLARIFY CHARGES AGAINST ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAMS

NEW YORK, March 14 (JTA)--The producer of the 51st State, a news commentary program of WNET-TV (Channel 13), a public service station, said today that the program tonight will contain some "minor clarifications" in charges made against two Orthodox rabbis of misuse of federal anti-poverty funds in programs for the Jewish poor.

However, Hal Levenson, the producer, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the program was standing by the basic charges made in a series of programs during January involving Rabbi Ronald Greenwald, Rabbi Bernard Weinberger, and the Council of Jewish Manpower Association. The Council was selected by the Federal Labor Department to administer a manpower training program in poor Jewish neighborhoods.

Rabbi Weinberger, an administrator in the City's Human Resources Administration, flatly

denied all charges. Rabbi Greenwald, a consultant to region J of the federal Health, Education and Welfare Administration, could not be reached for comment.

It was asserted on one of the programs that at least \$10,000 in manpower funds had gone to a gasoline station and to a limousine service, both in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, as payment for "training fees." The program said Rabbi Greenwald was an officer in both businesses. A second grant under study was one for \$65,000 to Jewish Orthodox Youth. Rabbi Weinberger is president of JOY and of the Council of Jewish Manpower Association. The grant to JOY, which was arranged through Marvin Schick, a former Lindsay Administration consultant, was designed to help Hasidic youth gain admission to secular colleges. It is called Talent Search.

## Rabbi Received Only \$1 A Day

Levenson told the JTA that the program had said Rabbi Weinberger received \$138 a day as a consultant to the White House. He said the program will report that Rabbi Weinberger received \$1 a day and that he had since been dropped as a result of investigations by the New York City investigation department.

Levenson said that some viewers may have received the impression that Schick was one of the three Jewish leaders mentioned as involved in the alleged fraud. He said the program expressed regrets that it had led any viewer to assume that Schick was involved either in the fraud or with the Nixon Administration. Levenson said that the program would report that Rabbi Greenwald had been dropped as a consultant to HEW. It was initially reported that probes into the charges had been started by the U.S. federal attorney Paul Curran and by City Investigations Commissioner Nicolas Scopetta.

## HISTADRUT CONCLAVE ENDS IN TURMOIL

TEL AVIV, March 14 (JTA)--Histadrut's 12th national convention ended here early this morning after three days of stormy sessions during which jeers, catcalls and scuffles precluded any positive accomplishments and prevented most of the speakers from finishing their speeches. The main hecklers were Black Panthers and followers of the leftist Moked and Meri factions but the right-wing Likud also got in some verbal blows. Even Premier Golda Meir, who addressed the convention late Tuesday night, was not spared. Panthers in the Mann Auditorium yelled, "Golda, Queen of the Social Gap. Golda, Queen of the Mishap, Golda Resign."

Their words reflected the apparent dissatisfaction felt in Israel today with the government, its leadership and institutions, arising from the Yom Kippur War and galloping inflation. Resolutions, adopted just before dawn today, had a calming effect on the delegates who were, in any case, exhausted. They called for measures to check the inflationary spiral, demanded higher cost-of-living allowances to keep pace with soaring prices and the exemption of wage fringe benefits from income tax.

Premier Meir appeared to take no notice of the Panther commotion when she mounted the podium Tuesday night. She promised that every effort would be made by the government to close the social gap. But she observed that in a developing country such as Israel which needed investments, some people would collect a disproportionate share of the income. She concluded her speech to more shouts and whistles from the floor. A new secretary general will be elected some time next month.

# Yael Dayan Says New Young Leadership Needed In Israel

NEW YORK, March 14 (JTA)—The daughter of Defense Minister Moshe Dayan believes that Israel's political leadership is badly in need of young blood. But she doesn't think her father should resign as many Israelis have been demanding. Mrs. Yael Dayan-Sion, an Israeli novelist who writes in English and whose books are translated into Hebrew, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that "a change must take place in the Israeli leadership."

But she said the change must come about through "free elections" within the ruling Labor Party to select new leaders. She was opposed to the automatic removal of veteran leaders such as Premier Golda Meir, Israel Galili and her father, but predicted that changes would occur rather soon, "maybe before the next general elections."

Mrs. Dayan-Sion, 35, is married to an Israeli army officer and has two children. She has just concluded a two-week lecture tour in the U.S. on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal and returns to Israel today. Asked about the recent public clamor in Israel for her father's departure from the government, she replied, "I don't think he should resign. I believe in him. I accept his political and personal decision because I know his integrity and honesty."

She noted that the Defense Minister was responsible only to the Prime Minister and that Mrs. Meir had twice refused to accept his tendered resignation. "That's what matters, not the demands by students and Moti Ashkenazi," she said referring to a Yom Kippur War veteran who recently gathered thousands of signatures on a petition calling for Dayan's resignation.

She said her two brothers, Audi and Asaf, the latter an actor, share her feeling that their father should not quit. She conceded that Gen. Dayan's popularity in Israel has declined sharply since the Yom Kippur War. But she said that did not disturb him. "He is not heartbroken because of that," she said. "He is not shattered. I am not sure that he went crazy because he had the status of a hero. I think he is less sensitive to popularity than other politicians. He has a job to do and that is what is important," she said. (By Yitzhak Rabi)

## Court Frees Man Accused Of Painting Anti-Semitic Slogan On Fence

TORONTO, March 14 (JTA)—A man accused of painting an anti-Semitic slogan on a fence in a Jewish neighborhood was freed by a Toronto court this week on grounds of insufficient evidence. Judge Michael Cloney, who dismissed the case against Armand Siksa, expressed regret that he was unable to find the defendant guilty on the evidence provided by the police constable who had arrested him.

The case was the first to be tried under Canada's anti-hate propaganda act that became law in 1970. Siksa, 30, is a member of the Western Guard, a right-wing extremist group. He was arrested on Nov. 11, 1973 with a spray can in his possession and the slogan "Down with the Jews" on a fence hoarding nearby.

Siksa denied that he had painted the slogan and the arresting officer was unable to testify that he had caught him in the act. Judge Cloney said Siksa "was not a credible witness—he was a dodger," and noted that it was "most unsatisfactory" that the officer's evidence could not place him beside the words "Down with the Jews."

Commenting on the case, Ben Keyfetz, direc-

tor of the Canadian Jewish Congress' Ontario Region, said its outcome "in no way undermines the legislation." He said when the proper case comes along "its validity will be upheld."

## Jews Angered By Media Exposure Given To Two Self-Styled Nazis

HARTFORD, March 14 (JTA)—Connecticut Jews are up in arms over the media exposure given two self-styled Nazis who were received briefly at the State Capitol recently and were later interviewed on a local television program in Nazi regalia complete with swastikas. Gov. Thomas Meskill stressed in a statement to the Hartford Jewish Ledger that the pair had no appointment with him, that he had no use for them and that "they have no place in our society."

The two Nazis had gone to the capitol to leave a statement with the Governor calling for abandonment of the Administration's "pro-Zionist" foreign policy and blaming Jews for the oil shortage. They were seen briefly by an aide to the Governor. Afterwards, they indulged in an anti-Semitic, anti-Black diatribe over WTIC, Channel 3, which covers most of Connecticut.

WTIC president Leonard J. Patricelli delivered an editorial on both the tv and radio outlets denouncing the Nazis for their "anti-American views." Jerry Wagner, chairman of the Community Relations Committee of the Hartford Jewish Federation, commended Patricelli's editorial but decried the fact that the Nazis were given public exposure in the first place.

In a statement issued through the Ledger, Wagner said, "We seriously question the value of a major tv outlet providing a forum for such utterances. However, we recognize that Channel 3 TV was motivated by a desire to expose this hate group....The organized Jewish community has long known of the existence of this lunatic fringe group....This group relies on public exposure to recruit those few persons always available, who are attracted by their swashbuckling and militant viewpoints. We intend to remain vigilant and to continue to oppose and counteract the efforts of this and like-minded groups," Wagner said.

## Soviet Writer Under Attack Has Been Outspoken On Jewish Issues

WASHINGTON, March 14 (JTA)—Soviet prize-winning novelist Victor Nekrasov who yesterday in Moscow denounced official Soviet controls on writers and literature has also been outspoken on Jewish issues, an informed source said here today. After the author had been publicly reprimanded by Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev for being too complimentary to America in his book, "On Both Sides of the Ocean," following his 11-day tour of the United States in 1960, Khrushchev's successors lifted the ban on him.

But in 1969 Nekrasov again was in difficulties for making a speech on the 25th anniversary of the massacre of Jews at Babi Yar near Kiev during World War II. Soviet official policy has banned the erection of any memorial to the Jews at Babi Yar which is marked by a simple stone that memorializes the site but makes no mention of Jews.

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LONDON (JTA)—Ivor Richards, a life-long supporter of Israel, will take over next week as the new British representative and head of the British Mission at the United Nations. Richards, a lawyer in his 40s, was a Labor member of Parliament. He appeared on Zionist platforms on many occasions and was a member of the Labor Friends of Israel. His constituency disappeared in the redistribution of seats before the elections.