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#### THREE SOVIET JEWS ON HUNGER STRIKE SAY USSR NOT HONORING COMMITMENT TO END HARASSMENT

LONDON, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- The first complaint that Soviet authorities are not honoring their commitment to the United States to end the harassment of Jews seeking to emigrate appeared in Moscow yesterday in the form of an "open letter" to Sen. Henry M. Jackson from three Jews who are on a hunger strike protesting the denial of exit visas. The complainants--Mikhail Suslov, a film cameraman; Felix Kandel, a writer and cartoonist; and Yevgeny Barash, a journalist-accused the Russian authorities of tampering with their telephones. The group began a 12-day hunger strike Oct. 16.

They said in their letter to Jackson that Suslov's phone was disconnected on the first day of the protest and the phone of a friend was cut off the following day when he attempted to discuss the hunger strike with someone abroad. On several other occasions, telephone calls were interrupted or not put through, the letter charged.

The trade-emigration agreement announced in Washington last Friday contained assurances that the Soviet Union would grant exit visas to its citizens applying for them and would end the persecution and harassment of visa applicants and their families.

## RABIN SAYS PRESENT STATE OF AFFAIRS IS NOT ENCOURAGING By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin defined the conditions of a genuine peace with the Arabs last night but said the present state of affairs was not encouraging. Agreements with Israel's neighboring states must include all controversial issues, including the Palestinians and must include Arab acceptance of israel as an independent, sovereign state capable of defending itself, Rabin told 500 delegates to the 10th biennial convention of the World Council of Synagogues representing Conservative Judaism

The convention, which opened officially today, will continue for three days of discussions and symposia. Participants include Conservative leaders from Israel, the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Denmark, Sweden, Greece, Argentina, Brazil, Iran and India.

Rabin said the Arab states would have to sign peace agreements with Israel that provide for open frontiers for commerce, culture and tourism. Peace without secure borders cannot be

genuine, he said. Justice Minister Haim Zadok, who is also Minister for Religious Affairs in the Rabin Cabinet, told the delegates that the Conservative movement must take a central role in bridging the deep differences in Judaism. He said Israel needed the help of Conservative Jewry in solving the conversion controversy. "Actually, the conversion dispute is a marginal one," Zadok said. "But typically of Jews, the question was blown up to the dimensions of a political problem which involves the ups and downs of coalitions. There is no doubt," he said, "that conversion is a halachic term, but in the secular legislation of Israel one cannot grant one trend in Judaism privileges

which another trend does not have.''

The Who is a Jew controversy, the quality of Jewish life in Israel and the diaspora and the religious and educational implications of the Yom Kippur War are among the subjects to be discussed during the three-day convention.

# FRENCH PRESIDENT SAYS MIDEAST PEACE INCLUDES PALESTINIAN ACCORD

PARIS, Oct. 23 (JTA)--French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing told a Cabinet meeting today that peace and security in the Middle East are possible. only if an accord includes settlement of the Palestinian problem. He added that the purpose of Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues' Middle East trip was to emphasize France's position on this matter. Sauvagnargues, who returned from the Middle East yesterday, spoke of the warm welcome he had received, particularly in Lebanon.

As for his talk with Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasir Arafat, the Foreign Minister restated France's position, according to a government spokesman. "The fact of Palestine exists." declared the Foreign Minister. "The Palestinian problem will not go away by not recognizing the facts." But he added that France had not changed its position that Israel must be assured of "definite and recognized boundaries."

## PALESTINIAN DEBATE AT UN WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DUE TO SECURITY By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 23 (JTA)--The United Nations will be closed to the public during the upcoming debate on the "Palestine Question." The reason for this, it was announced here today, is for security reasons. According to a UN spokesman. the UN security force will not be increased, but the UN is in contact with the New York City police to arrange security measures outside the UN building in anticipation of demonstrations and protests.

Meanwhile, it was learned here that General Assembly President Abdelaziz Bouteflika of Algeria has sent a message to the PLO headquarters in Beirut informing them of the invitation by the Assembly to the PLO to participate in the debate and requesting the names of the PLO delegates. The UN spokesman said that as of today no reply has been received.

In another development it was announced that King Hassan of Morocco has invited Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to take part in the Arab summit conference in Rabat on Saturday. Waldheim. who is unable to attend because the UN Assembly is in session, sent one of his assistants, Ismat Kittani of Iraq, who left today for the meeting. The debate on the Palestine Question will not open before Nov. 6, the date Waldheim is to return from the Food Conference in Rome. Waldheim is due to leave for Rome next week.

# REPORT ROTHSCHILD INTENDS TO SEVER TIES WITH FUND-RAISING EFFORTS ON ISRAEL'S BEHALF By Edwin Eytan

PARIS, Oct. 23 (JTA) -- Baron Edmond de Rothschild, a prominent member of the Jewish banking family and chairman of the board of directors of the Israel Corporation, has reportedly severed his

ties with fund-raising on Israel's behalf.

Rothschild, who was due to host a world gathering of UJA donors at his Geneva home next month, has written UJA director Yakov Gilad saying that he can no longer sponsor the event. The 250 major contributors, many from the U.S., were expected to gather at his Geneva residence, the Castle of Pregny, in the first week of Nov.

Jewish Agency chairman Pinhas Sapir who yesterday arrived in Paris from London told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the event will take place in Geneva but "somewhere else." Sapir also said that he hoped Rothschild's "coldness is only temporary." UJA sources also said that Baron de Rothschild has not made any contributions to the UJA this year. Last year he gave \$2 million. Sources close to Rothschild told the JTA that he is apparently "upset" because of Israeli and Jewish world-wide support for Geneva banker Tibor Rosenbaum.

Rosenbaum himself, in an interview with JTA earlier this week, said that he had tried on a number of occasions to meet either with Rothschild or with his advisors to work out, if possible, some means for the repayment of at least part of the \$8.6 million deposited by the Israel Corporation with his financial concerns. Sources close to Rothschiki confirmed, when questioned by the JTA, that the Corporation chairman has refused to meet Rosenbaum and has told other Corporation officers not to do so either.

Sapir told the JTA that he has not met with Rothschild during his current trip to Paris and knows of no plans for such a meeting. He said, "I would be glad to see him should he express the desire to do so." Sapir is due to address a dinner tonight tendered in his honor by the local UJA. Baron de Rothschild will be absent, according to sources.

# UJA STUDY MISSION MEMBERS PLEDGE ALL-OUT EFFORT TO REACH THE 1975 TARGET OF \$750 MILLION.

TEL AVIV. Oct. 23 (JTA)--The 200-member United Jewish Appeal Study Mission left Israel yesterday after pledging an all-out effort to reach all Jews. the 1975 target of \$750 million which is the UJA's share of the Jewish Agency's budget. The group, headed by UJA general chairman, Paul Zuckerman, spent two weeks in Israel meeting with leaders of the government and the Jewish Agency, ing the Jewish Agency's facilities for immigrant absorption, education and other social needs.

The mission members set a personal example when they increased their individual commitments for the coming year to \$11.2 million compared to \$9.1 million from the same donors last year. In a resolution released before they departed, the mission members pledged that each American community would assume its share of responsibility "with concentrated determination, exploring every means, utilizing every technique and making every effort to reach out to and commit their fellow Jews to fulfill their responsibility" for absorption, education and social welfare activities in Israel.

#### 'HANGMAN OF WARSAW' ON TRIAL

BONN, Oct. 23 (JTA)--The "Hangman of Warsaw," former gestapo commandant Ludwig Hahn, 66, went on trial in Hamburg today for organizing the deportation of 300,000 Jews from Warsaw to Treblinka in 1942 and 1943. Also charged with him are former SS members Hans Becker, Helmut Ott, and Herbert Standt, all in their sixties.

Hahn is now serving a 12-year sentence for

complicity in the mass murder of Jews and Poles in Warsaw's infamous Paviak jail. However, because of poor health, he is serving his sentence at home under restrictions. The Hamburg judge today turned down a defense counsel plea that Hahn was unfit to plead.

#### VATICAN COMMISSION FOR JUDAISM

ROME, Oct. 23 (JTA)--The Vatican Press Office has announced the setting up of two new commissions concerned with relations between the Vatican and non-Christian religions--one for Judaism, and the other for Islam. The announcement of the commission for Judaism says:

"Among the facts concerning recent developments in the relations between the Catholic church and Judaism are the Catholic participation in local groups, aimed at fostering Hebrew-Christian friend-. ship. There have also been cases of common action and collaboration uniting Catholics and Jews. Certain studies were recently conducted with the aim of making Catholics more faithful to the principles, re-proposed by the Second Vatican Council."

The statement continued: "At the level of the universal church, it is necessary to point out that after various contacts between the Roman Curia and the representatives of important Jewish organizations, an official meeting was held in Dec. 1970. The International Liaison Committee between the Catholic church and world Judaism, set up at that meeting, has already held three annual sessions. Principally from this committee came the suggestion to create in the Vatican a commission for relations with Judaism."

In conclusion, the statement said that the commission is a distinct organism but attached to the Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity. It had been established by the Pope himself, "with the object of promoting and fostering relations of a religious nature between Jews and Catholics. The commission must endeavor to develop its activities for an effective and just realization of the orientation, given in 'Nostra Aetate' of Oct. 28, 1965.'' This referred to the statement in the 1965 document that the death of Christ cannot be blamed on

# JEWISH MINISTER RESIGNS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (JTA)--Jose Gelbard, Economic Minister in Argentina, resigned this week. according to reports reaching here from Buenos visiting border settlements and towns and inspect Aires. The 56-year-old Polish-born Jewish immigrant and the team of experts who worked with him to fashion 17 months of Peronist economic policy resigned hours before talks were due to begin on wage hikes that Gelbard warned would be inflationary.

> President Isabel Peron accepted the resignation and replaced Gelbard with Alfredo Gomez Morales, a former economy minister who resigned as president of the Argentine Central Bank on Sept. 2 in a dispute with Gelbard. Gelbard had been under attack for some time by Welfare Minister Jose Lopez Rega and some of the attacks had been viewed as anti-Semitic. There was no immediate indication as to whether Gelbard's resignation was in any way also connected with these attacks.

Gelbard was reportedly regarded as the chief spokesman for the "National Businessmen," a group of old-line Peronists who were often at odds with more conservative businessmen and especially with local subsidiaries of multinational corporations. There was no immediate indication as to what role Gelbard will play, if any, in the government in any other capacity.

MORGENTHAU: KISSINGER'S MISSION IN MOSCOW IS TO ENLIST SOVIET SUPPORT FOR PEACEFUL MIDEAST SETTLEMENT By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A, Kissinger's "main aim" in his current meetings in Moscow with Soviet authorities is to enlist Soviet support for a peaceful settlement in the Middle East, according to Prof. Hans J. Morgenthau. But, the political scientist warned, "It must not be an imposed peace." He observed that one of the logical possibilities of settling the Middle East conflict "is imposing a settlement which none of the local powers can afford to resist no matter how much they dislike it."

Prof. Morgenthau did not offer details of such an imposed settlement in his address before overseas writers here yesterday as board chairman of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy. Soviet officials have long urged the United States to join in imposing a settlement. American officials have resisted such an approach, pointing out that the parties must negotiate a settlement, since an imposed peace would be fragile and end in outbreaks, Morgenthau said. A major point in Israel's reliance on the U.S. diplomatic initiative is the element of "no imposition" of a settlement, he noted.

Morgenthau, an arch critic of Kissinger's diplomacy, said, "I am optimistic regarding Israel's chances to survive Kissinger's diplomacy." He foresaw Israel surviving another war "even if it is bloodier than preceding wars," and thought "both superpower's will do everything to localize it." The U.S. Middle East policy, Morgenthau said, is "not to save Israel or please the Arabs but to diminish or eliminate the Soviet Union in the Middle East."

Morgenthau foresaw renewed use by the Arabs of their oil weapon. "If anything is certain in foreign policy it is that it (the oil embargo) will be used again and much more drastically and much less temporarily." Saying he had been asked to speak about Soviet-American detente, Morgenthau opened his remarks by declaring, "I would have to make a speech about nothing."

The "real issue," he contended, "is not the word detente," but the policy being pursued by invoking detente. He likened it to other Soviet campaigns such as the Popular Front and peaceful co-existence and blamed the U.S. for "falling for this word."

# FISCAL AUSTERITY RECOMMENDED By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23 (JTA)—Israel's top economic leaders have recommended a program of fiscal austerity that includes paring the defense budget by IL 500 million, in order to salvage the nation from a rapidly worsening economic situation. The program was outlined yesterday at a meeting attended by Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Barley and Moshe Zanbar, Governor of the Bank of Israel.

They agreed that a substantial reduction in government services was needed. They called for three steps: a continued freeze on public construction and the construction of large apartments; an additional IL I billion cut in the national budget, including a half billion off the defense budget; and the issuance of short-term bonds to the public to soak up excess cash that is contributing to a disastrous inflationary spiral.

The economic leaders did not mention a possible devaluation of the Pound, despite rumors that

such a move was inevitable. They made their recommendations against the background of reports that currency in circulation has increased by 12 percent during the last two months; that credit outstanding increased by IL 200 million during the first three weeks of Oct. despite credit restrictions; and that Israeli banks are again suffering a liquidity problem.

The Treasury has been pouring money into public institutions, such as municipalities which are short of cash and are over-spending their income. Widespread expectations that the Pound will be devalued has led to heavy withdrawals from banks to purchase foreign currency and to pre-pay debts in foreign currency. The result has been a drop in Israel's foreign currency reserves.

# CITY COLLEGE PREXY ADMITS USE OF ENTRY DISCRIMINATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (JTA)—The admission by City College President Robert Marshak—after repeated denials by him—that racial and ethnic criteria were used to select students for enrollment in the accelerated program of the college's Center for Biomedical Education, confirmed what the B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League 'has already learned in its continuing probe of this scandalous situation,' the ADL's associate director and general counsel, Arnold Forster, declared today.

Terming the matter one that "cannot be permitted to end here," Forster added: "If finally, the ADL decides that the situation can be resolved only by litigation, we will proceed in that direction." Forster made that statement after Marshak conceded yesterday at a meeting of editors and reporters from City College's five student newspapers that the selection of students for the Sept. 1974 class was made from a list of four ethnic groups—white, Black, Asian and Hispanic. Marshak pledged that "it will not happen again."

City University Chancellor Robert Kibbee, Marshak flatly denied it. Dr. Kibbee issued his report after several Jewish and other groups charged that the accelerated medical training program was giving preference to Black and Hispanic applicants regardless of academic standings.

#### ADL Made Charge Last July

The ADL made that charge last July 12, after Forster demanded in a letter to Alfred A. Giardino, chairman of the Board of Higher Education, that the Center for Biomedical Education admit "highly qualified" applicants who were excluded from its Sept. 1974 class because they are white.

Forster referred at the time to Dr. Kibbee's report and to "information obtained through our own investigation of the program" which, he said, established that "all too frequently considerations of race dominated the admissions procedure." He pointed out that the selection procedures had resulted in the Sept. 1974 class consisting of 27 whites and 41 "minority" students. He said that replacement for those who declined to accept places in the program was made along strictly racial lines—"Black for Black and white for white."

LOS ANGELES (JTA)--A drive was launched in area synagogues, temples and Jewish communal centers to collect the names of Jews who perished in the holocaust. A spokesman for the Council of Post-War Jewish Organizations which is searching for names said the group expected to gather at least 25,000 names of Nazi victims to forward to the Yad Vashem memorial in Jerusalem.

# SITE : INTERVIEW ROSENBAUM SAYS HE BELIEVES HIS BANK WILL BE SAVED AND ALL DEPOSITORS WILL GET BACK THEIR MONEY By Edwin Eytan

GENEVA, Oct. 23 (JTA)--Jewish financier and banker Tibor Rosenbaum told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here that he believes his bank, the International Credit Bank, and his various financial concerns will be saved and all depositors will get back their money. The closure of Ros-"enbaum's bank has caused a political furore in. Israel, a financial scandal involving the Israel Corporation and hit at some 12,000 small depositors who had entrusted their funds to the prominent Jewish businessman and leader.

Rosenbaum told the JTA that his financial difficulties started last spring after the management of the Hessische Landesbank Girozentrale, a partner in his bank, was reshuffled and the new direct tors tried to avoid their responsibilities in the Geneva bank in which they held a 36.4 percent interest. Rosenbaum said that the publicity surrounding this affair created an artificial withdrawal rush which soon deprived the bank of all available liquidities.

He said, however, that after the forthcoming elections in the State of Hesse due to take place next Sunday, he "hoped the bank (Hessische Landesbank) will assume its contractory obligations" and help the International Credit Bank resume normal operations.

# A Changed Man

Rosenbaum said that as far as the Israel Corporation is concerned, he believed that their \$8.5 million deposit with his companies was "normai procedure." He said that his bank and concerns had "often in the past rendered important services to the corporation' and allied companies. He refused to specify what these services were.

Financial circles in Geneva, however, said Rosenbaum had often in the past advanced them money at short order and thus helped promote their economic interests. These sources said Rosenbaum had also helped finance various Israeli arms deals in Western Europe and elsewhere.

Rosenbaum himself is a changed man from his relatively recent past: apparently suffering from lack of sleep, he has red eyes, a sallow mien and a broken voice as he narrates what he terms "the lack of gratitude and even of basic friendship" from which he now suffers.

He lives in a middle-class apartment in Geneva's residential sector and drives a low-priced car. He told this correspondent that he goes every day to his office in the bank where he main ly deals with small depositors to whom he tries . to procure from other sources reimbursement of the funds deposited with him. The bank itself is closed and a Geneva court is examining its books. The court is expected to decide this week whether to extend the moratorium or declare it bankrupt.

# U.S. BACKS ISRAEL'S DENIAL OF AMERICAN PROMISE OF OIL SUPPLIES IN RETURN FOR WITHDRAWALS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23 (JTA)--The State Department referred yesterday to what it said was "the categorical denial" by the Israeli government of a U.S. promise of American petroleum supplies in return for further withdrawals from the Sinai Desert. But it would not outline the U.S. position on the reported arrangement. Accord-

ing to press reports, the U.S. had promised to compensate Israel in oil for what it is getting from the oil wells in the Sinai Desert. The Israeli government denied the report.

State Department spokesman Robert Anderson said at first that a government sometimes refers to another government's report with which it concurs. but he later withdrew the word "concurs." saying that he wants first to "check" with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger who has had

"numerous discussions" with the Israeli government in the past. "I want to make very sure that I am accurate," Anderson said. He said that he had no reason to assume that the Israeli deal is not accurate but he emphasized that he wants to

speak with Kissinger about it.

Anderson, questioned about reports of vastly increased military sales to Saudi Arabia, repeated that there was "no basis" for the reports which said that the arms would be in return for lower oil prices. He said a general survey of Saudi Arabia's military requirements over the next years was being made by the Pentagon. Anderson had no comment on another report that the U.S. is to sell 36 Skyhawk warplanes to Kuwait, saying he has not seen the report.

#### CHILEAN RABBI PRAISED

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (JTA)--Praise for his "outstanding efforts in behalf of human rights" was expressed by the Rabbinical Assembly in a cable to Dr. Angel Kreiman, Chief Rabbi of Chile.

Voicing pride in the achievements of a colleague, the 1100-member Conservative rabbinical group in a resolution adopted by its executive council under the presidency of Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, stated that the organization was "especially proud of the efforts you have made to alleviate suffering and to bring about compassionate actions by the government authorities. They are in the tradition of our sages who commanded us to imitate God by pursuing kindness and compassion. Your actions have strengthened the spiritual life of our fellow Jews in Chile. We are proud that a colleague of the Rabbinical Assembly has done so much to further the teachings of our faith in Latin America."

# ADL PUBLISHES TEACHERS GUIDE TO CORRECT TREATMENT OF JEWS IN AMERICAN HISTORY TEXTBOOKS

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (JTA)--The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith announced the publication today of a new teachers guide intended to correct deficiencies and stereotypes in the treatment of Jews in American history textbooks. The 215-page illustrated book titled "Jews in American History: A Teachers Guide," by Jerome L. Ruderman, was prepared in response to a 1970 ADL study that found American history texts continued to slight the role of Jews in American history, primarily by omission, and sometimes gratuitously identified Jews as such, the ADL said.

According to the author, who heads the social studies department at Simon Gratz High School in Philadelphia and is a member of the advisory board of Scholastic Search magazine, the new guide offers social studies teachers a complete plan for integrating the Jewish experience and contributions in building this nation with the overall history curriculum, the ADL announcement said. It casts the story of American Jews in light of eight American eras and themes: The Colonial World: Revolution and Civic Equality; Building a National Identity; Westward Expansion; Civil War and Reconstruction; The New Immigration; The Era of Two World Wars; and Today.