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## JEWS MARKING FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF Leningrad TRIAL ARRESTED, HARASSED

TEL AVIV, Dec. 23 (JTA)—Jews in Leningrad and Moscow marking the fourth anniversary of the first Leningrad hijack trial have been arrested in the past few days or tried and harassed by KGB agents. It was learned here from telephone conversations with Jewish sources in the Soviet Union today. According to the sources, an unspecified number of Jews were detained when they sought to join 45 Jews in Moscow protesting the continued imprisonment of Jewish activists convicted at the Leningrad trials.

The 45 in Moscow began a two-day hunger strike on the anniversary of the trial which marked the beginning of an open campaign by Soviet authorities against Jews seeking visas to emigrate to Israel. They managed to deliver a petition addressed to President Nikolai Podgorniy at the headquarters of the Supreme Soviet which was handed over to an official. It was signed by 300 Jews from 15 Soviet cities and towns, the sources said, and called for the release of all Jews imprisoned for alleged Zionist activities and an end to the harassment of visa applicants.

(Mrs. Inez Weismann, president of the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews, reported in New York yesterday that the Council had learned of new arrests and harassments of Jews in Leningrad in connection with the trial anniversary. She said that a number of activists were arrested as they were about to leave Leningrad to join the protestors in Moscow. They included Ignet Stachonovich who was sentenced to 15 days in jail and Yosef Blich, who did not return from work and is assumed to have been arrested. Another Jewish activist, Lev Zhegun, was hospitalized after he was allegedly poisoned in a Leningrad coffee house, Mrs. Weismann reported. She said Leningrad activists feared further arrests. They are being tailed by KGB men on foot and in cars, she reported.)

## POLSKY ON WAY TO ISRAEL

VIENNA, Dec. 23 (JTA)—Jewish physicist Victor Polsky left Vienna today after a three-year campaign to leave the Soviet Union. A spokesman for the Jewish Agency said Polsky, 44, his wife Yelena, their daughter, Marina, 16, and four other relatives flew to Israel after a one-day stop-over in Vienna.

Their arrival in Vienna had been kept secret by Austrian authorities and the Jewish Agency until today. Polsky applied for permission to emigrate to Israel in 1971. His application was turned down for security reasons. Last month, Polsky received his Soviet exit visa after he was fined 100 rubles (\$137) for reckless driving.

## LEVIEV DEATH SENTENCE STAYED TEMPORARILY PENDING CASE REOPENING

LONDON, Dec. 23 (JTA)—The death sentence imposed on Mikhail Leviev in Moscow a week ago has been stayed temporarily pending a reopening of his case, Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today. Leviev, who once managed a large government store in Moscow, was convicted of alleged "economic crimes." He had applied

for a visa to emigrate to Israel.

The sources said that Leviev's wife, Sophia, received a reply from President Nikolai Podgorniy of the Supreme Soviet to whom she had appealed for clemency for her husband. Podgorniy wrote that in response to her appeal, Leviev's case would be reopened and a new investigation will be ordered. This means in effect that the death sentence is stayed and Leviev will be moved out of the condemned bloc in prison, the sources said.

## Soviets Will Resist Foreign Pressures

Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today that several Jewish activists were informed by the KGB that Soviet emigration policies will not be influenced by foreign pressures. The activists, including Vladimir Slepak, Mikhail Polotsky and Yuli Kosborovsky, were summoned to KGB headquarters in Moscow for "clarification" of last week's Tass statement denying linkage between U.S. trade and Soviet emigration practices, the sources reported.

They said the activists were told that the USSR had no intention of yielding to foreign pressures on emigration and that "In the future, as in the past, all decisions concerning emigration will be made by the USSR without any consideration of pressures from abroad." The activists were not warned this time to keep the contents of the interview secret, indicating that the KGB wants them to convey its message to all Jews who have applied for emigration visas or who are thinking of applying for them.

The sources noted that this was the first time Jewish activists have been approached by an official Soviet agency as representatives of all Soviet Jews, a development they consider to be significant.

Jewish sources reported today that Mark Nashpitz, a 30-year-old Jewish dentist, was offered an exit visa to join his mother in Israel if he agreed to tour Jewish communities all over the world to denounce the Jewish activist movement in the USSR. Nashpitz refused, the sources said.

## U.S. ARMS SALES TO SAUDI ARABIA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (JTA)—Sen. Gaylord Nelson (D. Wisconsin) stated here that recent reports about a Saudi Arabian-United States Security Commission plan to strengthen the Saudi army "dramatized the need for broader review of U.S. arms sales policy." In a statement that he issued to the House-Senate Conference Committee several days ago while it was considering the Foreign Aid Bill, Nelson quoted the reports as indicating that the U.S. has developed a secret plan to double and possibly triple the flow of American arms to Saudi Arabia.

The reports, he said, describe a multi-billion dollar plan involving the mechanization of the Saudi army into a mobile striking force with some 446 helicopters, a major expansion of the Saudi navy, and the possible shipment of F-4 fighters, the mainstay of the Israeli Air Force. Nelson, who authored a provision of the Foreign Aid Bill to give Congress greater control of sales of military hardware and services to other nations—a practice now wholly controlled by the Administration through the Defense and State Departments—

stated that reports indicate that the State Department has recommended U.S. arms transfers to the Saudis to equip the following forces:

Four mechanized brigades, each with three mechanized infantry battalions; a tank battalion, and "other combat and service support elements"; an aviation group headquarters with two assault helicopter battalions; one attack helicopter battalion; and two air cavalry battalions and two assault support helicopter companies. The State Department has neither confirmed nor denied this plan, Nelson said.

"Meanwhile," Nelson said, "we also are selling arms to Iran, the non-Arab power located across the Persian Gulf from Saudi Arabia." He noted that Iran bought \$2 billion worth of weapons in 1973 and another \$3.5 billion worth in fiscal 1974. "How much are we involving ourselves militarily in this area as a result of sales like these?" Nelson asked. He recalled that under a 1959 agreement "the U.S. is committed to 'take such appropriate action, including the use of armed forces, as may be mutually agreed upon' to protect Iran."

Nelson's legislation forces the Administration to tell Congress about individual arms sales contracts of \$25 million or more. The Administration would have to submit to Congress its sales plans, and Congress would have 30 days in which to make a policy decision to prohibit the sale if it wished. The amendment also requires all arms sales to be reported to Congress quarterly.

#### TERRORIST VICTIM'S LEG SAVED BY HADASSAH HOSPITAL SURGEONS State Department Condemns Attack

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23 (JTA)--Surgeons at Hadassah Hospital have saved the leg of 16-year-old Dejean Replogle, the American girl injured yesterday in a terrorist grenade attack on a tourist bus on the outskirts of Jerusalem. The operation to remove shrapnel reportedly lasted 11 hours and was completed only early this morning. Doctors said Miss Replogle's condition was "satisfactory" but that she would have to remain in the hospital for some time to complete her recovery.

(In Washington, the State Department today condemned the terrorist grenade attack. "We condemn this latest act of terror in which an American citizen was injured," a statement released by the Department said. "This senseless violence not only hurts innocent lives but also works against the atmosphere needed for a just and peaceful settlement of the Middle East conflict.")

(The statement, given to newsmen by State Department spokesman Robert Anderson, noted that the U.S. Consul General in Jerusalem talked to the leader of the tour group, offering assistance to Miss Replogle's parents and other members of the tour. But so far, they have required none.")

Police are holding eight suspects out of more than 40 detained for questioning yesterday after the bus carrying 17 American Baptist tourists from Jacksonville, Fla. was attacked in Azariyeh village, four miles east of Jerusalem. Security forces have taken preventive measures in Jerusalem and Bethlehem against possible terrorist attacks on foreign tourists and pilgrims attending Christmas festivities tomorrow night.

There are an estimated 15,000 tourists in Jerusalem at present, many of them Christians. The Palestine Liberation Organization, which claimed responsibility for the grenade attack at Azariyeh,

warned Christmas visitors "not to go to occupied Palestine." The warning was contained in "Wafa," the PLO organ published in Beirut.

#### X-Mas Truce Minimized

Meanwhile, reports that Israeli and Lebanese authorities had agreed to a Christmas truce on the northern frontier were minimized by Israeli army sources today. The sources denied that Israel had agreed to suspend its preventive shelling of terrorist strongholds in southern Lebanon during the holiday season in return for a Lebanese undertaking to restrain terrorist incursions against Israel.

The sources said the army promised only to try to avoid hitting olive groves on which Lebanese farmers depend for much of their income. But they said they could not guarantee that the groves would be unharmed. Israeli farmers in Upper Galilee were reportedly angered at reports of the Christmas truce which they said would allow Lebanese farmers to tend their crops unscathed while Israeli farmers had to remain on guard against terrorist attacks.

#### ARGENTINE POLICE CHIEF ISSUES VENOMOUS ATTACK AGAINST JEWS

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 23 (JTA)--The chief of police in Rio Negro province has resigned after appending a venomous attack on Jews to an "order of the day" he recently issued to his subordinates. Commandant Benigno Mario Ardanas said he was ordered to resign by the Minister of Interior who, he alleged was "pressured by the DAIA," the representative body of the Argentine Jewish community.

The Rio Negro faction of the Union Civica Radical Party termed Ardanas' statement a "delirious mixture of Nazism and McCarthyism." The offensive supplement, which the police chief attached to "order of the day No. 5134" was titled "Young Argentine Thoughts On The Times Our Country Is Living Through."

It stated among other things: "We must fight against Freemasons, Communists and Jews.... Freemasonry, Communism and Zionism, or Judaism, are subordinated to the 'Israeliite Command' called the Great Sanhedrin which seeks world domination.... They try to promote the use of drugs and eroticism to weaken the people.... Jews or Zionists send immense sums of money to Israel... perturb workers and employers, organize frequent strikes in industry and transport... try to discredit the church and the armed forces. We shall put all the needed obstacles to Jews, Communists and Freemasons so that they do not progress with their plans."

The diatribe brought a strongly worded telegram of protest from the DAIA to the police chief who readily admitted that he had signed the supplement.

#### EGYPT ACCUSED OF VIOLATIONS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 23 (JTA)--Israel accused Egypt today of having penetrated Israeli-controlled waters off Sinai in violation of the disengagement agreement. According to Israeli sources, four Egyptian naval units consisting of missile boats and torpedo boats entered Israeli waters in the Ras Sudar area in combat formation and cruised for 20 minutes before returning to the western side of the Gulf of Suez. Israeli naval units were sent to intercept the Egyptians, but no contact was made, the report said. The Israeli charge was made several days after reports that Egyptian naval craft including missile boats and submarines had made the 104-mile passage through the Suez Canal. The reports indicated that the process of clearing the canal is not yet completed but it is navigable for certain types of vessels.

**BEHIND THE HEADLINES****THE NEW IMPERIALISM**

By Jack Siegel

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (JTA)—A man called Lenin once defined imperialism as the highest or last stage of capitalism and also wrote that imperialism is the highest rung of capitalism between which and socialism there is no other rung. Golda Meir, in a recent television program, "Face The Nation," said in the course of a dialogue with her questioners, that Soviet interest in the Middle East was to get American imperialism out of the area.

That was not her definition of the American presence but presumably the Soviet's. South America has long since had a slogan against the existence of Yanqui imperialism on its continent. What is imperialism? A dictionary defines it as "the policy of extending the rule or authority of an empire or nations over foreign countries or of acquiring and holding colonies and dependencies."

It is also by historical precedent the act of a stronger government to extract the natural resources of a weaker one and then creating products with those natural resources for sale elsewhere, including the same weaker country, at a high price and profit. In recent times, however, we have seen "mother" countries release their relationships with colonies and dependencies and having those developing countries enter the United Nations and become a majority.

We have also observed how in the same course of time, the weaker countries have slowly begun to re-assume ownership and control of their natural resources. Perhaps under the classical Adam Smith contract of laissez-faire, or world-wide free competition, this might be a salutary condition although in the past, wars were fought over such trivial matters. These acts of international mishap were usually over the question of who could push what other advanced nation out of control of natural resources and/or markets. It did not matter to the world at large, whose people did not know, except that human beings were killed in the process. But these losses were always cloaked in patriotic fervor and helped lessen the grief.

Today, however, there is a new situation. Not only is a natural resource in question but it is one on which whole economies depend for their existence. It is not gold which merely greases the economies, but oil which fuels them and without which gold would really be that "base metal." And who is involved here? Everybody - and every country in the world - in varying degrees.

**Role Of OPEC, Communist Nations**

First, there is the OPEC or Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, thirteen of them and all, with the exception of Venezuela, in either the Middle East (Arab) or Africa. On the other side are the consumer countries, which is everybody else in Europe and including Japan. The Communist countries seem to have enough of the stuff to manage but they are led by the Soviet Union and stand to a side watching the big show. The OPEC has raised the price of oil enormously since the Yom Kippur War and after a meeting in Vienna, just ended, have decided to maintain a price level, already raised 400 percent in the past year, for another nine months.

But there is a method to their non-madness. This is a condition which people, particularly the Americans, can live with since they might not die from it. It will cost more to heat homes and

to run cars and generally inflate the economy. But it is also causing unemployment and this, since 1929, Americans do not like and in fact fear.

There has been talk of gumboat diplomacy, of having the larger and stronger countries, using military force to replace the people in OPEC countries now in control with others more congenial and amenable. But astride that thought is the Soviet Union, anti-imperialist champion committed to support the underdog (reactionary feudal Arab countries, Libya, Saudi Arabia) and that if we or one of our trading partners (allies) moves in, we will have war with the Soviets.

**What The Arabs Want**

Even the Arabs don't quite want that. What do they want? They want us to meet with them, us, should be unified including maverick France, and sit down to talk while they ease out the companies of the four major countries (England, U.S., Holland and France which heretofore owned or controlled the oil of the OPEC). Then the Arabs want to consider recycling the money (\$65 billion in unspent cash this year) by which this money is lent to other countries at an interest which the Arabs, whose religion forbids it, call commission. So the Arabs are buying into land and businesses in the capitalist world. They cannot buy into the Communist countries.

But on top of this they want guarantees that their invested monies will not be affected by the inflation their very policies are causing. Since they have the oil and are organized, enter a new phenomenon in the picture: something ugly called cartels. Cartels is another form of imperialism, or here the new imperialism.

What else? The Shah invites American professionals to build his economy so he can buy into German auto works and maybe Lockheed here. To offset that, American universities are now seeking Arab petro-dollars--and American banks are literally "swarming" into the Middle East, according to the New York Times.

Another distracting set of facts that the oil companies are making huge profits, or that consuming countries are trading off their deficits by selling producing countries arms, thus exacerbating the Middle East tensions, or even that only ten percent of the U.S. oil needs are supplied by the OPEC, will only take our eye off the ball. Which is where is Israel in all this, as people are led to believe?

It is a convenient ploy by which the Arabs guess they can ease Israel out. What is Israel's capital? What raw materials and resources does it possess? It has people; it has reclaimed land. At the moment it is in control of an area (Sinai) which produces 65 percent of its own domestic oil needs. But if Israel were lifted bodily out of the Middle East and placed in the middle of the Atlantic, the same oil problem would continue. The OPEC countries would still want to ease out the foreign companies or use them as managers. They would still want to increase the price of oil. They would still want their investments guaranteed against inflation.

**A Double Irony**

The double irony is that along comes Arafat, a self-styled revolutionary. Revolutionaries traditionally are committed to overturn their own imperialist or capitalist countries. At the UN, Arafat talked of overturning Israel. Did he once mention pointing that gun at the reactionary and profit-minded Arab countries? And then distribute the proceeds among the dispossessed? His failure to do so signifies his real intent, or con-

ceals it. In either case, he wouldn't last another minute. All his front money and his overfed carcass would disappear into the fastnesses of the Jordanian deserts along with the other terrorists who decided to challenge Hussein several years ago.

All this is not to say that Israel is a hundred percent right in its acts, or wrong, or that the United States, as Tom Wicker recently pointed out in the Times, is completely guilty of the very thing Ambassador Scali levelled at the new (imperialist) majority in the UN. Two, or even three wrongs do not make a right. The point of this is simply to say that Israel has nothing to do with the oil problem, outside of the fact it happens to reside in the area. And if somebody is not careful, something will happen between the old and new imperialisms, and it might be that socialism will happen, even in the Soviet Union.

#### GOLDA: ISRAEL NOT ISOLATED

By David Friedman

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (JTA)—Former Israeli Premier Golda Meir said last night that her more than three weeks in the United States and Canada have convinced her that despite the anti-Israel resolutions in the United Nations, Israel is not isolated. "Isolated? Absolute nonsense," Mrs. Meir told some 2000 Jewish leaders attending a National Dinner of Tribute to her sponsored by the Israel Bond Organization at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

Noting it was her last night in the U.S. before returning to Israel, Mrs. Meir declared that "the greatest victory of Israel and of the Jewish people is that there is a feeling of having the same fate for you and for us. Israel has become an integral part of your life."

Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, who presided at last night's dinner, said that since her arrival in the U.S., a record-breaking total of \$27,650,000 in Israel Bonds was sold, "the largest amount of cash received by the Israel Bond drive in any comparable period with the exception of the Yom Kippur War."

#### Afraid For Future Of World

Mrs. Meir spoke bitterly of the UN accepting a "murderer" like Yasir Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, and treating him as a head of state. She said she was afraid, but it was fear for the future of the world and not for Israel. She said if the late British Prime Minister Winston Churchill would have faced Arab oil blackmail, Churchill would have said it is better to be cold and standing on your feet than warm and on your knees.

Mrs. Meir said that Israel learned in the Yom Kippur War to be prepared and be strong. But she said Israel's strength is not only in weapons but in her people. She noted that in last week's ABC-TV program on Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, his village and his prosperous home were shown. But she said the camera then went across the street and showed the homes on the other side with the comment "nothing has changed." She said no Israeli Premier would live in a "palace" while nothing has changed for the people.

In pledging the fullest support to Israel, Rothberg said there was an "unbreakable bond between American Jewry and the people of Israel." He also noted that "the year ahead may be the most critical year not only in the history of Israel but in the history of the entire Jewish people." Mayor Abraham D. Beame, who is

serving as honorary chairman of the Greater New York Committee for State of Israel Bonds, paid tribute to Mrs. Meir and emphasized the importance of the Israel Bond program.

#### WRITERS CALL FOR REVERSAL OF ANTI-ISRAEL UNESCO RESOLUTIONS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23 (JTA)—The 39th International PEN Congress of the world's foremost literary association wound up in Jerusalem with a resolution calling on members to exercise their influence on their national representatives to reverse the UNESCO resolution against Israel.

"The International PEN Executive regards the UNESCO decision to discriminate against Israel... as an offense to the very cause of culture," the resolution declared. "Israel's contribution to the scientific and cultural development of the Mideast, since the birth of the State to this day, is an indisputable fact and has been recognized by the world at large...."

Another resolution called on Arab and Jewish writers in the region to influence the statesmen of their countries to extricate their peoples and their governments from the prolonged and frustrating conflict.... It added a call to PEN to initiate meetings and conferences of Israeli and Arab writers "for the sake of direct talks on the problems of the region...."

#### SAPIR CONFIDENT THE U.S. WILL WATCH SOVIET IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT LINKING TRADE AND EMIGRATION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 23 (JTA)—Jewish Agency Executive chairman Pinhas Sapir said here yesterday he was confident that the American parties in the Soviet trade pact agreement would carefully watch its implementation. It was "not for nothing" that the 18-month clause had been inserted into the trade bill, enabling a review of the freedom of emigration situation at the end of the period.

He was aware, he said, of Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko's letter last week rejecting the trade-emigration link. But the Soviets were vitally interested in the benefits attainable from the trade bill, Sapir noted, adding he was hopeful that they would act to ensure that it was not rescinded.

Sapir spoke at the Western Wall at a rally to mark the fourth anniversary of the Leningrad hijack trial. He called the episode "one of the most glorious in the annals of Jewry's fight for its rights in the world at large and in Russia." Whatever happened to the trade bill, Sapir said, he was confident that "the door that was opened in 1971," in part as a result of the Leningrad episode, "would not be closed again."

#### CEREMONIES ON BEHALF OF POCs

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (JTA)—Against the backdrop of an apparent new Soviet hard line on Jewish emigration, a group of public officials joined today in a plea on behalf of the "prisoners of conscience" held captive by the Soviets because of their desire to leave the USSR. They took part in ceremonies on Fifth Avenue between 49th and 50th Streets, that were sponsored by the Greater New York and National Conferences on Soviet Jewry, whose chairmen are Kings County District Attorney Eugene Gold and Stanley H. Lowell, respectively. Wearing yellow Star of David badges symbolic of eternal Jewish persecution, city, state and federal officials were joined by Mrs. David Chernogla, whose husband is in a Soviet prison charged with "anti-government activity" and former prisoner Aharon Shpilberg, 35, who spent two years in a Soviet prison camp. They began a two-day hunger strike in solidarity with the POCs.