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## ISRAELI MERCHANTS, RETAILERS STAGE GENERAL STRIKE TO PROTEST TAX HIKES

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, June 24 (JTA)--About 40,000 merchants and shopkeepers all over Israel staged a one-day strike today to protest rising taxes and the government's economic policies. Jerusalem alone of all Israel's larger cities and towns continued business as usual. The merchants there decided against joining the strike because they are in the midst of negotiations with Mayor Teddy Kollek for a significant reduction of municipal taxes.

But in Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan, Haifa and Nahariya and most other urban centers, virtually all business establishments were closed, creating a Sabbath-like atmosphere in mid-week. The strike was joined by grocers, clothing and shoe stores, hardware and florist shops, furniture and appliance showrooms and other emporiums. In Tel Aviv and Haifa, only the consumer cooperatives and supermarkets were open for business. A few cafes remained open as well and some street vendors continued to hawk their wares.

### Second Thoughts On Tax Reforms

The Merchants Association claimed that new taxes, especially municipal levies were "suffocating" them and were aimed at nationalizing commerce. The Farmers Association warned meanwhile that if the government adopted the tax reforms proposed by the Ben Shazar committee which include a tax on revenue realized in land sales, farmers from all over the country would demonstrate at the Knesset and elsewhere.

A spokesman for the farmers said the measure would force farmers to pay 50 percent of the income realized from the sale of land which they had worked for many years. Histadrut, which originally had welcomed the tax reforms recommended by the committee headed by Tel Aviv University president Haim Ben Shazar, a leading economist, apparently has had some second thoughts. A detailed study of the proposals now before the Knesset has convinced the trade union federation that the reforms will fall hardest on the wage-earners and that employers may even get more of a tax break than hitherto, despite the plugging of loopholes and abolition of many exemptions. Yeruham Meshel, secretary general of Histadrut, warned that Histadrut would oppose implementation of the reforms if they affect wage-earners only at first and not the entire population simultaneously. He also criticized the government for lacking plans for economic growth or to fight unemployment.

**KISSINGER: FINAL MIDEAST  
SETTLEMENT 'NOT ANYWHERE NEAR'**  
Secretary Stresses Further Conferences  
Needed Before U.S. Decides Approach  
By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 24 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger said today that while the United States expects to come to an "early judgement" on the procedure for diplomatic progress toward peace in the Middle East a final

settlement is "not anywhere near."

Answering questions at a news conference in Atlanta, Kissinger stressed "we have not many precise decisions as to which method would most serve progress in the Middle East. At the moment we are engaged in diplomatic exchanges with all interested parties." He said after further conferences a decision will be made whether to seek an interim agreement or attempt to reach an overall settlement.

But Kissinger in a speech last night to the Southern Council on International and Public Affairs and the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, warned that the United States would not accept stalemate or stagnation in the Arab-Israeli conflict. "We can never lose sight of the fact that U.S. foreign policy must do its utmost to protect all its interests in the Middle East," Kissinger said. (The text received in Washington had the word "all" underlined.) "Given our inescapable involvement--economic, political, military--there is no alternative to the full and active engagement of the United States in the diplomacy of peace in the Middle East," he said.

### Warning To Israel Seen

The Secretary added that an active U.S. role is imperative "because of our historical and moral commitment to the survival and well-being of Israel; because of our important interests in the Arab world; because the eruption of crisis in the Middle East would severely strain our relations with our allies in Europe and Japan; because continuing instability risks a new international crisis over oil and a new setback in the world's hope for economic recovery" and "because a crisis in the Middle East poses an inevitable risk of direct U.S.-Soviet confrontation...."

Kissinger's speech last night was seen as a direct warning to Israel that the Ford Administration was taking the issue of Israel's diplomatic tactics to the American people in the hopes of offsetting support for Israel in Congress. It was also noted that while President Ford in his remarks to Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin spoke of democratic ideals as the cement that binds Israeli-U.S. ties Kissinger made no mention of democratic ties.

The Secretary did not mention the need for Arab commitments in his speech last night but did so at his press conference today. Asked about his remarks some time ago on his assurances to Israel requiring Congressional approval, Kissinger said he was speaking "in the context of a final settlement." He said such a settlement would include "boundaries, refugees, the Palestinian issue, the future of Jerusalem and Arab peace obligations; that is, specific Arab commitments as to the contents of these" issues. He said "this whole package will undoubtedly require for reinforcement some international, and in my view, very Probably some American guarantees. These guarantees cannot be effective unless they have Congressional support," he stressed. Kissinger added that Congress would look very seriously at any recommendations the President would consider necessary to bring about a final settlement, "but we are not anywhere near that point yet."

## FEWER EMISSARIES, GREATER RELIANCE ON LOCAL JEWS MARK NEW

### ALIYA EFFORTS IN U.S.

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, June 24 (JTA)--A reduction in the number of Israeli "shlichim" (emissaries) in the United States is underway as a result of the sharp decline in aliya from this country to Israel and budget difficulties, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. Other measures of austerity will include closing offices throughout the United States and a reduction to one emissary in many communities that presently have two or more.

"All these measures do not mean that we are going to cut our activities on behalf of aliya," Yehoshua Yadin, director of the Israel Aliya Center in North America said in a telephone interview with the JTA today. He said that aliya here will be encouraged through new means that will seek to involve members of local Jewish communities and Jewish organizations here in work for aliya.

Yadin said that "aliya desks" will be established in major Jewish organizations in the United States. According to Yadin, "aliya desks" are already operated by B'nai B'rith and the Reform movement. "We are also going to encourage establishment of community-wide aliya councils," Yadin said, explaining that the community councils would seek to encourage aliya among members of the community. Recently the Jewish communities of Detroit and Miami formed aliya councils and other major Jewish communities are expected to do the same.

Terming the retrenchment of emissaries as "temporary," Yadin pointed out that the increase in aliya activities will be based on local manpower. He also disclosed that his department is planning a "net of field workers" on American campuses to encourage aliya of Jewish students.

## COALITION DEFLATES ENLARGED DEFENSE BUDGET

JERUSALEM, June 24 (JTA)--The coalition factions in the Knesset mustered their forces today to reduce the inflated defense budget to its original size of IL-22 billion for the new fiscal year. The Knesset finance committee voted 24-0 to lop off an unwanted IL 500 million that was added to the budget last week by a surprise vote at a joint meeting of the finance and foreign affairs and security committees.

Conspicuously absent from today's finance committee meeting were the Likud MKs and National Religious Party militants Zevulun Hammer and Yehuda Ben Meir who bolted coalition discipline last week to vote with the opposition party for the half billion Pound increase. Their defection and the absence of several Labor Alignment committee members resulted in an 18-17 vote in favor of the enlarged budget--much to the embarrassment of the government which considered it inflationary. Defense Minister Shimon Peres and Chief of Staff Gen. Mordechai Gur had lobbied vigorously for the increase before the joint committee last week despite the government's desire to keep the defense budget down to IL 22 billion.

This was the first time a defense budget has not won unanimous approval by both coalition and opposition. Yitzhak Navon, chairman of the Knesset foreign affairs and security committee, expressed regret over the split and said it could have been avoided. Ben Meir claimed that the

out-back would harm "essential parts of the defense system."

## AMERICAN OLIM WIN REVIEW OF RENT GRIEVANCE

JERUSALEM, June 24 (JTA)--Attorney General Meir Shamgar will be asked by the Housing and Absorption Ministries and the Jewish Agency to review the claim by some 1000 immigrant families from the United States that their rent had been increased contrary to their original contracts. The decision to ask for a legal review was made today at a meeting of Jewish Agency chairman Pinhas Sapir, Housing Minister Avraham Ofer and Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen with representatives of the immigrants.

The immigrants protested the rent increases in a demonstration outside the convention hall during the Jewish Agency Assembly meeting June 17. They won the support of Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the American Section of the World Zionist Organization, an Assembly delegate. Moshe Rivlin, director general of the Jewish Agency, told them a solution would be sought. The immigrants, who came to Israel in the past four years, said their rents were increased despite an agreement fixing the rentals for a 12-year period.

## ISRAELI MINISTER CRITICIZES AUSTRIA OVER REPARATIONS AND FAILURE TO TRY WAR CRIMINALS

VIENNA, June 24 (JTA)--Gideon Hausner, Israeli Minister-Without-Portfolio, criticized Austria last night for its refusal to compensate Jews for the loss of property confiscated by the Nazis and for failing to prosecute Nazi war criminals. "Israel's claim for compensation is all the more justified in a time of economic difficulties," Hausner told a meeting of the Austro-Israel Society.

Hausner, a leader of Israel's Independent Liberal Party and the man who prosecuted Adolf Eichmann, said Israelis are "shocked" that Austria refuses to try Nazi war criminals. "What explanation does Austria intend to give?" he asked. The Israeli minister also said Israel was prepared to give back territory "for the sake of peace," but declared "Israel will not negotiate with representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) whose aim is to extinguish the Israeli State." Noting that Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky said earlier this year that he has learned from Arab officials that the PLO is ready to unofficially recognize the existence of Israel, Hausner said: "We must stick to official statements and not to what some Arabs whisper into the ears of foreign statesmen." However, at a news conference today, he said he welcomed Kreisky's efforts to bring about a meeting between Israel and Egyptian Socialists. Hausner said he would be willing to meet with Egyptian officials to discuss the Mideast situation.

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TEL AVIV (JTA)--The United States Immigration and Naturalization Service has asked the Israel police's special branch for the investigation of Nazi crimes to collect evidence against 70 naturalized American citizens who are under investigation in the U.S. for having committed war crimes in Nazi-occupied Europe during World War II. Requests for information have been placed in Israeli newspapers and Supt. Gershon Langsfeld, head of the special branch, said evidence has already been collected on 10 of the 70. The INS probe began after complaints by Holocaust survivors living in the U.S. and several Congressmen that the suspected war criminals lied about their past in applying for U.S. citizenship.

# UN GROUP VOTES TO EXCLUDE ISRAEL FROM CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SETTLEMENT By Yitzhak Rabi

UNITED NATIONS, June 24 (JTA)--The United Nations Preparatory Conference on Human Settlement (Habitat) which concluded its meeting in Teheran over the weekend, adopted a recommendation to exclude Israel from its forthcoming conference in Vancouver, it was learned here today.

According to a report released by the UN, the recommendation to exclude Israel was made on grounds that "Israel always acted contrary to the spirit of 'Habitat'" and for Israel's alleged responsibility for the "involuntary migration of two million Palestinian Arabs and for the destruction of thousand (sic) of their homes and villages." The five-day conference in Teheran was attended by the representatives of 27 Asian and Pacific area nations. Eleven of them voted for the resolution to exclude Israel from the Vancouver conference.

## SOCIAL CHANGE APPARENT AMONG ARABS BUT NOT AMONG ULTRA-ORTHODOX JEWS By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, June 24 (JTA)--Sharp differences in the daily life-style and outlook between Israeli Arab youth and the younger generation of ultra-Orthodox Jews in Jerusalem's Mea Shearim quarter were reported today by Prof. Rita Simon, visiting professor at the Hebrew University who is conducting a research project on social change.

Prof. Simon, on leave from the University of Illinois, found, for one thing that young Israeli Arabs, while retaining their nationalistic values admire and try to emulate Israeli culture. But the Mea Shearim Jews abhor that culture as the root of all evil. Prof. Simon's findings were based on a study of 150 families from both communities conducted in 1970-71. The information released today was preliminary, derived from a working draft. The American academician expects to extend her study to a cross-section of the Israeli population to test various aspects of social change.

## Arab Girls Want Smaller Families

She observed that among the Arabs, the present generation has virtually accepted the fact that their children would not dress and live as they did. In Mea Shearim, however, there is great agreement between the generations on questions of life-style and the younger generation, in fact, is critical of their parents for insufficient vigilance in passing on their traditional moral and social values.

Prof. Simon's study showed that Mea Shearim girls will marry young and become housewives. Arab girls, on the other hand, hope to complete high school at least and to work outside of their homes for a time. Arab mothers would like to see their daughters have large families--six or more offspring, but the Arab girls want at most no more than 2-3 children, Prof. Simon found.

The Arabs were much more exposed to the local news media than the ultra-Orthodox Jews. Arabs watch television programs, mainly from the neighboring Arab countries and divide their radio listening between Arab and Israeli broadcasts. Most Arab mothers are illiterate but their children read both Hebrew and Arabic newspapers, Prof. Simon found.

In contrast, television is forbidden to the Mea

Shearim Jews. They read newspapers, but mainly the religious press and most of them do not listen to the Israeli radio. Most of the women who expressed an interest in the news media, read Yiddish newspapers and listen to Yiddish radio programs. Very few Mea Shearim women read or listen to Hebrew.

## ALIYA ANNOUNCEMENT READ IN RUMANIAN SYNAGOGUES, CHIEF RABBI DISCLOSES

JERUSALEM, June 24 (JTA)--Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen of Rumania, disclosed today that last Friday night an announcement was read in all synagogues in Rumania advising Jews who want to leave for Israel to register their names with the community offices. He said the announcement was not specifically linked to any move by the Rumanian government but indicated that it was made with the government's knowledge. He said its purpose was to inform the Jewish communal authorities of the correct situation as to aliya desires among the community.

Rabbi Rosen also said he was authorized to cite a "most senior Rumanian government official" to the effect that "all Jews who wish to leave for Israel under the ongoing family re-unification program will be permitted to do so."

The Rumanian Chief Rabbi, who arrived here yesterday on a brief visit, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had found a "common language" in his talks with top Israel government and Jewish Agency officials of the problems of his community. "There are no differences between us....We want the same thing...we reached the same conclusions," Rabbi Rosen said of his talks yesterday with Jewish Agency Executive chairman Pinhas Sapir, Agency director general Moshe Rivlin and his meeting with Foreign Minister Yigal Alon. Rabbi Rosen denied yesterday reports that he was trying to soften Jewish criticism of Rumania, particularly in the U.S., over that country's alleged curtailment of Jewish emigration. He said today that, broadly speaking, the emigration situation had its "ups and downs." He would not say whether the statement he cited from a government official signified a new "up."

## SMOKING AND SEX OK FOR THE ELDERLY, MDs SAY

JERUSALEM, June 24 (JTA)--Smoking, which may be harmful to the young and middle-aged, does not seem to pose any danger to the health of elderly people, according to a paper presented by Dr. Carl C. Seltzer of the Harvard School of Public Health to 1500 delegates attending the International Gerontology Congress here. The delegates, representing 30 countries, also heard papers attesting to the fact that sexual activity need not be abandoned by men in their late 60s and 70s. According to Dr. Eric Pfeiffer of Duke University, 76 percent of males between ages 66-71 were sexually active. Dr. Alex M. Finkle, of the University of California Medical School observed that "what killed a lot of sexual activity among elderly persons was the mistaken belief that they should quit."

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--An exhibition of paintings by famous Russian dissident artist Gaviel Glickman will open in Holon this Saturday. Glickman, 62, lives in Leningrad, but many of his paintings were recently smuggled out of the USSR by the Dvorkin family who are close friends of the artist. The news was conveyed to the JTA Tuesday by the Dvorkins. Glickman's persistent themes are the Holocaust and the Russian labor camps, though he is also an accomplished portrait artist.

## MRS. RABIN AND MRS. SADAT SHARE MANY VIEWS

But Egypt's 'First Lady' Refused Contacts With Wife Of Israeli Premier At Women's Parley By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 24 (JTA)--Mrs. Leah Rabin, wife of Israel's Prime Minister and Mrs. Jehan Sadat, wife of President Anwar Sadat of Egypt discussed the role of women in their respective countries during the International Women's Conference in Mexico City and on an American network television program over the weekend. Their viewpoints on feminism and related matters were remarkably similar. But the two "first ladies" had no contact on either occasion--largely because Mrs. Sadat refused. Both were delegates to the international parley but were interviewed separately on the ABC-TV program "Issues and Answers" Sunday. A transcript of the interviews was made available to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

### Hoped For A 'Hand-Shake'

Noting that "the hope was expressed that you and Mrs. Sadat might get together, that you might get a chance to meet each other, a reporter asked Mrs. Rabin, "Would you still like to meet Mrs. Sadat?" "Yes, very much so," the Premier's wife replied. "She is a beautiful lady and seems like a very nice, bright person." She thought Mrs. Sadat's speech was "very interesting and very constructive," although "of course, there were a few remarks" with which she could not agree. Mrs. Rabin added that "I truly believe that it would have been vastly important for something that would serve as a beginning. I mean a handshake, any exchange of even a few words because I am an optimist and I hope to see a settlement in the future, so if we are here together in the same convention, I don't see the reason why not."

### Mme. Sadat Would Not Sit Next To Mrs. Rabin

Mrs. Rabin said she had made no effort to arrange such a meeting because Mrs. Sadat "has stated from the very beginning that she would not meet with the Israeli representative, and why force her. If she doesn't want to, we honor her wishes."

Mrs. Sadat, who had asked the conference of officers not to seat her near Mrs. Rabin and refused to meet her, was spared any question on the ABC program about her attitude towards the Premier's wife and she did not volunteer any comment about her.

### Mrs. Rabin Not A Women's Lib'er

On other subjects, Mrs. Rabin said that she is "absolutely not an extreme women's lib supporter" and that she is "very much for femininity," but declared "we want to have equal sharing." She pointed out that an Israeli woman "whether she is a soldier carrying a gun or a farmer, she still is the same woman," emphasizing that "a woman is a woman is a woman" and "under any circumstances she truly retains her femininity."

Mrs. Rabin noted that in "most fields of life," Israeli women have equal rights, adding that "not so much in the marital chapter because this belongs to our religious laws in which the Jewish woman is not totally emancipated."

Mrs. Rabin volunteered that Israeli women have the right to vote and there is equal pay but she would not say "there is equal opportunity" which, she added, "is the situation in most of the

modern countries." She noted that Israel has "definitely set programs of helping the Arab woman in her progress" adding that "we have helped her get new, modern ideas about education, health and child care" and thus preparing the way for the future.

Mrs. Sadat said, "We can't compare the cultures in America or in the West with the cultures in the Arab countries," and noted: "Our main calling in Egypt is not to upset the balance between men and women, man and wife, because I think even in America it is making such a big problem, maybe." In Egypt, she added, "we are very concerned to make the balance between the wife and husband, to make strong ties, because the family is the nucleus of the society." In her country, Mrs. Sadat said, "the man must be the head of the family but out of home because if the wife goes home and tells her husband 'You must work today or cook today and I will cook tomorrow, I am working and you are working,' it will break the ties between them." She also said that "in the meantime, I believe in more participation for women and full equality for them." In another passage, Mrs. Sadat said, "Every wife has influence."

## REDEDICATION OF WASHINGTON'S FIRST SYNAGOGUE

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, June 24 (JTA)--A message from President Ford and a speech by former Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg marked yesterday's outdoor rededication ceremony of Washington's first synagogue, the original Adas Israel temple. President Ford's written message stated that this was "a proud and happy occasion" for Washington and "an important occasion in our bicentennial." The President saluted the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington for preserving the two-story colonial style building which is now the Lillian and Albert Small Jewish Museum.

Goldberg urged that the century-old structure be used for services rather than as a museum. He said, "It ought to be a living place." The building is listed on the United States Register of Historic Places and is an officially designated landmark of the District of Columbia. The original Adas Israel was begun in 1869 by 35 families who separated from the Washington Hebrew Congregation to form their own Orthodox synagogue. On Sunday, the Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia, Dr. William E. Eccleston, laid the cornerstone in a Masonic ceremony. President U.S. Grant participated in the dedication 100 years ago. The present Adas Israel group is the largest Conservative congregation in the Washington area. Arthur Burns, Federal Reserve Board chairman and member of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, was also present at yesterday's ceremony.

## CANADIAN MDs WANT CANADA TO QUIT UNESCO

TORONTO, June 24 (JTA)--A group of 59 Toronto doctors have sent a petition to the Canadian government condemning the United Nations and urging that the Western democratic countries end their support to the world body. The petition also urged Canada's immediate withdrawal from UNESCO because of its resolutions excluding Israel from the European regional group. "We felt that the UN has degenerated into a meaningless, useless organization," said Dr. Joseph Grader, who organized the petition drive. The petition criticized the UN General Assembly for allowing Yasir Arafat, head of the PLO to address it last November and for the exclusion of Israel from UNESCO.