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#### WIESENTHAL SAYS AUSTRIA ACQUITS NAZIS; SHIFTS EFFORTS TO OTHER COUNTRIES

VIENNA, Jan. 8 (JTA)--Simon Wiesenthal said yesterday that he was shifting his efforts to track down wanted Nazi war criminals from Austria to other countries, notably the United States where, he claimed, about 70 Nazi collaborators are still at large.

Wiesenthal, who has headed the war crimes documentation center here for more than 30 years, said it was "pointless" to continue to track out Nazis in Austria because when they are brought to trial they are almost invariably acquitted by the Austrian courts. Only last month, Austria's first

war crimes trials in three years ended with acquittal of the defendant who was accused of murder, Wiesenthal noted.

He said, however, that he was cooperating with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and Department of Justice to uncover evidence on at least 70 former residents of Eastern Europe now living in the U.S. who are wanted for war crimes in a number of countries including the Soviet Union. According to Wiesenthal, the alleged war criminals were Hungarians, Rumanians, Slovaks and Balts who willingly collaborated with the Gestapo and in some cases actually carried out the torture and murder of Jews and others during World War II.

He said exposure of these war criminals could lead to revocation of their American citizenship and possible deportation to the countries where they committed their crimes to stand trial. A similar campaign to expose and extradite alleged Nazi war criminals living in the U.S. is being conducted by Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D.NY).

#### JAKOBOVITS REJECTS ISRAELI CRITICISM

LONDON, Jan. 8 (JTA)--Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits' office released a statement today to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency responding to allegations by circles in Israel that he had been duped by Soviet propaganda during his nine-day visit to the USSR last month. The statement, by Moshe Davis, director of the Chief Rabbi's office who accompanied Jakobovits on his Soviet tour, said in part:

"The allegations of naivety and superficiality are absurd and must be considered against the background of the Chief Rabbi's wide experience over many years in official meetings and negotiations with government figures in several countries of the world. Dr. Jakobovits is known as a person of acute and perceptive judgement and is the last person I would have thought could be accused of being duped. Furthermore, many of the statements attributed by those who attack him are factually incorrect or distorted. What disturbs me most deeply is that the division of opinion and its expression in such intemperate terms sorely damage the very cause we are all seeking to promote by a variety of means."

Jakobovits' report that his trip to the Soviet Union gave him cause to hope that the lot of Jews there would be improved and that the situation of Soviet Jews "is more complex and the dimensions more acute than one imagines" came under bitter attack from leaders of Soviet Jewish emigre groups in Israel yesterday. The Chief Rabbi's assessment of the situation in the Soviet Union was also criticized in Israeli official circles as being "superficial" inasmuch as he met only with middle echelon Soviet officials.

Addressing an overflow meeting at St. John's Wood Synagogue here several days ago--before news of the criticism in Israel reached him--Jakobovits declared that the campaign for Soviet Jewry should be predicated on two slogans--"Let my people go" and "Let my people live." He took issue with those who claimed a conflict between the two concepts and declared that "the entire debate is irrelevant to the realities of Soviet Jewry."

The Chief Rabbi said that "At the most" a half million Soviet Jews would go to Israel but no one could write off the remaining two million. He said there would be no Jews to go to Israel if Jewish identity was not cultivated in the Soviet Union

and "the same applies here" (in Britain). Aliya, he said, hinges on there being convinced Jews.

#### ANTI-SEMITE SLATED TO GET POST AS ENVOY IN AN ARAB COUNTRY By Asher Mibashan.

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 8 (JTA)--Horacio Calderon, a government official who has charged that Judaism represents international synarchy which has infiltrated global institutions, including the Catholic church, is slated to be named Argentine Ambassador to an Arab country, probably Syria, it was reported here today.

Calderon, a member of the right-wing Peronist Youth organization, made his anti-Semitic allegations in his book "Argentina Judia" (Jewish Argentina) and repeated them at a press reception here a week ago at which the book was formally introduced. He was confirmed on Jan. 2 as press director of the Buenos Aires National University by the university's rector, Eduardo Mangiante.

Calderon's anti-Jewish remarks and especially his attack on the Vatican, brought a sharp protest from Archbishop Juan Carlos Aramburu of Buenos Aires. Mangiante thereupon asked Calderon to retract or reaffirm his statements. Calderon did the latter and submitted his resignation from his new post at the university. But Mangiante refused to accept the resignation on grounds that Calderon made his remarks privately without involving the university.

#### ISRAEL ASSURED OF U.S. SUPPORT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger assured Israel last night that "on the course of moving toward peace we will move together." He offered this assurance at a dinner in honor of Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon.

In his toast, Kissinger also stated that since Israel and the U.S. "are close friends, we sometimes disagree. We can afford to disagree because we know that as far as the United States is concerned there can be no settlement that does not assure a secure Israel that can survive in recognized borders--and recognized by all: by people in the area and by anybody who aspires to become a party to any negotiations." Observers noted that Kissinger in his remarks had gone further than ever before in assuring Israel of U.S. support for Israel's permanent security.

Allon, in his response, said that Kissinger "has done a great job" to help the Israelis to help themselves "to clear the way for a political settlement in the Middle East." Both officials addressed each other by first name. In addition to U.S. and Israeli officials at the dinner, others included Arthur Goldberg, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, Frank Lautenberg, Martin Perez, Dr. Albert Sabin, Herman Wouk, Elmer Winter, Theodore Bikel, Joseph Hirshhorn, Shelley Winters and Danny Kaye.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--What the demands of Orthodox groups could not accomplish, the rules of fashion have. Israeli women soldiers will no longer be wearing mini-skirts. Religious circles have long demanded that the army drop the rule which allowed female soldiers to wear skirts up to four inches above the knee. But now, because of the changing fashion, new military skirts are being prepared that will be longer and fuller.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Gen. (Res.) Rehavam Zeevi is to quit as the Prime Minister's intelligence affairs advisor, it was reported Wednesday.

### FORD CRITICIZED FOR STATEMENT ON CONGRESS AND SOVIET JEWRY

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (JTA)—Stanley J. Lowell, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, took issue today with President Ford's statement that Congressional action relating to the Trade Reform Act "has harmed the opportunity of many to emigrate from the Soviet Union." The President made that statement Monday night during an NBC TV program dealing with U.S. foreign policy in 1976. Without referring to the Jackson/Vanik Amendment, Ford noted that emigration from the USSR was down in 1975 and observed that the action of Congress "was harmful in that regard."

Taking issue with Ford, Lowell said the President was giving a "new interpretation" of what actually occurred and that the actual events did not square with Ford's view. He recalled that on Oct. 18, 1974, after two years of negotiations, an exchange of letters took place between Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.).

"These letters, according to all accounts, were previously submitted to Soviet authorities, amended by them and finally accepted by them," Lowell said. "This paved the way for Congress to pass the 1974 trade act, with the (Jackson/Vanik) amendment tying the granting of most favored nation status in trade and trade credits to Communist countries with stipulations aimed at liberalizing restrictions placed on emigration. Thus, the fact that the amendment had previously been accepted by the Soviets, admittedly most reluctantly, tends to undercut the President's new interpretation."

Lowell's criticism followed a statement by 15 Jewish activists in Moscow that Ford's view "is taken in the USSR as an encouragement for persecutions and a hardening of the emigration policy of the Soviet authorities." The statement, which was handed to Western newsmen and reported here by Jewish sources, noted that Congressional action had aided human rights in the USSR.

### HERZOG TO ADDRESS JEWISH, NON-JEWISH LEADERS AS SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE MIDDLE EAST GOES INTO SESSION

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (JTA)—When the UN Security Council debate on the Middle East begins Jan. 12 Israel's seat will be empty because the Palestine Liberation Organization, which is neither a member of the UN nor a government-in-exile, and whose avowed purpose is the destruction of Israel, has been invited to participate in the debate.

As the debate itself will begin, Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog will address a meeting of distinguished Americans and Jewish community leaders at the Carnegie Endowment International Center just opposite the UN, it was announced today by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations which is sponsoring the meeting.

According to a Conference spokesman, non-Jews will attend the meeting because of what he termed the phenomenal support by non-Jewish leaders of Israel's position at the UN and her refusal to sit down with the PLO. He said that the non-Jews present will include church, labor and Black community leaders and representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations at the UN.

The Conference spokesman said that Herzog will deliver a major address, expressing Israel's position on the Palestinian issue and making clear

why Israel refuses to legitimize the PLO's claim to represent the Palestinians.

### ISRAEL BONDS PROVIDED OVER \$277 M. IN 1975 FOR ISRAEL'S ECONOMY

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (JTA)—In 1975 the Israel Bond Organization produced in excess of \$277 million in cash for the development of Israel's economy, which represents the largest amount in one year except for 1973, the year of the Yom Kippur War, it was announced by Michael Arnon, president.

He said that the results of last year's Israel Bond campaign surpassed the figure that was realized in 1974 in communities in the United States, Canada, Western Europe and other parts of the free world, and is considerably in excess even of the amount realized in 1967, the year of the Six-Day War.

As in previous years, the most important single element contributing to this year's successful effort, Arnon explained, was the response by the Jewish communities of the various countries in which Israel Bonds are sold. He observed that "the heightened reaction to Israel's crucial economic needs" by the Jewish communities was "a concrete demonstration of their determination to stand with Israel in a critical period in her history."

He also pointed out that another key element of the campaign in 1975 was the "exceptional showing" by the institutional sector which was responsible for the sale of \$70 million in Israel Bonds to banks, pension funds, labor unions, communal institutions and endowment funds.

"In the light of world developments," Arnon asserted, "the encouraging results in this phase of our campaign represented not only a vote of confidence in Israel's economic viability, but also a demonstration on the part of the business world and important segments of the non-Jewish community of a very strong sympathy for Israel and repudiation of the political and economic forces aligned against her."

### McEACHEN TO VISIT MIDEAST

OTTAWA, Jan. 8 (JTA)—Secretary of State for External Affairs Allan McEachen is leaving Sunday for a 10-day trip to the Middle East. He will meet in Cairo with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and the leaders of the Arab League. He will then go to Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Iraq before going to Israel for three days.

The object of McEachen's visit is to increase economic relations with the oil-rich Arab countries which did not attract the interests of the Canadian government up to now as did Israel. McEachen declared that Arab countries are showing increasing interest in developing bilateral relations with Canada. He is being accompanied by high officials of the Department of Commerce and of the Canadian Agency for International Development.

McEachen said Canada is looking for a tripartite cooperation, such as Saudi Arabia paying the cost of Canadian technology and training for a third country. He said Canada needs Arab investments in order to diversify its sources of capital. He said that while he is in Israel he will go into an in-depth analyses of the political and economic relations already existing between the two countries.

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Dr. Michael Maldavski, of Chile, urged the Jewish Agency's foreign relations department to organize a seminar on Zionism for non-Jewish journalists and radio and television personalities in Latin America. Avraham Shenker, head of the World Zionist Organization's information department, called on every Jewish community abroad to conduct Zionist information programs with the assistance of the Agency.

Moshe Gilboa, a deputy in the WZO information department, said the de facto desire to cooperate between Jewish organizations, the WZO and the Foreign Ministry had to be translated into a de jure situation where the desire is translated into action. He claimed that Zionist Federations abroad do not utilize the facilities provided by the WZO with respect to lectures, information material and the attendance of institutes. He said the various Federations were not always in contact with the WZO and proposed the establishment of committees to coordinate information activities between local Jewish organizations, the Zionist Federations and the Israeli missions in various countries.

#### WIESENTHAL SAYS AUSTRIA ACQUITS NAZIS; SHIFTS EFFORTS TO OTHER COUNTRIES

VIENNA, Jan. 8 (JTA)--Simon Wiesenthal said yesterday that he was shifting his efforts to track down wanted Nazi war criminals from Austria to other countries, notably the United States where, he claimed, about 70 Nazi collaborators are still at large.

Wiesenthal, who has headed the war crimes documentation center here for more than 30 years, said it was "pointless" to continue to track out Nazis in Austria because when they are brought to trial they are almost invariably acquitted by the Austrian courts. Only last month, Austria's first

war crimes trials in three years ended with acquittal of the defendant who was accused of murder, Wiesenthal noted.

He said, however, that he was cooperating with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service and Department of Justice to uncover evidence on at least 70 former residents of Eastern Europe now living in the U.S. who are wanted for war crimes in a number of countries including the Soviet Union. According to Wiesenthal, the alleged war criminals were Hungarians, Rumanians, Slovaks and Balts who willingly collaborated with the Gestapo and in some cases actually carried out the torture and murder of Jews and others during World War II.

He said exposure of these war criminals could lead to revocation of their American citizenship and possible deportation to the countries where they committed their crimes to stand trial. A similar campaign to expose and extradite alleged Nazi war criminals living in the U.S. is being conducted by Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D.NY).

#### JAKOBOVITS REJECTS ISRAELI CRITICISM

LONDON, Jan. 8 (JTA)--Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits' office released a statement today to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency responding to allegations by circles in Israel that he had been duped by Soviet propaganda during his nine-day visit to the USSR last month. The statement, by Moshe Davis, director of the Chief Rabbi's office who accompanied Jakobovits on his Soviet tour, said in part:

"The allegations of naivety and superficiality are absurd and must be considered against the background of the Chief Rabbi's wide experience over many years in official meetings and negotiations with government figures in several countries of the world. Dr. Jakobovits is known as a person of acute and perceptive judgement and is the last person I would have thought could be accused of being duped. Furthermore, many of the statements attributed by those who attack him are factually incorrect or distorted. What disturbs me most deeply is that the division of opinion and its expression in such intemperate terms sorely damage the very cause we are all seeking to promote by a variety of means."

Jakobovits' report that his trip to the Soviet Union gave him cause to hope that the lot of Jews there would be improved and that the situation of Soviet Jews "is more complex and the dimensions more acute than one imagines" came under bitter attack from leaders of Soviet Jewish emigre groups in Israel yesterday. The Chief Rabbi's assessment of the situation in the Soviet Union was also criticized in Israeli official circles as being "superficial" inasmuch as he met only with middle echelon Soviet officials.

Addressing an overflow meeting at St. John's Wood Synagogue here several days ago--before news of the criticism in Israel reached him--Jakobovits declared that the campaign for Soviet Jewry should be predicated on two slogans--"Let my people go" and "Let my people live." He took issue with those who claimed a conflict between the two concepts and declared that "the entire debate is irrelevant to the realities of Soviet Jewry."

The Chief Rabbi said that "At the most" a half million Soviet Jews would go to Israel but no one could write off the remaining two million. He said there would be no Jews to go to Israel if Jewish identity was not cultivated in the Soviet Union

and "the same applies here" (in Britain). Aliya, he said, hinges on there being convinced Jews.

#### ANTI-SEMITE SLATED TO GET POST AS ENVOY IN AN ARAB COUNTRY By Asher Mibashan.

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 8 (JTA)--Horacio Calderon, a government official who has charged that Judaism represents international synarchy which has infiltrated global institutions, including the Catholic church, is slated to be named Argentine Ambassador to an Arab country, probably Syria, it was reported here today.

Calderon, a member of the right-wing Peronist Youth organization, made his anti-Semitic allegations in his book "Argentina Judia" (Jewish Argentina) and repeated them at a press reception here a week ago at which the book was formally introduced. He was confirmed on Jan. 2 as press director of the Buenos Aires National University by the university's rector, Eduardo Mangiante.

Calderon's anti-Jewish remarks and especially his attack on the Vatican, brought a sharp protest from Archbishop Juan Carlos Aramburu of Buenos Aires. Mangiante thereupon asked Calderon to retract or reaffirm his statements. Calderon did the latter and submitted his resignation from his new post at the university. But Mangiante refused to accept the resignation on grounds that Calderon made his remarks privately without involving the university.

#### ISRAEL ASSURED OF U.S. SUPPORT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (JTA)--Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger assured Israel last night that "on the course of moving toward peace we will move together." He offered this assurance at a dinner in honor of Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon.

In his toast, Kissinger also stated that since Israel and the U.S. "are close friends, we sometimes disagree. We can afford to disagree because we know that as far as the United States is concerned there can be no settlement that does not assure a secure Israel that can survive in recognized borders--and recognized by all: by people in the area and by anybody who aspires to become a party to any negotiations." Observers noted that Kissinger in his remarks had gone further than ever before in assuring Israel of U.S. support for Israel's permanent security.

Allon, in his response, said that Kissinger "has done a great job" to help the Israelis to help themselves "to clear the way for a political settlement in the Middle East." Both officials addressed each other by first name. In addition to U.S. and Israeli officials at the dinner, others included Arthur Goldberg, Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, Frank Lautenberg, Martin Perez, Dr. Albert Sabin, Herman Wouk, Elmer Winter, Theodore Bikel, Joseph Hirschhorn, Shelley Winters and Danny Kaye.

TEL AVIV (JTA)--What the demands of Orthodox groups could not accomplish, the rules of fashion have. Israeli women soldiers will no longer be wearing mini-skirts. Religious circles have long demanded that the army drop the rule which allowed female soldiers to wear skirts up to four inches above the knee. But now, because of the changing fashion, new military skirts are being prepared that will be longer and fuller.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Gen. (Res.) Rehavam Zeevi is to quit as the Prime Minister's intelligence affairs advisor, it was reported Wednesday.

## FORD CRITICIZED FOR STATEMENT ON CONGRESS AND SOVIET JEWRY

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (JTA)—Stanley J. Lowell, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, took issue today with President Ford's statement that Congressional action relating to the Trade Reform Act "has harmed the opportunity of many to emigrate from the Soviet Union." The President made that statement Monday night during an NBC TV program dealing with U.S. foreign policy in 1976. Without referring to the Jackson/Vanik Amendment, Ford noted that emigration from the USSR was down in 1975 and observed that the action of Congress "was harmful in that regard."

Taking issue with Ford, Lowell said the President was giving a "new interpretation" of what actually occurred and that the actual events did not square with Ford's view. He recalled that on Oct. 18, 1974, after two years of negotiations, an exchange of letters took place between Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D.Wash.).

"These letters, according to all accounts, were previously submitted to Soviet authorities, amended by them and finally accepted by them," Lowell said. "This paved the way for Congress to pass the 1974 trade act, with the (Jackson/Vanik) amendment tying the granting of most favored nation status in trade and trade credits to Communist countries with stipulations aimed at liberalizing restrictions placed on emigration. Thus, the fact that the amendment had previously been accepted by the Soviets, admittedly most reluctantly, tends to undercut the President's new interpretation."

Lowell's criticism followed a statement by 15 Jewish activists in Moscow that Ford's view "is taken in the USSR as an encouragement for persecutions and a hardening of the emigration policy of the Soviet authorities." The statement, which was handed to Western newsmen and reported here by Jewish sources, noted that Congressional action had aided human rights in the USSR.

## HERZOG TO ADDRESS JEWISH, NON-JEWISH LEADERS AS SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE MIDDLE EAST GOES INTO SESSION

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (JTA)—When the UN Security Council debate on the Middle East begins Jan. 12 Israel's seat will be empty because the Palestine Liberation Organization, which is neither a member of the UN nor a government-in-exile, and whose avowed purpose is the destruction of Israel, has been invited to participate in the debate.

As the debate itself will begin, Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog will address a meeting of distinguished Americans and Jewish community leaders at the Carnegie Endowment International Center just opposite the UN, it was announced today by the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations which is sponsoring the meeting.

According to a Conference spokesman, non-Jews will attend the meeting because of what he termed the phenomenal support by non-Jewish leaders of Israel's position at the UN and her refusal to sit down with the PLO. He said that the non-Jews present will include church, labor and Black community leaders and representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations at the UN.

The Conference spokesman said that Herzog will deliver a major address, expressing Israel's position on the Palestinian issue and making clear

why Israel refuses to legitimize the PLO's claim to represent the Palestinians.

## ISRAEL BONDS PROVIDED OVER \$277 M. IN 1975 FOR ISRAEL'S ECONOMY

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (JTA)—In 1975 the Israel Bond Organization produced in excess of \$277 million in cash for the development of Israel's economy, which represents the largest amount in one year except for 1973, the year of the Yom Kippur War, it was announced by Michael Arnon, president.

He said that the results of last year's Israel Bond campaign surpassed the figure that was realized in 1974 in communities in the United States, Canada, Western Europe and other parts of the free world, and is considerably in excess even of the amount realized in 1967, the year of the Six-Day War.

As in previous years, the most important single element contributing to this year's successful effort, Arnon explained, was the response by the Jewish communities of the various countries in which Israel Bonds are sold. He observed that "the heightened reaction to Israel's crucial economic needs" by the Jewish communities was "a concrete demonstration of their determination to stand with Israel in a critical period in her history."

He also pointed out that another key element of the campaign in 1975 was the "exceptional showing" by the institutional sector which was responsible for the sale of \$70 million in Israel Bonds to banks, pension funds, labor unions, communal institutions and endowment funds.

"In the light of world developments," Arnon asserted, "the encouraging results in this phase of our campaign represented not only a vote of confidence in Israel's economic viability, but also a demonstration on the part of the business world and important segments of the non-Jewish community of a very strong sympathy for Israel and repudiation of the political and economic forces aligned against her."

## McEACHEN TO VISIT MIDEAST

OTTAWA, Jan. 8 (JTA)—Secretary of State for External Affairs Allan McEachen is leaving Sunday for a 10-day trip to the Middle East. He will meet in Cairo with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and the leaders of the Arab League. He will then go to Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Iraq before going to Israel for three days.

The object of McEachen's visit is to increase economic relations with the oil-rich Arab countries which did not attract the interests of the Canadian government up to now as did Israel. McEachen declared that Arab countries are showing increasing interest in developing bilateral relations with Canada. He is being accompanied by high officials of the Department of Commerce and of the Canadian Agency for International Development.

McEachen said Canada is looking for a tripartite cooperation, such as Saudi Arabia paying the cost of Canadian technology and training for a third country. He said Canada needs Arab investments in order to diversify its sources of capital. He said that while he is in Israel he will go into an in-depth analyses of the political and economic relations already existing between the two countries.

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JERUSALEM (JTA)—Premier Yitzhak Rabin has appointed Labor Knesseter Ora Namir as chairman of a special committee to investigate the status of women in Israel.