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WASHINGTON (JTA)--President Ford reminded the American people of their Judeo-Christian heritage last night when he observed in his annual State of the Union address that the United States bicentennial this year is near the 2000 year mark of Christian history and 6000 years of Jewish history. Touching only briefly on foreign affairs in his address to Congress, Ford said about the Middle East: "The key elements for peace among the nations of the Middle East now exist."

RABIN HAILS ROLE OF SOVIET JEWISH IMMIGRANTS IN BUILDING JEWISH STATE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin hailed Soviet Jewry as the largest reservoir of Jews willing to come to Israel and participate in building the State. Addressing 540 delegates and several hundred guests at the opening of the third annual convention of the Association of Russian Immigrants in Israel at Kibbutz Shafayim, Rabin declared that the struggle of Soviet Jews to immigrate to Israel was the most important sign of Jewish vitality at a time when Zionism is under attack in many parts of the world.

Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen offered statistical evidence that the integration of Soviet Jews into Israeli society is succeeding. Yosef Almogi, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive, drew applause when he declared that the WZO planned to improve the absorption process by placing it in the hands of the olim themselves.

According to Rosen, more than 110,000 Jews have come to Israel from the USSR since emigration from that country was made possible on a comparatively large scale. He said that while Israel was not prepared at the time to absorb such numbers properly, 95 percent of the newcomers found employment within three years of their arrival.

Rosen reported that 40 percent were absorbed in industry, 6000 work as scientists and engineers, 2000 are physicians and 42 percent of the Russian olim were academicians. This type of aliya is not a burden but an asset to the country, he said.

WIDESPREAD DRUG USE, ADDICTION CAUSING ALARM AMONG PARENTS

By Yitzhak Shargil and Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Evidence of widespread and increasing drug use and addiction in Israel, especially among children and high school youths, is causing alarm among parents, teachers and government officials. Attorney General Aharon Barak has just submitted a report on the drug problem to the Cabinet with recommendations that the authorities adopt a national policy with respect to both the legal and medical aspects of drug procurement and usage. The Cabinet is expected to discuss the matter shortly, possibly at its next session.

Barak noted that narcotics use increased conspicuously after the 1967 Six-Day War and has permeated all segments of Israeli society. According to Health Ministry estimates, there are over 1600 drug addicts in Israel and the number of addicts--persons who regularly use drugs--is believed to be increasing at a rate of 150 a year. Barak's report said that a 1971 survey showed that five percent of Israeli high school students used drugs, mainly hashish. He said no data was available on the number of student drug users now.

Drug Use At High Schools

The Attorney General's report coincided with complaints of drug use at high schools in Jerusalem, south Tel Aviv, Herzliya and Yahud. Three students at the Rehavia Gymnasium in Jerusalem, one of Israel's most prestigious high schools, have been questioned by police about their alleged use of "pot"--marijuana--and three other students were reported under suspicion. It was learned, meanwhile, that police have detained five youths as alleged drug pushers at the Rehavia high school.

Tel Aviv district police are investigating a complaint by teachers at a south Tel Aviv school that pushers have been seen near the school distributing drug-soaked cigarettes to young children. According to the complaints, the pushers try to make addicts of the youngsters by offering them chocolates and then enticing them to try hashish cigarettes.

Initially the drugs are given away but when the children become "hooked" they are forced to pay, the teachers' complaint said. Similar complaints have come from Herzliya north of Tel Aviv and Yahud, a town east of Tel Aviv. The authorities note that Rehavia and Herzliya are affluent suburbs while south Tel Aviv and Yahud are slum areas.

PROTEST IN SAMARIA ENDS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Moked ended its two-day protest against the Gush Emunim encampment at the Kudum army base in the Samarian hills yesterday. Moked leader Meir Payil announced at a rally that a group of 50-odd Moked and Mapam youths who established their own campsite near Kudum Saturday had been withdrawn. They had said earlier that they would not leave until the authorities removed the 30 Gush Emunim families who have been living there since November under army protection.

Payil said the Moked-sponsored "peace college" would shift its activities to the Golan Heights probably within a few weeks when weather conditions improve. He indicated that the fight against the government's alleged acquiescence to the Gush Emunim's illegal settlement movement would be continued in the Knesset.

NEW PARTY IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Israel has a new party, the Labor-State Movement (La-am). The new party, which has eight Knesset seats, is made up of three groups within the Likud opposition--the State List, a splinter from Rafi; the Independent Center, which split from the Free Center; and the Labor Movement for a Greater Israel, made up of former Labor and Mapam members.

The diverse background of its members was shown at the party's inauguration ceremony last week at Beit Sokolow when MK Yigal Horowitz quoted from David Ben Gurion and MK Eliezer Shostak read statements from Ze'ev Jabotinsky, both of whom were violent antagonists during their lifetime.

The party's main ideology is the right of Israel to all the land it now holds. It declared that there shall be no sovereign state between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean except Israel and Israel has the legitimate national right to hold onto the Sinai in order to frustrate any future enemy attack.

RABIN INVITED TO ADDRESS CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Speaker Carl Albert has invited Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin to address a joint session of Congress on Jan. 28. The invitation was addressed to Rabin through the American Embassy in Tel Aviv. It was understood when Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was invited to address the joint session of Congress at the urging of the Ford Administration, that Congress would accept that request on condition that Rabin would have the same privilege on his next visit to Washington.

ISRAEL BONDS LEADERS IN ISRAEL PLEDGE FAITH TO JEWISH STATE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Raising their right hands, the 250 members of the Prime Minister's Israel Bonds conference pledged before President Ephraim Katzir here that "every day of the year we will perform some specific act to ensure the continuity of Jewish life in our country and throughout the world...." With that vow, the Bond leaders marked the climax of their mission to Israel during which they studied the country's economic and industrial problems in depth.

The mission began a week ago in Brussels with briefings from European Economic Community (EEC) and Israeli officials there on the prospects of export expansion following the new Israel-EEC tariff agreement. During their visit here, the mission members heard lectures from top government and university economists and spent two days touring Galilee, especially the Tefen area where the government and Jewish Agency plan an "industrial park" to provide employment opportunities to the northern settlements.

In their pledge of solidarity last weekend, the Bonds leaders undertook "the fullest measure of our energies to promote Israel's economic independence by mobilizing our synagogues, our communal organizations, women, youth, and every other section of the Jewish population for maximum participation in the Israel Bond program."

Creative And Positive Force

Katzir, who was introduced by Stephen Shalom, chairman of the Greater New York Bond campaign, referred to the Bonds campaign as "a most creative and positive force in the building and growth of the land of Israel during the past 25 years."

Samuel Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, who presided, announced the enrollment of members of the "Prime Minister's Club for 1976." The Club consists of persons who have each signed up for purchases of \$25,000-\$50,000 worth of Bonds for the year. Michael Arnon, president and chief executive officer of the Bond organization, said that last year the group had raised over \$27 million in cash for the development of Israel's economy, a record second only to the Yom Kippur War year.

Arnon stressed that while most purchasers had been Jews, the campaign had made "an exceptional showing" among non-Jewish institutions such as banks, pension funds, labor unions, communal institutions and endowment funds. He affirmed the importance of these purchases not only as a vote of confidence in Israel's economic viability, but also as a demonstration on the part of the business world and important segments of the non-Jewish community of strong sympathy for Israel.

RIVLIN: NO MONEY FOR DEVELOPMENT FOR FIRST TIME IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Moshe Rivlin, director general of the Jewish Agency, told a United Jewish Appeal delegation of prominent New Jersey businessmen here that "For the first time in Israel's history there is no money for development." Stressing Israel's economic problems, he also told them that "Last year we did not get the money we were expecting from the UJA and the Bonds."

The visitors heard a similarly sobering report on Israel's deteriorating economy from Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Barlev and

Haim Ben-Shahar, president of Tel Aviv University and one of Israel's leading economists. Ben-Shahar, whose special committee last year drafted Israel's tax reform bill, said the country now faced one of the most crucial periods in its economic history.

He said that for the first time, the government was forced to introduce cuts in defense spending even though they meant the armed forces would have to do without vital equipment. "If we spent as much as we should (for defense) it would ruin the economy," Prof. Ben-Shahar said.

Basic Problem Cited

Barlev said that Israel could not use unemployment as a weapon against inflation because that would deter aliya and create dangerous social unrest in the country. The basic problem is that Israel, with its extraordinary defense needs, consumes 30 percent more than it produces, the Minister said.

Barlev said the government was trying to narrow the consumption-production gap by increasing production, decreasing consumption, and mobilizing reserves from abroad. He said that by the end of this year consumption, already reduced five percent, would be down eight percent from the pre-Yom Kippur War level.

Asked by the UJA mission members how they could help, Barlev said that, over and above UJA donations, they could assist Israel the most by stimulating its exports, meaning the purchase of Israeli goods. He cited the example of the Jewish-owned British department store chain, Marks & Spencer, which, he said, bought Israeli foods and textiles on a strictly business basis.

BARUCH AGADATI DEAD AT 81

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Baruch Agadati, the veteran painter, dancer and Hebrew film pioneer, died here Sunday at the age of 81. He was a legendary figure who brought joy and artistic creativity into the Jewish community in Palestine during the 1920s. He initiated the Purim festivities in Tel Aviv when this city was still a small suburb of Jaffa and also began the nationwide-Purim festivals. In the early 1930s, he made the first Hebrew film, "This is the Land."

Mr. Agadati was born in Bessarabia and began his dancing career there. His objective in that field was to create a specific style of Jewish dance. In 1910, he came to Palestine where he studied at the Bezalel Academy and worked in orange groves and on road construction. During World War I, he was expelled to Egypt by the Turks from where he returned to Odessa where he obtained a position as a dancer at the local opera ballet company. Immediately after the war, Mr. Agadati returned to Palestine where he launched his wide-spread artistic activities in films, carnivals, painting and public festivities.

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TEL AVIV, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Yohanan Simon, the world famous painter, died here Sunday at the age of 70. A native of Berlin, he studied at the University of Berlin and at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris. He settled in Palestine in 1936 and spent many years as a kibbutz member at Gan Shmuel. His works are on display in museums all over the world, including Israel, and he was the recipient of many awards. Among them were the Dizengoff Prize (1946, 1953, 1961), Histadrut Prize (1960), Congress for Jewish Culture Award (1951) and Home and Garden Award. From 1948 to 1951 he served in the Hagannah.



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The consensus of the meeting held last Friday was that the Jewish community must work for a quantum jump in participation in the already existing programs and initiate new programs based on new approaches as well. To that end, 11 specific areas of activity have been selected and committees are being set up to study and report back within 30 days on the possibilities for action and innovation. All of the organizations represented at the meeting have agreed to mobilize their resources to make Solidarity Year reflect the close identification of American Jews with Israel.

The committees being named by Mrs. Jacobson are in the following areas: tourism, solidarity action, Yom Haatzmaut demonstrations, education towards Jewish commitment, youth and Israel volunteer programs, coordination of college student programs, economics and business, fund-raising, international conferences, aliya and the Christian world.

WASHINGTON (JTA)--President Ford reminded the American people of their Judeo-Christian heritage last night when he observed in his annual State of the Union address that the United States bicentennial this year is near the 2000 year mark of Christian history and 6000 years of Jewish history. Touching only briefly on foreign affairs in his address to Congress, Ford said about the Middle East: "The key elements for peace among the nations of the Middle East now exist."

RABIN HAILS ROLE OF SOVIET JEWISH IMMIGRANTS IN BUILDING JEWISH STATE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Premier Yitzhak Rabin hailed Soviet Jewry as the largest reservoir of Jews willing to come to Israel and participate in building the State. Addressing 540 delegates and several hundred guests at the opening of the third annual convention of the Association of Russian Immigrants in Israel at Kibbutz Shafayim, Rabin declared that the struggle of Soviet Jews to immigrate to Israel was the most important sign of Jewish vitality at a time when Zionism is under attack in many parts of the world.

Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen offered statistical evidence that the integration of Soviet Jews into Israeli society is succeeding. Yosee Almogi, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive, drew applause when he declared that the WZO planned to improve the absorption process by placing it in the hands of the olim themselves.

According to Rosen, more than 110,000 Jews have come to Israel from the USSR since emigration from that country was made possible on a comparatively large scale. He said that while Israel was not prepared at the time to absorb such numbers properly, 95 percent of the newcomers found employment within three years of their arrival.

Rosen reported that 40 percent were absorbed in industry, 6000 work as scientists and engineers, 2000 are physicians and 42 percent of the Russian olim were academicians. This type of aliya is not a burden but an asset to the country, he said.

WIDESPREAD DRUG USE, ADDICTION CAUSING ALARM AMONG PARENTS

By Yitzhak Shargil and Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Evidence of widespread and increasing drug use and addiction in Israel, especially among children and high school youths, is causing alarm among parents, teachers and government officials. Attorney General Aharon Barak has just submitted a report on the drug problem to the Cabinet with recommendations that the authorities adopt a national policy with respect to both the legal and medical aspects of drug procurement and usage. The Cabinet is expected to discuss the matter shortly, possibly at its next session.

Barak noted that narcotics use increased conspicuously after the 1967 Six-Day War and has permeated all segments of Israeli society. According to Health Ministry estimates, there are over 1600 drug addicts in Israel and the number of addicts--persons who regularly use drugs--is believed to be increasing at a rate of 150 a year. Barak's report said that a 1971 survey showed that five percent of Israeli high school students used drugs, mainly hashish. He said no data was available on the number of student drug users now.

Drug Use At High Schools

The Attorney General's report coincided with complaints of drug use at high schools in Jerusalem, south Tel Aviv, Herzliya and Yahud. Three students at the Rehavia Gymnasium in Jerusalem, one of Israel's most prestigious high schools, have been questioned by police about their alleged use of "pot"--marijuana--and three other students were reported under suspicion. It was learned, meanwhile, that police have detained five youths as alleged drug pushers at the Rehavia high school.

Tel Aviv district police are investigating a complaint by teachers at a south Tel Aviv school that pushers have been seen near the school distributing drug-soaked cigarettes to young children. According to the complaints, the pushers try to make addicts of the youngsters by offering them chocolates and then enticing them to try hashish cigarettes.

Initially the drugs are given away but when the children become "hooked" they are forced to pay, the teachers' complaint said. Similar complaints have come from Herzliya north of Tel Aviv and Yahud, a town east of Tel Aviv. The authorities note that Rehavia and Herzliya are affluent suburbs while south Tel Aviv and Yahud are slum areas.

PROTEST IN SAMARIA ENDS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Moked ended its two-day protest against the Gush Emunim encampment at the Kudum army base in the Samarian hills yesterday. Moked leader Meir Payil announced at a rally that a group of 50-odd Moked and Mapam youths who established their own campsite near Kudum Saturday had been withdrawn. They had said earlier that they would not leave until the authorities removed the 30 Gush Emunim families who have been living there since November under army protection.

Payil said the Moked-sponsored "peace college" would shift its activities to the Golan Heights probably within a few weeks when weather conditions improve. He indicated that the fight against the government's alleged acquiescence to the Gush Emunim's illegal settlement movement would be continued in the Knesset.

NEW PARTY IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Israel has a new party, the Labor-State Movement (La-am). The new party, which has eight Knesset seats, is made up of three groups within the Likud opposition--the State List, a splinter from Rafi; the Independent Center, which split from the Free Center; and the Labor Movement for a Greater Israel, made up of former Labor and Mapam members.

The diverse background of its members was shown at the party's inauguration ceremony last week at Beit Sokolow when MK Yigal Horowitz quoted from David Ben Gurion and MK Eliezer Shostak read statements from Ze'ev Jabotinsky, both of whom were violent antagonists during their lifetime.

The party's main ideology is the right of Israel to all the land it now holds. It declared that there shall be no sovereign state between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean except Israel and Israel has the legitimate national right to hold onto the Sinai in order to frustrate any future enemy attack.

RABIN INVITED TO ADDRESS CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Speaker Carl Albert has invited Israeli Premier Yitzhak Rabin to address a joint session of Congress on Jan. 28. The invitation was addressed to Rabin through the American Embassy in Tel Aviv. It was understood when Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was invited to address the joint session of Congress at the urging of the Ford Administration, that Congress would accept that request on condition that Rabin would have the same privilege on his next visit to Washington.

ISRAEL BONDS LEADERS IN ISRAEL PLEDGE FAITH TO JEWISH STATE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Raising their right hands, the 250 members of the Prime Minister's Israel Bonds conference pledged before President Ephraim Katzir here that "every day of the year we will perform some specific act to ensure the continuity of Jewish life in our country and throughout the world...." With that vow, the Bond leaders marked the climax of their mission to Israel during which they studied the country's economic and industrial problems in depth.

The mission began a week ago in Brussels with briefings from European Economic Community (EEC) and Israeli officials there on the prospects of export expansion following the new Israel-EEC tariff agreement. During their visit here, the mission members heard lectures from top government and university economists and spent two days touring Galilee, especially the Tefen area where the government and Jewish Agency plan an "industrial park" to provide employment opportunities to the northern settlements.

In their pledge of solidarity last weekend, the Bonds leaders undertook "the fullest measure of our energies to promote Israel's economic independence by mobilizing our synagogues, our communal organizations, women, youth, and every other section of the Jewish population for maximum participation in the Israel Bond program."

Creative And Positive Force

Katzir, who was introduced by Stephen Shalom, chairman of the Greater New York Bond campaign, referred to the Bonds campaign as "a most creative and positive force in the building and growth of the land of Israel during the past 25 years."

Samuel Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization, who presided, announced the enrollment of members of the "Prime Minister's Club for 1976." The Club consists of persons who have each signed up for purchases of \$25,000-\$50,000 worth of Bonds for the year. Michael Arnon, president and chief executive officer of the Bond organization, said that last year the group had raised over \$27 million in cash for the development of Israel's economy, a record second only to the Yom Kippur War year.

Arnon stressed that while most purchasers had been Jews, the campaign had made "an exceptional showing" among non-Jewish institutions such as banks, pension funds, labor unions, communal institutions and endowment funds. He affirmed the importance of these purchases not only as a vote of confidence in Israel's economic viability, but also as a demonstration on the part of the business world and important segments of the non-Jewish community of strong sympathy for Israel.

RIVLIN: NO MONEY FOR DEVELOPMENT FOR FIRST TIME IN ISRAEL'S HISTORY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Moshe Rivlin, director general of the Jewish Agency, told a United Jewish Appeal delegation of prominent New Jersey businessmen here that "For the first time in Israel's history there is no money for development." Stressing Israel's economic problems, he also told them that "Last year we did not get the money we were expecting from the UJA and the Bonds."

The visitors heard a similarly sobering report on Israel's deteriorating economy from Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Barlev and

Haim Ben-Shahar, president of Tel Aviv University and one of Israel's leading economists. Ben-Shahar, whose special committee last year drafted Israel's tax reform bill, said the country now faced one of the most crucial periods in its economic history.

He said that for the first time, the government was forced to introduce cuts in defense spending even though they meant the armed forces would have to do without vital equipment. "If we spent as much as we should (for defense) it would ruin the economy," Prof. Ben-Shahar said.

Basic Problem Cited

Barlev said that Israel could not use unemployment as a weapon against inflation because that would deter aliya and create dangerous social unrest in the country. The basic problem is that Israel, with its extraordinary defense needs, consumes 30 percent more than it produces, the Minister said.

Barlev said the government was trying to narrow the consumption-production gap by increasing production, decreasing consumption, and mobilizing reserves from abroad. He said that by the end of this year consumption, already reduced five percent, would be down eight percent from the pre-Yom Kippur War level.

Asked by the UJA mission members how they could help, Barlev said that, over and above UJA donations, they could assist Israel the most by stimulating its exports, meaning the purchase of Israeli goods. He cited the example of the Jewish-owned British department store chain, Marks & Spencer, which, he said, bought Israeli foods and textiles on a strictly business basis.

BARUCH AGADATI DEAD AT 81

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Baruch Agadati, the veteran painter, dancer and Hebrew film pioneer, died here Sunday at the age of 81. He was a legendary figure who brought joy and artistic creativity into the Jewish community in Palestine during the 1920s. He initiated the Purim festivities in Tel Aviv when this city was still a small suburb of Jaffa and also began the nationwide-Purim festivals. In the early 1930s, he made the first Hebrew film, "This is the Land."

Mr. Agadati was born in Bessarabia and began his dancing career there. His objective in that field was to create a specific style of Jewish dance. In 1910, he came to Palestine where he studied at the Bezalel Academy and worked in orange groves and on road construction. During World War I, he was expelled to Egypt by the Turks from where he returned to Odessa where he obtained a position as a dancer at the local opera ballet company. Immediately after the war, Mr. Agadati returned to Palestine where he launched his wide-spread artistic activities in films, carnivals, painting and public festivities.

YOHANAN SIMON DEAD AT 70

TEL AVIV, Jan. 20 (JTA)--Yohanan Simon, the world famous painter, died here Sunday at the age of 70. A native of Berlin, he studied at the University of Berlin and at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris. He settled in Palestine in 1936 and spent many years as a kibbutz member at Gan Shmuel. His works are on display in museums all over the world, including Israel, and he was the recipient of many awards. Among them were the Dizengoff Prize (1946, 1953, 1961), Histadrut Prize (1960), Congress for Jewish Culture Award (1951) and Home and Garden Award. From 1948 to 1951 he served in the Hagannah.