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'CONFIRMATION SOUGHT THAT SYRIA MAY HAVE LIFTED RESTRICTIONS ON JEWS

By Tuvia Mendelson

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29 (JTA)--Information received here today indicated that Syria may have lifted some of the restrictions imposed on the 4500 Jews who live in that country. This may include freedom to travel inside Syria where Jews hitherto have been confined to ghettos in Damascus and other towns, but not to leave the country, sources here said. The Foreign Ministry and various agencies concerned with the condition of Jews in Arab countries are seeking confirmation and further information.

Reports from Paris and a dispatch published in the Kuwaiti newspaper Al Qabas yesterday said that the Syrian government has decided to permit Jews to travel, own property and work freely in Syria and otherwise enjoy the same privileges of other citizens. According to the paper, the decision was based on the findings of a high level committee named to examine the condition of the Jewish community.

Freedom to emigrate is not included, although sources here said that Syrian Jews would probably leave en masse, if allowed to and that temporary "absorption centers" could be opened in Europe. About 300 Jewish women in Syria reportedly have requested exit visas because of the shortage of Jewish men of marriageable age. Emigration would provide their only chance to start a family.

Jewish Agency officials said today that the world-wide publicity given accounts of the condition of Jews in Syria may have prompted the Damascus regime to ease up on its restrictions. This is also viewed here as a step in coordination with the current Syrian-Egyptian peace offensive intended to promote an image of Arab moderation. Nevertheless, relatives of Jews in Syria are expected to increase their pressure on Syrian authorities through various channels to lift all restrictions on Jews including the denial of emigration.

ALLON CALLS FOR THE INTENSIFICATION OF SETTLEMENTS IN THE JORDAN VALLEY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Yigal Allon indicated yesterday that he would press for implementation of the so-called Allon plan that would define Israel's future boundaries with Jordan. He told newsmen, after completing a tour of the region involved, that he would recommend to Premier Yitzhak Rabin the intensification of settlement projects west of the Jordan River and north of the Dead Sea.

Allon stressed that his tour could be linked to Israel's future security boundaries. It included a drive along the 22-kilometer road between Ma'ale Adumim and Ma'ale Ephraim and the road to Beit Shean across the Judean and Samaritan highlands paralleling the Jordan River. While he declined to discuss the political effects of the Allon plan on negotiations with Jordan, he observed, "we control the western bank of the Jordan River and the Hashemite Kingdom controls the eastern one. Things are quiet here. Tranquility is mutual."

The Allon plan was proposed nine years ago,

immediately after the Six-Day War by Allon who was then Deputy Prime Minister. It was never officially adopted by the Israeli government but was not rejected and is regarded by some circles as at least a tentative blueprint of Israel's future boundaries on the east. The plan would provide autonomy for the Arab-populated areas of the West Bank, ringing them with a chain of Jewish security settlements on the western fringes and along the banks of the Jordan.

Allon's remarks conformed to the essentials of that plan. He said he would recommend that the new settlements of Ma'ale Adumim on the Jerusalem-Jericho road and Ma'ale Ephraim, overlooking the Damiyah Bridge on the Jordan be converted into urban centers. He also called for more settlements on the eastern fringes of the West Bank and in the Gush Etzion and Rafah regions. He said such settlements could serve as a lever in Israel's political struggle.

PLO REP SAYS MEXICAN PLO OFFICE WILL BEGIN OPERATING NEXT YEAR

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 29 (JTA)--"We have no problems with Jews, only with Zionists," Marwan Tabboub, the Palestine Liberation Organization representative in Mexico, today told the daily newspaper, Excelsior. He also announced that the PLO will be in full operation next year when they open their office and praised the Mexican government, President Lopez Portillo and former President Luis Echeverria for their policies toward the Middle East problems and the Arab-Israeli conflict. In addition to attacking Zionism, Tabboub also denounced "Israeli aggression" against the Arab people. A sharp attack against Zionist and Israeli policy also appeared today in El Nacional, the official daily of the Mexican government. The article was written by Sophie Margarinos, a PLO supporter.

CATHOLIC, PROTESTANT, JEWISH LEADERS BLAST MOON FOR PROMOTING BIGOTRY AGAINST JEWS, CHRISTIANS

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (JTA)--A Catholic and a Protestant leader joined with two Jewish spokesmen yesterday in denouncing the Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his Unification Church for promoting "bigotry against Christians and Jews." Speaking at a press conference at the American Jewish Committee national headquarters, the Christian and Jewish spokesmen called Moon's movement "anti-democratic, anti-Jewish and in direct conflict with basic Christian teaching."

The spokesmen, all of whom had made studies of the beliefs and methods of the Moon movement, urged Americans, especially young people not to be misled by Moon's appeals to patriotism and national unity. They called on Congress to continue its investigation of Moon's involvement with South Korean intelligence forces in this country and their reported illegal lobbying and bribery. They also criticized Moon's methods of indoctrination which had been reported by former Moonies who have defected from the group.

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, national director of the AJCommittee's interreligious department, noting that Moon said recently he "categorically condemns anti-Semitism and anti-Christian attitudes," declared, "we trust" that these condemnations "will now result in concrete actions that will demonstrate that he means what he professes."

Repeating his comments after Moon published a full page advertisement in the New York Times Dec. 19 condemning anti-Semitism, Tanenbaum said "a comprehensive and systematic removal of negative and hostile references to Jews and Judaism and to Christians and Christianity which abound in the 'Divine Principle' would be one such demonstration that his statements are serious and are made in good faith and are not simply public relations pieties." The book, "Divine Principle," written by Moon, serves as the basic text of his movement.

Earlier Welcome Was Too Strong

Responding to questions from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today, Tanenbaum said when he originally saw the Moon advertisement he welcomed it more than it deserved. He said after closer study he found the ad to be nothing more than a "fraud" and "public relations" gimmick. He said the Unification movement in Moon's books and its other publications are full of anti-Semitic statements and in effect question the right of the Jewish people to exist.

Tanenbaum said that neither he nor other AJCommittee members would meet with Unification leaders to discuss their differences. He said his original statement Dec. 19 in which he said the AJCommittee had accepted an offer to meet with the Unification Theological Seminary to discuss issues, was incorrect and he should have said the organization was considering accepting at the time.

The AJCommittee official revealed today that three Moonies had come to his office unannounced Monday; the day before the press conference, to urge him to meet with Moon and other Unification Church leaders. Tanenbaum said he told them he would never meet with them until they expunge all of their anti-Semitic material and end their proselytizing of the Jewish community and their deceptive tactics.

Cites 62 'Front' Organizations

The Rev. James J. LeBar, county coordinator of the Office of Communications of the Catholic Archdiocese of New York, told the press conference yesterday that his office, through letters and a closed circuit television program had warned all priests in the Archdiocese of "the acute dangers" that Moon represents. "It is important to bear in mind that Rev. Moon's teachings are in direct conflict with Catholic theology and, therefore, render his movement suspect for Catholic participation," LeBar said.

He noted that the Unification Church has 62 "front" organizations. "If their teachings and practices were that attractive," he said, "why would there be need to hide behind such fronts which often deny any association with Sun Myung Moon and his followers?"

Dr. Jorge Lara-Braud, executive director of the Commission on Faith and Order of the National Council of Churches, said that Moon's doctrines "deny the classic Christian understanding of Jesus Christ" and "claim a deficiency for Christ's work which Christians could not accept."

He also pointed out that Moon's book "fosters continuing anti-Semitism" in that it claims that "Christ failed because the Jews did not believe in him and put him to death."

Rabbi A. James Rudin, assistant director of the AJCommittee's department of interreligious affairs, referred to his recent study of Moon's book in which he documented 125 hostile references to Jews and Judaism. He again accused Moon of reviving the "worst traditions of theological and cultural anti-Semitism."

CARTER SAYS WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL- DESIGNATE IS MEMBER OF JEWISH CLUB

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (JTA)--President-elect Jimmy Carter said today that his designated White House Counsel, Atlanta lawyer Robert Lipshutz, is a member of a Jewish club that "I don't think has any members who are Gentile or are Blacks."

Carter's comment was made in an interview on the ABC-TV "Good Morning America" program in which the question of discriminating clubs was broached as a result of the complaints raised against Griffin Bell, another Atlanta lawyer designated to be the next U.S. Attorney General. Bell said he is resigning from two Atlanta clubs charged with barring Blacks, Jews and women.

Lipshutz was not available for comment. His law office told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that Lipshutz, who managed the financial aspects of Carter's presidential campaign, was with Carter in his island retreat off the Georgia coast.

The director of the southeastern office of the Anti-Defamation League in Atlanta, Stuart Lewengrub, told the JTA that he did not know whether Lipshutz is a member of either of Atlanta's two Jewish clubs--the Standard and the Progressive.

Asked if Carter's statement was accurate, Lewengrub responded: "I think so, with one qualification--there might be non-Jewish spouses who are members of one club or the other. We don't approve of either type of discrimination," Lewengrub said with reference to the situation arising out of Bell's membership in the Piedmont and Capital City clubs in Atlanta which bar Blacks, Jews and women.

"Jewish clubs," Lewengrub added, "frequently were created because the other clubs in the community were exclusionary. That does not justify discrimination today but it does explain the historic rationale for these Jewish clubs."

A news report here claimed that Hershel Bloom, a Jewish partner in the Atlanta firm of King and Spaulding, said that Christian members of the firm could not be members of the Progressive Club. Bell and Charles Kirbo, Carter's closest friend, are members of that law firm. The JTA was informed that neither the Standard nor Progressive Clubs, by charter or regulation, specifically prohibits non-Jews from membership.

In discussing Bell, Carter told the television audience that the Attorney General-designate "has not been treated fairly so far.... The major criticism of Griffin is that he had a membership in a private club. This is not a legitimate criticism, but it was raised because, you know, Griffin is from the South and because he is a friend of mine." (By Joseph Polakoff)

THE YEAR IN REVIEW**JOBS AND JEWS**

By Ben Gallob

(Part two of a two-part series)

The dreary job prospects for recent college graduates was consistent for all the reports. The Federation Employment Service in Atlanta reported that Jewish graduates were having problems finding jobs in social services and teaching. Some were finding jobs in other fields and others "continue to look for suitable jobs."

The Baltimore job agency reported that recent graduates had been hard hit by unemployment. Others affected are the "marginally employable--the aged and the recently widowed or divorced returning to the job market." Describing the outlook for recent Jewish graduates, particularly in the liberal arts, as "not bright," the agency reported many were taking menial jobs in other fields, such as clerical work, adding there was a clear trend away from the liberal arts in career planning into law and accounting.

Recent college graduates were reported by the Boston Jewish Vocational Service as among Jewish job-seekers hardest hit. Others listed were lawyers, architects, social workers, teachers and engineers. Business school graduates in Boston are finding jobs but few openings were reported for liberal arts, social science and education graduates.

The Buffalo Jewish Family Service reported that many Jewish college graduates "are having to accept temporary jobs, in some cases unrelated to their educational backgrounds" and that "many graduates decide to continue in graduate and professional programs."

Prospects Poor For Some

Describing the current job outlook for recent graduates as "poor," the Jewish Vocational Service of Chicago said other Jews particularly affected are those over 45 who lost their jobs and the unskilled. The Cincinnati Jewish Vocational Service reported that, other than recent liberal arts and education graduates, for whom jobs were hard to find, "no group in the Jewish community is particularly affected by the economic situation." The JVS also reported that many of those graduates have had to settle for jobs "not normally considered by college graduates."

Recent college graduates in Cleveland are "hard hit," the JVS there reported, adding that humanities graduates take what is available, generally jobs not requiring college training. Other Cleveland Jews hit by the slump are mainly marginal workers, including older workers and refugees.

Reporting that unemployment among Dallas Jews had been "steady" in 1975 and 1976, the job agency there listed as particularly hurt--in addition to recent college graduates--Jews over 45, social service workers, construction-related workers, unskilled women and family men laid off after years of stable employment, a problem widely reported in many cities in the first survey.

The Los Angeles JVS called the job prospects for recent college graduates "discouraging," particularly for the humanities and social service majors. The JVS also reported that "all job levels are affected by the recession excepting skilled division employment." In the 1975 survey, Los Angeles was listed as one of the four cities in which Jews in the professional, managerial and technical fields had been victims of widespread layoffs. The others were New York City, Chicago

and Miami.

The Milwaukee JVS found that recent college graduates are among the Jews most affected by lack of jobs. Others are high level managers and Soviet emigres during their first months of settlement. The JVS said that recent graduates had "limited opportunities" if they were "inflexible" about their "starting level" or about "realigning their career goals."

Job Categories Most Affected

Recent college graduates were included in the categories of New York City Jews most hurt by lack of jobs, as reported by Federation Employment and Guidance Service. Others were managers in various fields, over-aged salesmen and other older workers, and recent Russian newcomers. The FECS said there were "few" openings for recent college graduates "except for accounting and computer science majors."

Recent graduates were listed as among the categories most affected in Philadelphia. The Jewish Employment and Vocational Service also listed unskilled middle-aged women, technologically displaced men over 50 years, and the aged, those over 60. The job situation for recent graduates in liberal arts and education was called "disastrous" but "somewhat better" for graduates "who can channel educational experience" toward jobs in the health, computer science, accounting and engineering fields.

The short-range prospects for recent graduates in St. Paul was described by the JVS there as "poor" with many graduates deciding on advanced or alternate training. Also affected were St. Paul-Jews over 50 and Russian emigres. The JVS said the overall job situation in St. Paul was improving.

The San Francisco Jewish Vocational and Career Counseling Service reported there were few job openings for recent college graduates except for those with Masters degrees in business administration "who have a slightly better chance" to get jobs in "a white collar community." Also suffering unemployment in San Francisco are structural engineers, media professionals--writers, TV personnel, artists and photographers--persons over 55, teachers and social workers.

Most severely affected among Toronto Jews are recent high school and college graduates, older persons and immigrants, the JVS there reported. Government funding cutbacks and the poor economic situation "has severely limited opportunities" for recent college graduates, particularly in the social sciences, teaching and nursing professions, with little improvement seen in the immediate future.

Efforts To Aid Jobless

The agencies reported a variety of efforts to aid the Jewish jobless. The Baltimore job agency has created job banks, job marketing campaigns and uses newspaper advertising, mailings and bulletins in synagogues. The Boston JVS enlists the help of businessmen for job development and it sponsors self-help clinics for college graduates and professionals.

The Buffalo JFS said currently it offered job placement services only to Soviet newcomers but that a long-range planning committee is evaluating the JFS Vocational service department and suggesting the extension of placement help to all jobless Buffalo Jews. The Chicago JVS said it was developing re-training programs and offering training in clerical skills and typewriter

register. The agency said it was also working closely with the Mayor's Office of Manpower in using on-the-job training for the jobless.

The Cleveland JVS said it was involving Jewish community leaders in job development efforts, has stepped up mailings to employers and said it was encouraging Jewish employers to centralize their employee recruiting through the JVS.

The Los Angeles JVS has added a special counselor to serve managerial, administrative and professional job-hunters. The FECS in New York has undertaken large-scale advertising to attract Jews to office jobs, as well as intensive job solicitation. The FECS also is providing intensive counseling for jobless professionals to bring about "reasonable goal changes."

The Philadelphia agency reported it is offering training programs in a variety of non-professional skills. The San Francisco job agency is stressing interview and resume help. Much staff time is going into persuading liberal arts graduates to consider fields they have previously rejected. The Toronto JVS has started special programs for Russian newcomers, recent college graduates and the Jewish elderly. Most of the JVS agencies have intensified their job development efforts.

'ERUV' FORMED FOR JEWISH COMMUNITY IN RIVERDALE, N.Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (JTA)--Bronx Borough President Robert Abrams today proclaimed the formation of an "eruv" in the Riverdale section of New York. An "eruv" is a common community area within which Orthodox Jews are exempted from the religious law which prohibits the carrying of any items on public streets on the Sabbath and on Jewish holy days.

The formation of the "eruv" was made possible after months of meetings between religious leaders in the Riverdale community and representatives of Con Edison and the N.Y. Telephone Company, who were tremendously helpful and cooperative. The boundaries of the "eruv" are defined by existing fences and by utility poles with special slats attached to form a symbolic fence surrounding the community.

Abrams stated: "While this action will in no way restrict access to or use of the area by non-Jews, it will be of tremendous religious significance to Orthodox Jews who observe the holy laws. By forming the 'eruv,' we will enable Orthodox Jews to carry prayer shawls and prayer books to and from their synagogues for religious services. They will also be able to wheel baby carriages throughout the community on Saturdays and other holy days, something which is of great importance to many young families in the Riverdale area."

Without an "eruv," Abrams said, "observant families were often kept restricted to their homes on holy days. I am sure all Riverdale residents will join me in extending our best wishes to these families and in hoping they will enjoy the freedom and mobility this 'eruv' will make possible." Abrams said he had agreed to authorize the formation of the "eruv" after the idea was presented to him by Rabbis Avraham Weiss and Mordecai Willig and after meetings with the Orthodox Jewish Rabbinate of Riverdale and the Riverdale Eruv Committee.

SOLOMON ZEITLIN DEAD AT 84

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29 (JTA)--Prof. Solomon Zeitlin, Distinguished Professor of Post-Biblical Literature and Institutions at Dropsie

University and the world's leading authority on the Second Commonwealth, died here yesterday. He was 84 years old. Zeitlin, who was at Dropsie since 1921, was the leading challenger to the claim that the Dead Sea Scrolls belonged to antiquity.

Born in Russia, he studied at Dvinsk and St. Petersburg and received his rabbinical ordination and a doctorate in theology from the Ecole Rabbinique in Paris. He came to the United States during World War I and received a Ph.D. from Dropsie College in 1917. Zeitlin taught at Yeshiva College in New York before going to Dropsie. He wrote more than 400 articles and books and was instrumental in organizing the American Academy of Jewish Research.

MOSES RIVLIN DEAD AT 79

TEL AVIV, Dec. 29 (JTA)--Funeral services will be held in Jerusalem tomorrow for Moses Rivlin, the doyen of Yiddish journalism, who died yesterday at the age of 79. His father, Rabbi Yehoshua Rivlin, was among the first Jews to build homes outside the old walled city and later was a founder of Petach Tikva, one of the oldest Jewish settlements in Palestine. Rivlin, who was born in Jerusalem, went to the United States at the outbreak of World War I, but returned to Palestine shortly as a member of the American battalion of The Jewish Legion. He returned to the U.S. after the war and was graduated from New York University.

Rivlin worked as a Hebrew teacher in Elizabeth, N.J., and in 1922 joined the staff of the Jewish Morning Journal, one of several Yiddish dailies that flourished in New York at the time. Eventually he became a member of its editorial board on which he continued to serve when the paper merged with The Day after World War II to become the Day-Morning Journal. Rivlin settled in Israel six years ago.

ALEX ROSE DEAD AT 78

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (JTA)--Funeral services for Alex Rose, a veteran labor leader and powerhouse in New York State politics, will be held tomorrow. He died yesterday at the age of 78. Rose was the president of the United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union since 1950 and had been its vice-president since 1927. In 1944, Rose founded the Liberal Party after the Communists gained control of the American Labor Party and built it into a major electoral force in New York City, state and nation.

In 1923, at the invitation of David Ben-Gurion, a group of Jewish labor leaders in this country founded the "Gewerkschaften," a committee to help the fledgling Histadrut in Palestine by sending tools to the Jewish workers there. Rose was one of the key persons in the founding of this committee which later became known as the National Committee for Labor Israel. Rose was a charter member of the committee.

Born Olesch Royz in Warsaw, he was sent to the United States at the age of 15. He became active in the Labor Zionist movement and in 1918 he enlisted in the Jewish Legion. He returned to the U.S. two years later. Rose's daughter, Mrs. Carmi Schwartz, moved with her family last year from Scarsdale, N.Y., to Israel.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--The 10th anniversary of Jerusalem's reunification will be marked by celebrations from Apr. 21, Independence Day, to May 16, Jerusalem Day.