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## MOB WRECKS EL AL OFFICES IN TEHERAN

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26 (JTA) -- The El Al offices in Teheran were wrecked by a mob of several hundred people Sunday. No one was injured. Soldiers dispersed the vandals after the rampage had gone on for two hours. The attack was aimed specifically at El Al, apparently as a result of anti-Israel statements by Ayatollah Khomeini, the exiled Moslem leader who lives outside of Paris. Meanwhile, El Al has rented new office space in Teheran.

## SWAZILAND PREMIER TO VISIT ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 26 (JTA) -- Premier Maphevu Dhlamini of Swaziland is scheduled to pay a state visit to Israel beginning Thursday. Swaziland, which borders on South Africa and Mozambique, is one of the few Black African countries to maintain diplomatic relations with Israel. Dhlamini, who is also his country's foreign minister and army commander, will be accompanied by the Swazi Ministers of Finance and Justice and other top officials.

The Swazi guests will be formally hosted by Premier Menachem Begin and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, and they will hold economic talks with Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich. They will be accompanied by Israel's Ambassador to Swaziland, Emmanuel Ron. Dhlamini is expected to ask Israel for further technical and economic aid.

## NEO-NAZI PARTY REJECTED IN BID FOR REGISTRATION By Ben Kayfetz

TORONTO, Dec. 26 (JTA) -- The Ontario Commission on Election Finances has rejected an application by the ultra-rightwing Nationalist Party of Canada seeking to become an official provincial party. Registration would have given the party certain privileges, such as having its name on election ballots and collecting income tax-exempt contributions.

The leader of the party is Donald Andrews, 35, former leader of the neo-Nazi group, Western Guard, based in Toronto. He was recently released from the penitentiary on parole after serving 10 months of a two-year prison term for conspiracy and possession of explosives.

The election finances commission chairman declined to comment on the rejection of the party's application. It was understood, however, that the rejection is based on the findings of graphologists who examined the 12,000 signatures collected by the group required to qualify as an official party. Among these were lists of names written in an identical handwriting and therefore deemed to be forgeries.

The Canadian Jewish Congress, through its community relations and anti-Nazi committee, with B'nai B'rith, has been pursuing efforts to amend the legislation in such a way as to prevent groups advocating genocide from receiving registration status. It has sent deputations to all three political parties in the Ontario legislature.

## ANTI-SEMITIC MATERIAL CIRCULATED By William Saphire

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 (JTA) -- A former

member of the Hitler Youth Movement is circulating a crude anti-Semitic pamphlet titled "President Carter and his Koshier Crowd" which alleges that "Jews rule America." The pamphlet, published by "Liberty Bell Publications" of Reedy, W.Va., has turned up in various parts of the country in recent weeks, distributed, according to the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, by local neo-Nazi groups.

"Liberty Bell Publications" is a printing firm owned by George Dietz, described by the ADL as "the largest publisher of anti-Semitic literature in the U.S." Dietz, the ADL said, is a German-born immigrant who finances his anti-Semitic activities from a successful real estate business in which he deals mainly in farm properties. According to the ADL, Dietz has admitted in print that he was a member of the Hitler Youth but there is no evidence to link him with war crimes.

His principal publications are "The Liberty Bell" and "White Power Report," both of them rabidly anti-Semitic and racist but the latter more blatantly Nazi, the ADL said. The pamphlet alleging that "Jews control the government, the news, the money and the churches" in America first appeared in the December, 1977 issue of "The Liberty Bell" and is now being re-issued as a flyer.

It contains the names of 46 persons, each with a Star of David in front of the name. On top of the list is the statement that "These are some of the Jews who are formulating the policies of President Carter's Administration." Those identified include Stuart Eizenstat, Robert Lipschutz (sic), Michael Blumenthal, Harold Brown, James Schlesinger, Sol Linowitz, and Alan Dershowitz.

The pamphlet makes its pitch in rhyme: "If you think you're worth your salt/help bring subversion to a halt/ today your country needs a boost/ conniving Jews now rule the roost...." It exhorts "Americans" to "start to fight.... Unite, redeem your country."

## CABINET STANDS PAT ON RESOLUTION REJECTING EGYPT'S LATEST PROPOSALS By Gil Sedan

JERUSALEM, Dec. 26 (JTA) -- The Cabinet met in special session today to hear Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's report on his talks with Egyptian Premier Mustapha Khalil and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in Brussels over the weekend. No decisions were made and the discussion was not concluded, according to Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor.

The Cabinet sat as a ministerial defense committee and its deliberations therefore were classified. Naor disclosed only that five ministers spoke following Dayan's briefing. He said, however, that the Cabinet's resolution adopted last week remains valid. In that resolution the government rejected Egypt's latest proposals but expressed readiness to reconsider a letter to accompany a peace treaty with Egypt that would deal with the issue of autonomy on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

There was considerable interest in today's Cabinet meeting because Dayan is thought to have modified his position on the resumption of peace talks with Egypt. Two weeks ago, the Foreign Minister declared publicly that there was nothing more to discuss and it was up to the Egyptians to accept or reject the draft treaty as it stands. On his return

from Brussels however, Dayan said both parties should make compromises in order to resume the negotiations.

(President Carter, vacationing in Plains, Ga., said yesterday, "I think we will have a peace treaty in the Middle East...." He said he spoke to Vance on his return from Brussels and the Secretary "thought that the Israelis and the Egyptians had a good, 'solid-discussion' there. "It was constructive. He (Vance) felt very pleased with it," Carter said.)

(President Anwar Sadat of Egypt, interviewed on Cairo television yesterday on the occasion of his 60th birthday, charged that the refusal of other Arab states to unite behind his peace initiative was playing into the hands of Premier Menachem Begin who, he alleged, was seeking to frustrate a comprehensive settlement in the Middle East.... "It is in Begin's interest that the Arab countries remain divided to achieve his objectives by creating a greater Israel from the Euphrates to the Nile," Sadat said. He characterized Begin as an expansionist for 30 years. Nevertheless, he was optimistic that a settlement would be achieved eventually.)

#### TEACHERS END STRIKE

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26 (JTA) -- Some 300,000 high school students returned to their classrooms today for the first time in 43 days as their teachers ended a strike for higher wages. The 39-member National Teachers Council decided last night, by majority vote, to end their seven-week-old walkout apparently on the basis of a promise by Premier Menachem Begin that he would do his best to gain Cabinet approval of the recommendations of a committee of experts studying the teachers' demands.

That issue had been the main stumbling block in the strike negotiations. The teachers agreed to accept the committee's findings -- yet to be formulated -- but the government insisted on the right to reject them if they exceeded the wage ceilings for public employees. Begin's promise, made to teachers' representatives here yesterday, was a compromise. While the Cabinet will still be free to turn down the committee's recommendations, Begin's pledge to support them made their acceptance more likely.

High schools will remain open through the Chanukah holiday and for most of the Passover recess in April to make up for the lost time. Students can also look forward to spending part of their summer recess in the classroom.

The decision to resume classes in what is normally the Chanukah vacation period caused some confusion today as many of the youngsters were away from home on organized or individual trips to the Negev, the Galilee or Tiberias. Education Minister Ze'evulun Hammer last night personally urged all students to return home in time for classes today. Many students were absent today but classes are expected to return to normal tomorrow.

#### PLAN TO FIGHT INFLATION UNVEILED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 26 (JTA) -- Amnon Gafni, Governor of the Bank of Israel, unveiled his own plan to fight inflation. Appearing yesterday before the Knesset's Finance Committee, he criticized the IL 304 billion budget proposed by Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich as inflationary and urged that it be pared by IL 5 billion to reduce the rate of inflation by 10 percent.

The Cabinet failed Sunday to vote on

Ehrlich's budget. The vote was postponed until the next session at which time Premier Menachem Begin is expected to intervene. The most severe critic of Ehrlich was Yitzhak Modai, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, who presented an alternative budget based largely on Gafni's proposals. Gafni told the Finance Committee that if the budget isn't cut, income taxes should be raised and the government should continue to slash its price support subsidies for basic food products and public transportation.

Ehrlich is known to favor a reduced budget in principle but maintains that his budget is the smallest possible under the present circumstances. He said after Sunday's Cabinet meeting that he was still hopeful it would be approved intact for submission to the Knesset early next year. Most members of the Cabinet want reductions. But Yisrael Katz, the Minister for Social Betterment, warned yesterday that the cuts must not fall on the shoulders of the least affluent.

Begin has remained silent on the budget so far. But he complained today that the debate was being conducted in the public media and not confined to the Cabinet chamber.

#### YEKUTIELI AND BRODY RECEIVE THE 1978 ISRAEL PRIZE FOR SPORTS

By Yitzhak Shargil

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26 (JTA) -- Two members of the World Maccabi Movement were selected yesterday to receive the 1978 Israel Prize for sports and the promotion of physical culture in Israel. They are Joseph Yekutieli, 81, who is credited with starting the Maccabiah sports events that became the quadrennial Jewish Olympic Games, and Tal Brody, 35, an American-born basketball star who settled in Israel in 1971. Dr. Israel Peled, chairman of the Maccabi World Executive, cabled congratulations to the two winners.

Yekutieli was born in Russia and came to Palestine in 1909 where he was instrumental in creating the framework for organized sports among Jewish youths. As early as 1927 he was arranging sports meets between the Jerusalem Maccabi Club and Egyptian athletes. He was one of the initiators of the Palestine Athletic Federation and the Palestine, later Israeli Olympic Committee. Now in his eighties, he has undertaken a project to make the town of Modi'in, birthplace of the Maccabees, into a world center for Jewish physical education and cultural activities.

Brody visited Israel for the first time in 1965 as a member of the American basketball team that competed in the Maccabiah Games. He visited Israel again the following year and played on the Tel Aviv Maccabi basketball team which reached the finals in the European Cup tournament. Brody spent the next five years in the U.S. during which he did military service and then returned to Israel to settle.

In 1977, he led the Maccabi team to the European basketball championship with victories over the Russian, Czech and several Western teams. No longer active as a player, Brody is devoting his time and energy to promote basketball among Israeli youths, especially in remote townships and villages. He teaches basketball weekly in Kiryat Shemona and Beth Shean.

#### LAUNCH COMMITTEE FOR SYRIAN JEWRY

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26 (JTA) -- The plight of the 4500 Jews remaining virtual captives in Syria has been placed on the city's Jewish community's agenda with the formation of the Legal Committee for Syrian Jewry. The Committee's

formation was announced at a special meeting chaired by Rabbi Jacob Ott, chairman of the Commission on the Middle-East of Jewish Federation-Council's Community Relations Committee.

Janet Waxman, wife of Congressman Henry Waxman (D. Calif.) briefed the participants on the current situation of the Jews in Syria. Mrs. Waxman has traveled to Damascus and was involved in the recent release of 14 Syrian Jewish women for proxy marriages in New York. Also participating in the meeting was Councilman Art Snyder who pledged the support of the Los Angeles city government and Fred Nameth, chairman of the Legal Committee.

According to Ott, "The problem of Syrian Jewry is often overlooked due to the cultural background and relatively small number of people involved. Yet these Jews, with the Falashas of Ethiopia, may be the most victimized in the Jewish world."

While briefing the nearly 50 attorneys and CRC members attending the meeting, Mrs. Waxman encouraged committee members to utilize their positions in the legal community to expose the plight of Syrian Jewry in all forms of the media. She also urged the committee to present legal documents to international human rights agencies highlighting Syria's constant refusal to acknowledge the basic human rights of emigration and reunification of families promised by its signing of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights. The major focus of the committee's work will be to exert pressure for the free emigration of the entire community, Mrs. Waxman said.

#### UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA REJECTS OFFER OF GRANT FROM ARAB GROUP

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26 (JTA) -- The University of Pennsylvania (UP) has rejected the offer of a grant from the Libyan-financed Arab Development Institute (ADI) because it failed to provide safeguards against discrimination, ideological advocacy and the free dissemination of research results. The offer, which included \$180,000 in first year funding, was for the development of a curriculum for Middle Eastern history and culture for American high schools and the study of Libyan institutions.

The university was commended by the Philadelphia chapter of the American Jewish Committee for undertaking to develop guidelines to deal with propaganda oriented grants from oil-rich Arab states. The ADI offer was turned down on the basis of interim guidelines drafted last June and now under study by a special university committee for finalization. The issue sparked a sharp, frequently acrimonious debate in the weekly faculty section of the university-published "Almanac."

According to the AJCommittee, the grant originally was to have been shared by UP and the State University of New York (SUNY) at New Paltz. SUNY withdrew after the proposals became known. The UP Board of Trustees' Committee on Corporate Responsibilities recommended that a new agreement be negotiated specifying that the university would have control of the project and called for safeguards. It was on the basis of the safeguards that a review committee concluded in August that the ADI proposal "did not satisfy the (interim) guidelines to an adequate degree."

Specifically, according to the review committee's chairman, economics professor Irving Kravis, the Libyan government refused to confirm ADI's verbal assurances that Jewish personnel

participating in the projects would be admitted to Libya. The Libyan Embassy in Washington subsequently informed the committee that official Libyan policy is not to issue visas to Jews.

#### Elements Of Interim Guidelines

The interim guidelines against which the proposals were measured called for specific assurances to protect the independence of UP faculty, to avoid any jeopardy to the university commitment to the principles of academic freedom and non-discrimination, to protect research from parochial or ideological advocacy, to assure the bona fides of students as devoted primarily to academic purposes and meeting normal academic standards, and certification by the deans of the schools involved endorsing both the academic worthiness of the proposal and a judgement that school priorities justify any costs, direct or indirect.

Faculty members were divided over the review committee's recommendation. English professor Peter Conn wrote in "Almanac" that "accepting the money makes the university willy-nilly and whether we like it or not, partner to the Coj. (Muammar Qaddafi) and his effort (to buy international respectability). Given Qaddafi's status as a self-proclaimed terrorist, overtures of alliance to him from the university raise serious questions."

But Prof. Ann Mayer, of UP's Wharton School of Business, wrote, "I myself have had to read thousands of pages of Qaddafi's oratory in the course of a research project and have nowhere encountered any approbation of terrorism."

#### Dangers Of Such Projects Cited

Physics professor Herbert Callen warned that such projects tend to produce a form of "self-imposed censorship to avoid offending the prejudices of the benefactor or the prospective benefactor." He cited as an example the 1976 Annual Report of UP's Middle East Center directed by Dr. Thomas Neff, co-author of the ADI proposal with Dr. Frederick Ley, chairman of UP's Graduate Program in International Relations. Conn wrote: "I am unable to find within it any indication that such a country of Israel exists on the face of the earth...."

Commenting on the debate, Robert A. Fox, chairman of the AJCommittee's Philadelphia chapter, said: "The university has made a thoughtful contribution to the difficult and sensitive task of dealing with appropriate and inappropriate gifts from oil-rich Arab countries to ensure both academic integrity and non-discrimination."

Last spring, Swarthmore and Haverford Colleges abandoned a joint plan for Arab studies when it was disclosed that the \$590,000 financing came from Adnan Khashoggi, a Saudi arms broker implicated in a corporate bribery attempt.

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PARIS (JTA) -- An Alsacian nationalist leader, Dr. Marcel Ifrigg, was last week given a six-month suspended sentence for incitement to racial hatred and anti-Jewish libel. The 52-year-old Strasbourg doctor had written in the last issue of a local publication that the Holocaust had never taken place and that it is a Jewish invention. The case was heard at the request of the French League for the Rights of Man which also charged Ifrigg with having played an important role in the "development of racist and anti-Semitic tendencies in France."

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AMSTERDAM (JTA) -- Dr. Aaron Klug of the Medical Research Council in Cambridge, England, has been awarded the 100,000 Gilders H.P. Heineken Prize for biochemistry and biophysics by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences.

BEHIND THE HEADLINESANTI-SEMITISM MAY REPLACE MARXISM-LENINISM AS OFFICIAL SOVIET CREED

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Dec. 26 (JTA) -- Anti-Semites in the Soviet Communist Party have now become so powerful that they are openly proposing to make anti-Semitism rather than Marxism-Leninism the official creed of the Soviet Union. Some of them also propose a "final solution" of the Jewish problem in terms reminiscent of Hitler before his rise to power.

This is the theme of the cover article in the latest issue of the New Statesman, the respected left wing British weekly, by Reuben Ainsztein, an authority on Soviet affairs and author of a massive study of Jewish resistance under the Holocaust. Ainsztein's 6000-word study of what he calls the Soviet Union's "new right" is illustrated by a full page montage of the faces of Stalin and Hitler.

The article begins by claiming that anti-Semitism is already the "official doctrine" of the Soviet armed forces and that "what unites the Russian new right is anti-Semitism and a racial fear of China."

According to Ainsztein, the USSR's new right consists of five or six groups inside the system which complain that they are unequally represented in the leadership of the Communist Party and the government. It also embraces the dissident right, ranging from followers of Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn to the outright fascists, whose chief spokesmen are Ivan Shevtsov, Gennady Shimanov and Valery Yemelyanov.

While Solzhenitsyn wears the mantle of the 19th century novelist Dostoyevsky, Shimanov and Shevtsov "see the West as ruled by the dark forces of Zionism and satanism," and Yemelyanov sees it in the hands of the Judaeo-Masons, who are getting ready to become "the masters of the earth in the year 2000." Shimanov is quoted as arguing that the Soviet state is "the only defense the world has against the satanic forces of Zionism."

Not A Lunatic Fringe

Ainsztein claims that to reject the Soviet Union's new right as a lunatic fringe "is to repeat the mistakes of the liberal and decent people all over Europe who in the 1920s and 1930s refused to take Hitler and the Nazis seriously."

He adds: "The fascist elements of the dissident right have champions not only on the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party but in the Politburo itself. Their chief spokesman in the Politburo appears to have been Dmitry Polyansky, who in 1970 looked like ousting (Alexei) Kosygin from his post of prime minister." His personal intervention led to the publication in the same year of Shevtsov's two anti-Semitic novels that could have come straight out of Julius Streicher's pornographic imagination.

Shevtsov's first novel, "In the Name of the Father and the Son," appeared in March 1970 when 65,000 copies were sold in two days. It claimed that world Jewry, led by Zionists, controlled American imperialism and that Zionism was "secretly infiltrating all the life cells of all the countries in the world, undermining from within all that is strong, healthy and patriotic." The agents of Zionism inside the Communist Party, the greatest of whom was "Judas Trotsky," were working to destroy it.

In Shevtsov's second novel, issued this year by the Soviet Defense Ministry publishing house in three editions of 200,000 copies each, the villain is a Jew called Nahum Hotzer, a Moscow journal-

ist and playwright who is a pervert, sadist, drug peddler and murderer. To get his mother's money, he kills her and wraps her own intestines round her head. The book's Aryan Russian hero, a scientist, is murdered by Jewish scientists who reveal the secrets of Soviet nuclear power to the Americans.

Although on July 12, Pravda attacked Shevtsov's novels as "ideologically vicious and artistically weak," this did not stop them from being reprinted and made compulsory reading for the Soviet armed forces, Ainsztein says.

Another 'Milestone' Cited

Another "milestone" in the legalization of the Soviet fascist right was the publication of Valery Skurlatov's book, "Zionism and Apartheid," by the Ukrainian political publishing house in 1975, which argues that "the racist conception of Judaism has provided the prototype for European racism." Evidence that the Soviet new right wants a "final solution of the Jewish problem" is found by Ainsztein in the secret memorandum presented to the 25th Soviet Communist Party congress in 1975, a partial text of which reached Israel early this year.

Its author is Yemelyanov, a well-known ideological lecturer. The memorandum claims "that the Jewish Masonic order, B'nai B'rith, is the visible top of the invisible international Judaeo-Masonic pyramid ruling the non-Communist world and influencing Soviet policies through its agents inside the USSR."

To deal with the Jewish menace, Yemelyanov proposes: "The creation of a world-wide anti-Zionist and anti-Masonic front on the model of the anti-fascist fronts of the 1930s and 1940s because the threat of Zionist rule over the world planned for the year 2000 threatens all the gentiles on our earth irrespective of their race, religion and party affiliation."

The Danger To Soviet Jews

Like Hitler, "Yemelyanov does not spell out in detail how he proposes to eliminate the Jewish menace. But he argues throughout his memorandum that Soviet Jews must not be expelled or allowed to leave, for those who go to Israel reinforce the potential of a fascist state, while the others who emigrate to the United States or other Western countries reinforce the Judaeo-Masonic pyramid."

"To the Soviet Party leaders and officials who have read his memorandum it is therefore clear that he wants at least a final solution on the lines planned by Stalin in the last months of his life.... Such a solution is impossible while (Soviet President Leonid) Brezhnev is successfully holding together the Soviet establishment."

However, the danger to Soviet Jews is particularly grave because "just as the Nazis managed to combine a boundless hatred of Jews with their plans to enslave and exterminate the Slavs, the Russian neo-Nazis see the extermination of the Jews as part of a war against China."

MEXICO CITY (JTA) -- There is uneasiness among Jews here because of a bill dealing with the humane slaughter of animals which Parliament is soon due to consider. The bill, introduced by Deputy Alfonso Maldonado, seeks to humanize the slaughter of animals but there is concern that it could lead to the forbidding of shechita since the measure is aimed at rendering an animal unconscious by chemical or electrical means. The bill is also sponsored by humanitarian and animal protection agencies.

AMSTERDAM (JTA) -- Postal authorities are being urged to issue a special stamp marking the 50th anniversary of Anne Frank's birth next July.