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## CRISIS OVER ABORTIONS LAW AVERTED; BEGIN IMPOSES CONFIDENCE VOTE

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6 (JTA) -- The coalition crisis over the abortions law has been averted for the present, and coalition leaders say they are confident it will be resolved finally soon. The turnaround came yesterday afternoon, when Premier Menachem Begin decided to impose what is known as the "Transfer Law" on the abortions amendment. This means in effect turning the vote on the amendment into a vote of confidence in the government.

Begin did this after the six coalition "rebels" who opposed the amendment at its first reading informed him that they would vote for it if he turned it into an issue of confidence by imposing upon it the "Transfer Law." The six are Sarah Doron, Ehud Olmert, Zalman Shoval, Avraham Katz and Yitzhak Berman, all of Likud; and Akiva Nof of the Democratic Movement.

A compromise reached last Sunday between the Likud's Liberal Party "rebels" and the Aguda Knesset faction to re-word the abortion amendment was apparently abandoned after the Aguda "Sages" flatly rejected it. The Likud MKs who had opposed the original amendment on grounds of conscience indicated that they will now vote for it since Begin has made the issue one of confidence in the government. The compromise would have eliminated clause five of the abortion law which allows abortions for socio-economic reasons, as demanded by the Aguda. But it would have transferred much of the substance of clause five to clause four. This was unacceptable to the rebbes.

### Begin's Tactic Buys Time

As a result of Begin's new tactic, Aguda Israel's "Council of Sages," which convened in Jerusalem, gave its Knesseters another two weeks in which to ensure that the amendment goes through. According to the Sage's decision, if the amendment is not passed by then, the party must leave the coalition immediately and automatically. "This is our final session on this subject," the 13 Sages who attended the meeting declared. Three Council members did not attend.

Aguda Knesseters said later the Sages had been unanimous -- in the wake of confident assurances by Knesseters Shlomo Lorincz and Menachem Porush that the government majority for the amendment was now secured. The Knesseters said they had informed the Sages that Labor Party members in the Knesset were saying that Begin had erred, and that there was no majority. "But this is groundless," Porush said. His own calculations showed a clear majority, he asserted.

The Laborites' skepticism is based among other things, upon the assumption that the two ultra-nationalist Tehiya Knesset members Geula Cohen and Moshe Shamir, who supported the amendment at the first reading will oppose it now that it has become a matter of confidence. Cohen indeed told this reporter that she would urge the Tehiya central committee to instruct her and Shamir to vote against the government.

Furthermore, Rabbi Menahem Hacohen of the Labor Party, who abstained in the original

vote, can be expected to vote with his party now that the issue is only technically that of confidence -- and in fact that of the government's survival. But the Aguda members and coalition leaders say they have taken these factors into account and are still confident of their majority.

The "Transfer Law" imposition will not apply, Begin has made clear, to the Democratic Movement's six members -- since the DM is not a party to the coalition agreement with Aguda on matters of religion as are Likud and the National Religious Party. Nevertheless, coalition leaders expect at least some DM Knesseters to vote with the government. It is not yet known when precisely the vote will be taken.

## BRITISH MINISTER, PLO OFFICIAL MEET IN 'UNSCHEDULED' ENCOUNTER

By Maurice Samuelson

LONDON, Dec. 6 (JTA) -- Britain's Deputy Foreign Minister Sir Ian Gilmour and Fawuk Kaddoumi, the foreign minister of the Palestine Liberation Organization, met briefly yesterday in what the Foreign Office said was an "unscheduled" encounter at the Syrian Embassy. This is the first acknowledged meeting to take place in London between such a senior PLO official and a British Cabinet Minister.

The Foreign Office said that their talks were without substance and that the meeting did not mark any shift in Britain's Middle East policy. However, it has caused deep concern among Israeli circles here and Israel Ambassador Shlomo Argov will raise it today when he accompanies visiting Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir on a courtesy call to Gilmour's boss, Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington. Despite the British disclaimers, Israeli suspicions are deepened by the known pro-Arab sympathy of Sir Ian.

The meeting also follows persistent calls by the pro-Arab lobby here for Britain to end its "isolation" from Western Europe by becoming more amenable to the PLO.

The Gilmour-Kaddoumi meeting took place at a reception given by Syrian Ambassador Mohammed Omrane for delegates to a conference on Jerusalem organized by the Islamic Council for Europe and the Saudi Arabian Information Ministry. Also present at the reception was Foreign Office Minister of State Douglas Hurd who next week starts a visit to Israel, Egypt and the Sudan.

## ALLEGED WAR CRIMINAL SOOZOKOV SERVED WITH DENATURALIZATION PAPERS

By Rochelle Saidel Wolk

NEW-YORK, Dec. 6 (JTA) -- Alleged Nazi war criminal Tscherm Soozokov was served yesterday with denaturalization papers by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Newark and the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations. A resident of Paterson, N.J., Soozokov, 61, is chief inspector of the Purchasing Department of Passaic County. He is accused of having committed war crimes during the years 1942-45 after he went over to the Nazis when they invaded his home region of Krasnodar in the Trans-Caucasus region of Russia.

Upon entry into the U.S. from Amman, Jordan in 1955, he swore on his visa application that he "was with the German army" from 1942-45. In 1977, Soozokov brought libel suits of over \$10 million against Howard Blum, author of "Wanted: The

Search for Nazis in America," the New York Times, the Times' book subsidiary and the Literary Guild.

Soobzokov served in the North Caucasus Region created by the Nazis. He is charged with having been a member of a punitive unit that joined the German army and SS in various killing operations, but he denies this. According to the Berlin Documentation Center, on Jan. 4, 1945, Soobzokov was assigned to a unit of the Waffen-SS as an Obersturmfuehrer or 1st Lt.

Before that date "It can be assumed that ... (he) performed services with organizations such as SS-Bandenkampfvergaende, SS-Einsatzgruppen or similar irregular forces," a Berlin Documentation Center analysis states. Einsatzgruppen were mobile killing units whose special targets were Jews, Gypsies, partisans and other civilians.

Articles by Nazi war crimes authority Charles R. Allen, Jr. in the December 1977 and March 1978 issues of Jewish Currents and by investigative reporter Herb Jaffe in a Newark Star-Ledger series in March, April and May 1978, documented Soobzokov's Nazi past and also his employment by American intelligence agencies.

Government sources credited both the Allen articles and Jaffe's series with having a great impact on the decision to file denaturalization papers against Soobzokov. Another alleged Nazi war criminal against whom the government filed denaturalization papers last month may also have been used by U.S. intelligence agencies.

#### Other Cases Pending

Allen says that Karl Linas, of Greenlawn, N. Y., has been active in political emigre groups such as the Assembly of Captive Nations which has been linked with U.S. intelligence operations. Linas is the subject of a Freedom of Information Act request by Allen to ascertain if he is one of the 44 alleged Nazi war criminals the FBI admitted utilizing or contacting.

In a March 1978 report, the General Accounting Office of the House of Representatives said that the CIA admitted contacting at least 22 accused Nazi war criminals and employing at least 16. The FBI admitted having "contacted" 44 alleged Nazi war criminals and having employed seven. Allen says he has documented evidence that at least 149 Nazi war criminals have been utilized by U.S. intelligence agencies.

The suits against Soobzokov and Linas and suits against Wolodimir Osidach of Philadelphia and Bohan Kozly, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., also filed last month, bring the total of active denaturalization and deportation cases against alleged Nazi war criminals to 16. These four are the first new cases that the Justice Department announced since forming its special unit for the investigation and prosecution of Nazi war criminals in 1974.

#### DULZIN SAYS NYC JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERS ARE MAIN OBSTACLE TO BEGIN'S PROPOSAL ON ISSUE OF DROP-OUTS

By David Landau

JERUSALEM, Dec. 6 (JTA) -- Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executives, charged that the leaders of the New York Jewish community were the main obstacle to Premier Menachem Begin's "compromise proposal" on "drop-outs" -- Soviet Jews who choose to go to the United States

rather than Israel after they leave the Soviet Union. Dulzin claimed that other American Jewish communities were prepared to go along with Begin's ideas.

If New York would respond favorably, the Joint Distribution Committee and HIAS, the two agencies assisting the emigrants, would also agree, Dulzin told the WZO Executive this week. Begin proposed that assistance should be limited to those Soviet Jewish immigrants who have close relatives in the United States so that the rest would either have to go to Israel or fend for themselves. Dulzin said the WZO must be prepared to fight for the Begin plan.

(The JDC and HIAS has said repeatedly that they do not initiate contact with Soviet Jews in Vienna to discuss resettlement with them. The two agencies only discuss resettlement after the Jewish Agency in Vienna, which handles transmigrant Soviet Jews, recommends to the JDC and HIAS those who insist that they do not want to emigrate to Israel. Even then, the two service organizations say they seek every possible means to first ascertain that the Soviet Jews in question are convinced they do not want to go to Israel.)

Rafael Kotlowitz, head of the Jewish Agency's immigration department, reported a slight decline in the drop-out rate. He said it is now down to 65 percent of the Jews leaving the USSR from a high of nearly 70 percent earlier this year. He attributed this to a reduction in the number of exit visas granted by the Soviet authorities and a reduction in the number of emigrants from specific Soviet towns. Jews from the larger Russian cities have tended to go to the U.S. instead of Israel.

#### DAYAN: ISRAEL WILLING TO AID U.S. IN IRAN HOSTAGE SITUATION

By Yitzhak Rabi

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (JTA) -- Former Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, said today that if the United States, after exhausting all diplomatic means to free its hostages in Iran, decides to resort to military action, Israel will be willing to make the Haifa port and military airfields -- "but not Israeli soldiers" -- available to the Americans.

But Dayan, speaking at a press conference at the Hilton Hotel here, sponsored by the United Jewish Appeal, made it clear he is not advising the United States as to whether to use the military option in order to resolve the current Iranian crisis.

Dayan, who is on a speaking tour in the U.S. on behalf of the UJA, said that Americans should realize that the Iranian situation is part of a general feeling of unrest throughout the Mideast and the Moslem world. The events of recent weeks, in which American embassies were attacked in Iran, Pakistan, Libya and other countries, might have a severe effect on American prestige. Dayan warned,

"It will be very bad for the Mideast, the West and America if you (Americans) will lose your prestige," Dayan said, adding: "It's not exactly adding to the prestige of the U.S. when diplomats escaped through the back door (as in Libya) or were rescued from the top of the roof (as in Pakistan)."

Dayan said he thinks the U.S. "did not read correctly the situation in the Mideast ... You don't read correctly the mood of the people in the Mideast," and as a result, the U.S. "made some mistakes" in handling the anti-American developments in the area. Dayan disclosed that Israel advised the U.S. a year in advance that the Shah might be toppled and that the Iranian army is weak. But he refused to disclose what the American response to the Israeli warning was. In response to a question, Dayan said the hostages in the American Embassy in Teheran cannot be rescued in a way the

Israelis rescued their hostages in Entebbe, Uganda. "It is not the same situation," he said. Following his press conference Dayan addressed a luncheon meeting of the UJA. Dayan's appearance here was part of the UJA 1980 National Conference which opened today and concludes Saturday.

### HOLTZMAN URGES DISMISSAL OF NSC STAFFER SCORNFUL OF PROTESTS OVER REF BROADCAST OF TRIFA INTERVIEW

By Joseph Polakoff

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (JTA) — Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D-NY) has urged President Carter to consider the "immediate dismissal" of a member of the National Security Council staff who characterized as "silly" the concern expressed over an interview that Radio Free Europe broadcast last May with Valerian Trifa who is under investigation as a suspected Nazi war criminal.

In a letter to the President made available to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today, Holtzman wrote that the statements made by Paul Henze, who has been on the NSC staff since the beginning of the Carter Administration, are "unconscionable and grounds for his immediate dismissal."

Radio Free Europe, on May 1, 1979, broadcast a 45-minute interview with Trifa, a naturalized American citizen, who, Holtzman pointed out in her letter, is "alleged to have incited atrocities against Jews in Bucharest during World War II." She pointed out further that "no mention was made during the broadcast that the Department of Justice had initiated proceedings against Trifa in May, 1975 to strip him of his citizenship, because of his alleged participation in war crimes and that the case was expected to go to trial in Federal Court in Detroit in the near future."

Trifa, a Bishop, heads the Rumanian Orthodox Church in America. The interview came under wide attack at the time. John Gronoski, a former Postmaster General and chairman of the U.S. Board for International Broadcasting which oversees the operations of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, strongly deplored it and expressed the wish that it had never taken place.

### Claimed White House Viewpoint Reflected

In her letter to the President, Holtzman noted that she had directed an investigation by the House Judiciary Committee's subcommittee of which she is chairperson of "the circumstances surrounding the airing of the interview." She wrote that "According to evidence I have received in the course of my investigation, Mr. Henze, during the Board for International Broadcasting's meeting of August 15, 1979, characterized concern about the interview as 'silly' and stated flatly that it 'certainly' isn't serious from the point of view of the White House'."

Holtzman's letter reported that "Despite strenuous protests from several Board members, Mr. Henze continued in the following vein: 'Let me state the White House position on this issue: Bishop Trifa, as an American citizen, represents an important ethnic group.' Similar statements were made by Mr. Henze at a Radio Free Europe-Radio Liberty Board of Directors meeting. Not only does Mr. Henze evidently find nothing seriously wrong in Radio Free Europe providing a platform for an alleged Nazi war criminal under charges by the Department of Justice, but he im-

plies that the propriety of the interview should be judged solely on whether Trifa's 'ethnic group' would approve of or be placated by the broadcast," Holtzman wrote.

### Would Call Others To Account

She observed that Henze's statements "are outrageous enough if they represent only Mr. Henze's personal feelings on this matter." But, she added, "if his comments accurately reflect the position of, or were sanctioned by Dr. (Zbigniew) Brzezinski (chairman of the National Security Council) or other White House officials, they too should be called to account."

The JTA placed two calls to Henze's office in an effort to obtain his reactions and two calls to the National Security Council. None of the calls was returned.

At the Board for International Broadcasting, Walter Roberts, the executive director, said he could not discuss the matter until he received the text of Rep. Holtzman's letter. The JTA learned, however, that minutes were kept of the Board's Aug. 15 meeting and that Henze's statements reported by Holtzman were apparently accurate. "There is no question, the record is clear," the JTA was informed by a source at the Board. Holtzman noted that Henze "apparently serves as a National Security Council liaison with the Board."

### ANTI-SEMITIC AGITATION REPORTED ON DECLINE IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 6 (JTA) — "A significant decline of anti-Semitic agitation can be observed" in Argentina, according to Nehemias Resnizky, outgoing president of the DAIA, the central representative body of Argentine Jewry. Resnizky made that observation recently in the course of a review of events during the past decade when he served the DAIA first as secretary general and later as its president. He said it demonstrated "the understanding of the (Argentine) authorities of the anxieties expressed by the Jewish community."

Addressing Jewish community leaders, Resnizky recalled the years 1973-75 when Peronism made its comeback in Argentina. At that time, under the mask of anti-Zionism and anti-imperialism, anti-Jewish publications flourished, he said, under the protection of the pro-Arab Minister Jose Lopez Rega, the alleged lover of Isabel (Evita) Peron.

He said that after the military revolution on March 24, 1976, the DAIA made great efforts to alert government officials and public opinion to the dangers anti-Semitism posed for the peaceful co-existence of all Argentine citizens. The situation has improved now, he asserted. But prior to 1976, when leftist elements were free to spread their propaganda, they joined rightist groups in agitating against the Jewish community, though always claiming they were not fighting Jews but Zionist imperialist agents.

— There are still isolated anti-Semitic incidents, however, Resnizky noted, the most recent being the bombing of a rabbinical seminary several months ago. Resnizky reminded his audience that the DAIA has been fighting against the "Moral and Civic Formations" which has a "clear (Catholic) confessional connotation." He said it was not possible to predict the outcome.

Meanwhile, the DAIA itself is having difficulty finding a new president to succeed Resnizky. According to DAIA sources the most likely candidate is Jose Kestelman who is willing to assume the post but has been unable to put together a leadership team.

# FIRST STUDY OF CONVERTS TO JUDAISM CALLS FOR RE-EXAMINING TRADITIONAL JEWISH RESPONSE, UAHC REPORTS

TORONTO, Dec. 6 (JTA) -- The majority of converts -- 86 percent -- taking part in a scientific study of conversions, were reported here today to feel that it is important to give their children a serious continuing Jewish education and almost all of them reported they intended to give their children such an education.

This was one of the findings of what was described as the first scientific effort to assess the impact of the conversion experience on the converts, on his or her born-Jewish spouse and on their non-Jewish and Jewish families. A report on the study, titled "New Jews: The Dynamics of Religious Conversion," was released at the 55th General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Nearly 3000 leaders of Reform Judaism in the United States and Canada are attending the Assembly through Dec. 11.

The study also found that converts had a socio-economic profile and education level comparable to that of born Jews and that only 15 percent came from homes in which religion was "very important." Many reported viewing their childhood religious backgrounds as "oppressive."

The study found converts become more active Jews as the length of their lives as converts increased. Parents of converts in the study, while generally resenting their children's decision to convert to Judaism, at first, "ultimately become reconciled," especially if the marriage is successful.

## Positive Signs Noted

"Rabbi Sanford Seltzer, director of Reform Judaism's Task Force on Outreach," said there were many "positive signs" for Jewish life in the on-going conversion process which were being overlooked. He told the delegates that these included:

"The generally positive attitudes toward Jews and Judaism as evidenced by the choice of Jewish mates by non-Jews; the tendency of converts to actively embrace synagogue life and become practicing, observant Jews; the infusion of new blood into a Jewish community experiencing a decreasing birthrate; the proclivity of those who have chosen to retain their non-Jewish identities after marriage to Jews to forge ties with the Jewish community, nevertheless."

Data for the study were obtained through statistical records on 389 converts and response to questionnaires from 181 converts, plus personal interviews in 1978 and meetings with participants in a 15-week "Introduction to Judaism" course sponsored by the UAHC in Boston. The data showed that 48 percent of the Boston area converts in the sample were brought up as Catholics and 39 percent as Protestants, reflecting the heavily-Catholic make-up of the Boston area.

The study found that the converts reported feelings of being on "permanent probation" as Jews, rejection by their parents; and worry about having a Yule tree in their homes. More than 80 percent of the respondents said they had no regrets about their conversion, but some reported identity confusion, in-law troubles, non-acceptance by born-Jews, isolation, guilt feelings and negative parental reactions.

Dr. Steven Huberman, who directed the

study, said that action should be taken to help converts with such problems. He said for a convert to become meaningfully Jewish requires "the help of family and community. It is the belief of the majority of the respondents that although conversion involves tremendous stresses and strains, becoming and being Jewish is worth the struggle."

The study made a number of recommendations. One was that conversion courses should deal with the emotional aspects of conversion. Another was that rabbis should stay in contact with their converts after the conversion ceremony. The typical convert developed strong bonds of trust with his or her rabbi and converts reported that inability to maintain contact with the rabbi after conversion was felt as a real loss.

Another recommendation was to encourage converts to join synagogues. Converts see synagogues as the most important link to their new Jewish identity, next to their Jewish spouses and families, the study noted. The study found that while 57 percent of the converts belonged to a synagogue, only 18 percent had joined any other Jewish organization. The study said educational efforts are needed to explain the status of converts to born Jews.

## CHURCH WARNS AGAINST VICTIMIZATION BY ARABIZED STATE DEPARTMENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (JTA) -- Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, warned here that America must not become victim to the "Arabized State Department" and called for bold, firm action to reassure Israel that "the United States stands solidly behind Israel in its efforts to implement the Camp David accord with Egypt, which remains the only sound basis for peace in the Middle East."

Church made his remarks before more than 500 leaders of the furniture industry at a nationwide Israel Bond dinner of tribute to Nathan Ancell, chairman of the board of Ethn Allen, Inc. at the Sheraton Centre. Ancell received the Israel Prime Minister's Medal. The event produced more than \$3 million in investment capital for Israel's economic development.

The Senator said that he was worried about "a new doctrine of appeasement" which calls for "a grand design" for energy sufficiency which is aimed at weakening Israel's position in the world.

"Some candidates are saying that the energy crisis can only be solved by changing our policy in the Middle East," Church said. "They want us to trade Israel's sovereignty for Arab oil. You and I know that our fuel shortage cannot be solved that way. The Arab states and the other OPEC nations are running a business based on good engineering principles and the highest price that the market will bear -- and this has absolutely nothing to do with Israel."

Church also assessed the situation in Iran, which he compared to Israel's experiences in the past, and declared that, like Israel, "we Americans above all else must never, never bend to blackmail." The events in Iran and in the Islamic world "have driven home a lesson to American officials," he declared. "Never before was it clearer that we have no stronger, more steady and steadfast ally than Israel. We can always depend on Israel in moments of crisis and need."

The Camp David accords represent a reversal of U.S. policy which previously was the seeking of a "comprehensive settlement -- the all or nothing concept -- which was an illusion, one which some of our Arabist experts are still obsessed with," Church asserted.