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For information of offices not receiving prior information concerning subject, subject was born 8/1/32, US, and is described as 5' 8", black hair, brown eyes, and fair complexion.

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BOSTON OFFICE, LOS ANGELES OFFICE, SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE AND SEATTLE OFFICE

Will alert appropriate sources re subject's presence in their respective territory and report any pertinent information in form suitable for dissemination.

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Will check records of Passport Office, US Department of State, to determine if subject has been issued passport, or if recently applied for passport, being alert for details of contemplated trip to Israel and subject's current address.

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The details of this report reflect subject moved from his last known address in August, 1969, and he was using that address when arrested. The bank records, as set out in the details, reflected address as 440 West 42nd Street, NYC, which is the office of the JDL and this address also appeared in St. Louis letter of 10/30/70. New York will continue to attempt to locate subject's residence.

Copies are being furnished to other recipient offices as they have an interest in the subject's activities and leads have been set out previously for those offices. These leads are not being reset in the administrative pages of this report.

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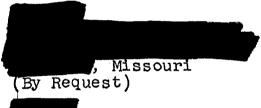
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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. 1. Will maintain contact with informants concerning subject's activities.

- 2. Will follow disposition of subject's arrests through New York City court records.
- 3. Will attempt to determine subject's current residence.
- 4. Will report results of education checks at Brooklyn College.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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67 Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #:

157-5767

Bureau File #: 105-207795

Title:

MEIR D. KAHANE

DECLASSIFIED BY 39063 GUILLEAN

Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE

Synopsis:

Subject moved from last known residence in 1969. No record located for subject at NYU. Arrest records of subject set forth. Information set forth concerning subject's travel throughout the United States on behalf of the JDL. Subject reported to be in contact with individuals in Israel. Information concerning subject's bank accounts set forth.

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DETAILS:

It is to be noted that subject has been identified in a previous report as the National Director of the Jewish Defense League (JDL).

The JDL is self-described as a militant activist group dedicated to the struggle for democracy, freedom and Jewish rights.

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GROUP I

Excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

On October 28, 1970.

New York, advised that Rabbi MEIR D. KAHANE formerly resided at 163-15 130th Avenue, Queens, New York, a part of Rochdale Village, but he moved on August 6, 1969, leaving a forwarding address of 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City. (This is the old JDL address.)

On November 12, 1970, reported that KAHANE left a forwarding address of Jewish Defense League, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

On November 20, 1970,
New York, advised that the subject formerly resided at 222-13 133rd Avenue, Queens, New York, but he moved several years ago. He recalled that persons unknown used to smear paint on subject's car and on his home.

this is the reason the subject moved.

On October, 1970, advised that the subject apparently went to Olin's Rent-A-Car Company on 66th Street, New York City, to rent a car on October 14, 1970.

On December 1, 1970, Olin's Rent-A-Car, 62nd Street and Broadway, New York, New York, advised he was unable to locate any record of the subject renting a car on a short term or long term basis in October, 1970. He advised this company does not have an office on 66th Street.

Telephone inquiry of Telephone Directory Assistance reflected that there is no telephone listing for the subject or his wife in Queens, Brooklyn, Nassau, Suffolk, or Manhattan, New York.

B. Education

On December 8, 1970,

New York University, Washington

Square. New York, New York, advised Special Agent (SA)

that she could locate no record that would indicate
that MEIR KAHANE ever received a degree or had ever been in
attendance in any division of New York University.

On November 5, 1970, SA caused the b7c records of the New York City Police Department (NYCPD) to be searched. These records contained the following information concerning MEIR KAHANE, born August 1, 1932:

Precinct	Arrest Number	Date	Charge -
84	489	February 26, 1969	195.05 PL
19	2026	December 18, 1969	240.20 PL 6&7
18	14514	December 29, 1969	145.00 PL 105.00 PL
19	2071	December 30, 1969	340.08 PL
19 .	671	April 19, 1970	240.08 PL-6
90	1438	June 29, 1970	120.05 & 3 195.05 205.30

On November 17, 1970, Special Clerk searched the records of the New York City Criminal Courts and he ascertained that the charge against the subject for his arrest on February 26, 1969, was dismissed. The case is still pending for his arrest on June 28, 1970. He is to appear in court on January 6, 1971, for his arrest on December 18, 1969. He is to appear on November 30, 1970, for his arrest on December 29, 1969 and he is to appear in court on December 14, 1970, for an arrest on December 30, 1969.

On November 19, 1970,

Glen Cove. New York Police Department advised SA

that the subject was one of a number of individuals

who were "detained" on July 27, 1970, for defacing property
on or about the Soviet Union Estate in Glen Cove, New York.

He advised these individuals were taken to the police station
early in the morning of July 27, 1970. The Soviet Union Mission
in New York City was notified and that Mission stated that a
representative from the Mission would be at the police station
to press charges against the subject and his associates.

After waiting four and a half hours without anyone from the Soviet Union Mission appearing, the Glen Cove, New York Police Department released all the individuals without charging them. He advised that his records show the subject's address to be 440 West 42nd Street, New York City.

On December 3, 1970, SA ascertained that the latest address for the subject in the records of the NYCPD was 163-15 130th Avenue, Queens, New York.

II. ACTIVITIES

In October, 1970, advised that the subject advised in of the JDL, on October 14, 1970, that he finally got LENNY BERNSTEIN's home address and that soon they are going to ask JDL members to "take over the entire building, sit in it, and see how much pressure BERNSTEIN can take".

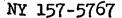
advised that on the same date, the subject discussed with an individual, whose identity was unknown to the informant, that the JDL had a tentative "sit in" scheduled at the home of LEONARD BERNSTEIN, the New York Philharmonic Orchestra leader on Tuesday, October 20, 1970.

It is to be noted that the JDL has in the past registered opposition to LEONARD BERNSTEIN which stems from a highly publicized party held in his home which included members of the Black Panther Party (BPP), and promoted funds for that organization.

Information concerning the BPP can be found in the Appendix of this report.

On October 28, 1970, furnished the following information:

Several months ago he attended a meeting attended by approximately 50 persons of the Jewish community in St. Louis, Missouri. The major speaker at this meeting was MEIR D. KAHANE, National Chairman of the JDL. The informant



was unable to recall anything that the subject had to say during this speech, but approximately 25 persons joined the JDL at the conclusion of the meeting. Approximately half of those that enrolled were merly curiosity seekers.

On October 14, 1970, advised that Rabbi MEIR \$2,610 K. KAHANE, representing the Jewish Defense League (JDL), spoke at the Kay Spiritual Life Center, American University, Washington, D. C., from approximately 8:15 PM to 10:00 PM on October 13, 1970. There were about 35 individuals of college student age in attendance.

Rabbi KAHANE delivered a short prepared speech in which he spoke of the need for Jewish unity and stressed the need for JDL chapters to be formed on college campuses throughout the United States.

The September 28, 1970, issue of the "Cleveland Press", a daily newspaper published in Cleveland, Ohio, contained an article captioned "Don't Try To Perform Here, Russian Artists Warned", which indicated that Rabbi MEIR KAHANE, head of the JDL spoke at Wiley Junior High School in University Heights, to gain support for this organization from the Cleveland Jewish community. In making the above warning, the subject pointed to performances by the Moisoyev Dancers that were disrupted and had to be canceled recently in both Chicago and New York. The article said when the dancers were here on September 20, 1970, the performance in the afternoon was picketed but not halted. The subject told the persons at the meeting that if Arab guerilla attacks against airlines and offices around the world are not stopped, then Arab business, offices and planes would be attacked.

In October, 1970, furnished the following 62,670 schedule for the subject:

He was scheduled for a debate on October 25, 1970, at a synagogue at 713 Bellville Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey.

He was requested to speak at the Brotherhood of Temple Sinai in Tenafly, New Jersey, no date given.

The subject and were scheduled to go to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the evening of October 7, 1970. The source reported that thousands of dollars were involved. The subject was requested as a speaker at a club which is composed of Jewish dental technicians from Queens County, New York, although no definite date was set.

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The Men's Club of the Flatbush Jewish Council requested the subject as a speaker some time in February or March, 1971.

The subject is to be in Columbia, Missouri, to make a speech at an unknown university on the evening of October 28, 1970.

The subject would be in Boston, Massachusetts, on the weekend of Movember 20 - 22, 1970.

The subject is to speak at a fund raising affair, not further identified, on December 6, 1970.

The subject will speak at Northwestern University on April 16, 1971; at Williams College at 1:00 PM on November 1, 1970; in Providence, Rhode Island, on November 1, 1970; and he has a speaking engagement at Dartmouth College in the near future.

In October, 1970, reported that one ba,670 had contacted the subject as to what method he might 670 follow in raising funds for the JDL as he believed in the work of the JDL. KAHANE informed him that at a cocktail party recently in Philadelphia, \$5,000.00 was raised. He suggested this might be a method to follow.

According to this informant, KAHANE during October, 1970, was concerned about funds for the JDL as money was coming in slowly.

in October, 1970, advised that the JDL attempted to arrange an interview between GOLDA MEIR, Prime Minister of Israel and the subject, however, the JDL was advised that GOLDA MEIR was not interested in meeting with the JDL. Later, a member of the JDL made inquiries concerning GOLDA MEIR and a meeting on Sunday and the possibility exists that some persons who had not been invited to this meeting with GOLDA MEIR, may attempt to gain entry.

According to the subject was present at a JDL demonstration at the Board of Education on October 29, 1970, which was held to protest racism in the schools.

On October 28, 1970, Hertz Rental Car, Lambert Air Field. St. Louis Missouri, telephone 426-7558, advised SA that at about 5:40 PM, a person identifying himself as MEIR D. KAHANE appeared at the Hertz Rental Car Agency at Lambert Field and rented a red two-door 1970 Ford Galaxie, Missouri license MG 9-280. The rental of this car had been arranged through Atlas Vacation Travel. 580 Fifth Avenue, New York City. MEIR was described by white male, 27-30 years old, 5 feet 6 inches, 145, build medium, unshaven, gray flannel jacket, dirty white shirt and wearing a black rabbi-type hat. KAHANE indicated that he expected to return the rented car before 9:00 AM on October 29, 1970, and that he intended to return to New York City shortly thereafter. His home address was listed as 440 West 42nd Street, New York City, New York, and he exhibited a New York driver's license number KO126 254180345060326, expiration in 1973, and indicated his home address as 440 West 42nd Street, New York, New York. He had \$23.00 on his person when renting the car as well as several checks, one of which he requested to be cashed; however, this was refused by

On October 28, 1970, advised that MEIR D. KAHANE rented a 1970 Ford Galaxie, Missouri license MG 9280, from Hertz Rentals, Lambert Field, St. Louis, Missouri, at 6:45 PM, October 28, 1970. This vehicle was to be returned to Hertz Rentals at Lambert Field before 9:00 AM, on October 29, 1970, and was to be used to drive to Columbia, Missouri. advised that the rental of this car was arranged for by Atlas Vacation Travel, New York City, and KAHANE listed his home address as 440 West 42nd Street, New York, New York.

On October 28, 1970, advised that KAHANE arrived at Columbia, Missouri, about 8:30 PM, October 28, 1970, via a 1970 Ford, bearing Missouri license MG 9280. Advised that immediately upon his arrival, KAHANE spoke to the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, 1107 University Avenue, Columbia, Missouri, a Jewish student association located near the University of Missouri, at Columbia, Missouri (UMC) campus. The Hillel Foundation sponsored the speech which was originally scheduled to start at 8:00 PM. advised that approximately 65 persons were in attendance, consisting of UMC students, and 12 adults, all members or friends of the Hillel Foundation.

advised that KAHANE spoke about the founding of the Jewish Defense League (JDL), its purposes and goals, and compared the present conditions in the United States to conditions present in Germany, before World War II. KAHANE claimed Jews will be blamed for the Vietnam War and stated Jews must overcome their "respectable hang-up" and resort to means which have helped blacks in America to achieve their goals. 62,670 advised that KAHANE stated the Jewish cause in America 67C is hopeless and KAHANE, who claimed to be planning immigration to Israel, in September, 1971, stated he hopes all American Jews will go to Israel, where KAHANE states there is hope. advised that KAHANE's expressed purpose of his trip to Columbia, Missouri, was to start a Jewish Defense League chapter, however, advised that KAHANE received a poor reception by the Hillel Foundation, when the group gathered to hear his talk. advised that KAHANE referred to a (last name not stated), who was an alleged member of the JDL at Columbia, Missouri, who could be contacted by interested persons. advised that no effort was made to organize a local. JDL chapter at the meeting on October 28, 1970, probably due to the poor reception of KAHANE's speech by the group present.

advised that KAHANE stated, after the speech, that he plans to travel to St. Louis, Missouri, in November, and to Berkeley and the University of California at Los Angeles, in December. The meeting terminated at about 10:30 PM.

On October 29, 1970, advised that the for the Hillel Foundation is Columbia, Missouri. advised that after his speech at the Hillel Foundation, KAHANE registered at Room 203, Downtowner Motor Inn, 1111 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri, listing his home address as 440 West 42nd Street, New York City, and his vehicle as a 1970 Ford with Missouri license MG 9280. Also registering for Room 203, on October 28, 1970, was University City, Missouri, driving a Doage automobile with Missouri license.

advised that KAHANE made no long distance telephone calls while at the Downtowner Motor Inn.

advised that KAHANE departed Columbia, Missouri, at about 5:45 AM, via the 1970 Ford, rented from Hertz Rent-A-Car.

In October, 1970, advised that the subject was attempting to organize parties in the New York City area to raise funds for the JDL.

In the latter part of October, 1970, reported that the subject was informed that a temple was located in Staten Island, New York, that can be used for karate purposes.

The November 24, 1970 issue of the "Daily News", a daily newspaper published in New York, contained an article captioned "Girl Militant's Car Hits 6 Cops". According to this article, a girl member of the militant JDL crashed the car into police guarding the Russian Mission to the United Nations last night injuring a sergeant and five patrolmen. The girl identified as MARILYN BETMAN was booked for attempted murder. According to the article, the demonstration was "the kick-off of an escalating campaign" to protest the plight of Jews in Russia. The article stated

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that 120 JDL members, headed by the subject, had moved into 67th Street, about an hour before the crash and the subject told a police inspector that "we're holding a prayer meeting in the synagogue. When we finish, we'll leave".

On November 27, 1970, the Subversive Unit of the Chicago, Illinois Police Department advised that Rabbi MEIR KAHANE was listed as a speaker for a rally to be held at the Mather High School, 5835 North Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, at 1:00 PM on November 29, 1970. This rally is to be sponsored by the JDL and a \$2.00 donation will be required to gain admittance. The other speaker for the occasion was to be LOUIS KUTNER, a Chicago attorney.

On December 3, 1970, advised that the subject left New York City, on December 2, 1970, for a trip to the West Coast to include stops in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle. The purpose of this trip is a fund raising campaign for the JDL. also advised that the subject is expected to attend a national conference of JDL representatives in Boston, Massachusetts, on December 13, 1970. This source stated that the subject has also mentioned the possibility of visiting MEYER LANSKY, American underworld figure in Israel, however, the source advised the subject has not made any definite plans in this regard.

On October 20. 1970, a representative of the NYCPD advised SA that on October 16, 1970, the NYCPD conducted a raid at an apartment located at 4702 15th Avenue, Brooklyn. In the apartment was found a quantity of firearms which was subsequently traced to the JDL and it was determined that the guns were legally purchased by Rabbi MEIR KAHANE, the Director of this organization in conjunction with a camp which the organization runs located in the Catskill Mountains of New York State.

Also found in the apartment, along with other items, was a slip of paper bearing the names,

and were arrested at Kennedy Airport,
New York City, in possession of four hand guns and a hand
grenade while attempting to board British Overseas Airways
Corporation (BOAC) flight 506 from New York to London.
Both were in possession of United States passports which
were determined to be fictitious bearing the names
and
Both were charged with destruction
of aircraft and passport violation.

On October 27, 1970, of the BOAC New York Office, advised that in conjunction with the inquiry made at his office on September 23, 1970, by a man and woman identified as and there was also an inquiry made a short time later on the same date by another couple regarding the same aircraft routing. The only identification regarding the second couple was that the man furnished his name as

A review of the records of the United States
Passport Office, New York City, reflect that passport number
was issued on September 17, 1970, to
in New Jersey, and described as
portnumber
was issued on September 17, 1970, to
born
in New York, and
described as

A comparison of these passports with those issued and indicate that all contain several similarities. The same witness to the affidavit was listed as a Brooklyn, for both and was listed as a witness for both and Additionally, the passport is the maiden name of

On October 22, 1970, who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is in a position to furnish certain information regarding activities of JDL members in the New York area, advised that two individuals

known to him as and both associated with the JDL, had left the United States for Israel, via Canada shortly after the arrests of the Subsequently, on October 28, 1970, photographs of the individuals who obtained the passports under the names and were displayed to this source who indicated that these individuals were known to him as and.

Photographs of the individuals who obtained the passports under the names and and were also displayed on October 23 and 28, 1970, at the BOAC office in New York City, and three individuals in that office identified both as being the couple who made inquiry at that office on the same date as the inquiry by

62,670 On October 26, 1970, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Rabbi MEIR KAHANE was in receipt of a telephone call from a from Jerusalem. According to the source, indicated that he thought KAHANE wanted them to go to another country and said it would cost "us" about \$300.00 to get there. He also indicated that he had received \$200.00 from and KAHANE indicated that he would send \$300.00 more. responded, "No, as I told you before they were going to check us at the airport for money and everything when we got there. If we had not shown over \$400.00 in cash, they would not have let us into the country". KAHANE asked, "Where over there? or Israel?" said, "The first point of landing". also indicated that he needed the address. or landing". also indicated that he needed the address in England. also made inquiry shout in England. also made inquiry about and and appeared pleased when he heard that was out on bail.

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On October 27, 1970, Brooklyn, reviewed the passport photograph and identified it as being identical with her daughter, She advised that her daughter left home approximately six weeks ago and she was unaware of her present location. She said that her daughter, although not Jewish, had been involved with the JDL and prior to her departure, had in her company an individual from the JDL whom she referred to as A photograph from the

passport issued in the name of was displayed to her and she identified this individual as being identical with the individual her daughter introduced as She further advised that she knew little background information regarding this individual with the exception that he was affiliated with the JDL, that he was from Canada, and apparently was visiting in the United States, possibly on JDL business. From her short conversation with him, she assumed that he had no permanent residence in the United States and suspects that her daughter accompanied this individual to Canada.

On October 30, 1970 dvised that he could furnish no information regarding the New York residence for put said it was his opinion that who is known in the JDL office in New York, is actually affiliated with the JDL in Montreal, Canada, and that his recent visit to New York, was of relatively short tenure. This source advised that he was familiar with possibly a period of one month during the late summer of 1970, when frequented the JDL office on many 1970, when frequencesions. He said that appeared friendly with and / , but he could give no indication as to his residence while in New York. He additionally felt that was probably a Canadian citizen and had lived the major portion of his life in Canada.

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On December 3, 1970, advised that all decisions of the JDL are made by the subject and the other officers are on a secondary leadership level.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

In the latter part of October, 1970, advised that the subject is considering going to Israel, on aliyah (immigrant status) in September, 1970.





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IV. DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained from the Board of Elections for the County of Queens, New York, which records were reviewed by Special Clerk on October 21, 1970:

Name
Date of Birth
Place of Birth
Sex
Height
Hair
Eyes
Marital Status

MEIR D. KAHANE
August 1, 1932
United States of America (USA)
Male
5 feet 8 inches
Black
Brown
Married



APPENDIX

BLACK PANTHER PARTY Also Known As Black Panther Party for Self-Defense

According to the official newspaper of the Black Panther Party (BPP), the BPP was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY G. SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, Minister of Defense, BPP.

The official newspaper, called "The Black Panther," regularly states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to as "pigs" who should be killed.

The newspaper, in its issue of September 7, 1968, had an article by the then Minister of Education, GEORGE MURRAY. This article ended with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

The BPP newspaper, issue of October 5, 1968, had an article introduced with the following statement: "We will not dissent from American government. We will overthrow it."

DAVID HILLIARD, Chief of Staff, BPP, in a speech at the San Francisco Polo Field on November 15, 1969, said "We will kill Richard Nixon."

DAVID HILLIARD, in the "New York Times," issue of December 13, 1969, was quoted as follows: "We advocate the very direct overthrow of the government by way of force and violence."

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APPENDIX

BLACK PANTHER PARTY (cont'd)

In the issue of April 25, 1970, the BPP newspaper had an article by Minister of Culture EMORY DOUGLAS as follows:

"The only way to make this racist US government administer justice to the people it is oppressing, is... by taking up arms against this government, killing the officials, until the reactionary forces... are dead, and those that are left turn their weapons on their superiors, thereby passing revolutionary judgement against the number one enemy of all mankind, the racist U.S. government."

The BPP Headquarters is located at 1046 Peralta Street, Oakland, California. Branches of the BPP, and Committees to Combat Fascism, under control of the BPP, have been established in various locations in the United States of America.







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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to

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Meir D. Kahane

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MEIR D. KAHANE, also known as Michael King, Martin Kahane

who has provided re- 62,67D On December 18, 1970, liable information in the past, advised that Rabbi Meir Kahane, who is self described as the Founder and Executive Director of the Jewish Defense League, (JDL), held a news conference at the Century Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on December 1, 1970.

> JDL is self described as a militant activist organization dedicated to the struggle for democracy, freedom, and Jewish rights.

The November 26, 1970, issue of the Los Angeles Times contained an announcement setting forth that "Rabbi Meir Kahane. Founder and Executive Director, of the JDL", would speak at the Century Plaza Hotel on December 1, 1970, at 7:30 p.m.

stated that Kahane discussed the JDL at the December 1, 1970, meeting and made an announcement that an or- b3670 ganizational meeting of the JDL would be held in Los Angeles on the evening of December 2, 1970. Individuals who were interested in attending this meeting were invited to contact Kahane at the conclusion of his talk.

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MEIR D. KAHANE

Source stated that he learned that the organizational meeting mentioned above was held on December 2, 1970, from approximately 8:00 to 10:30 p.m., at the residence of Los Angeles, California.

The <u>local telephone Criss-Cross Directory reflects</u> by a listing for Los Angeles.

This meeting was attended by approximately 45 persons who appeared to be for the most part middle aged Jewish couples.

Kahane stated that he was seeking members for JDL and hoped to establish this organization in Los Angeles. He said that existing leaders in the Jewish community in the United States have not done a proper job in protecting Jews from Anti-Semetism, teaching Jewish youths facts of their heritage or instilling in them a sense of Jewish pride. One of his points was that Jews should not be involved in establishing Jewish hospitals and that such money could be put to better use in protecting Jews from Anti-Semetic violence. Kahane appealed to those present to join JDL and as a consequence approximately thirty persons signed up for membership. Many of those who joined paid the \$18.00 membership fee at the time. Kahane stated that checks should be made payable to J. O. Y., which source understands is the Jewish Organization for Youth. Kahane advised those in attendance that such membership fees are tax deductible.

Kahane stated that JDL has operated on a budget of \$70,000 over the last two years and mentioned that members of the National Rifle Association have been giving rifle training to JDL members in New York.

Source was able to provide copies of correspondence that has been received by one of the individuals who joined JDL on this occasion, copies of which are attached to this communication.

CONFINENTIAL



MEIR D. KAHANE

Kahane stated that he intended to return to Los Angeles in February 1971, in furtherance of JDL and added that at that time he will speak at various Jewish Synagogues.

continued that on December 3, 1970, he attended \$2,600 a speech delivered by Kahane at Haines Hall, on the campus of the University of California at Los Angeles, (UCLA). Source stated that Kahane spoke under the auspices of the Associate Students Speakers Program.

Kahane explained the aims and purposes of JDL and was extremely well received by the approximately 125 persons in attendance. Source stated that Kahane is a dynamic speaker who has touched a responsive nerve in the Jewish community, particularly when he asked what success the moderate Jewish leaders and organizations have achieved in combating Anti-Semetism and bombing of synagogues and temples.

Source continued that Kahane stated during his Los Angeles visit that he intended to take up permanent residence in Israel in September 1971.

Source concluded by stating that Kahane indicated that he plans to travel to Tuscon, Arizona on the evening of December 3, 1970.

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Dear Member,



Welcome to the ranks of the Jewish Defense League. Membership in JOL is a badge of honor and you have become a link in a chain known as Ahavat Israel — love of Israel — which extends as far back as the dawn of Jewish history. By your application for membership you manifested an understanding of the crisis and problems that beset Jewry today, and the need for a firm and swift solution to them. Above all, you indicate your willingness to take part in aiding the Jewish people yourself.

Membership in JDL does not begin nor end with payment of dues and the signing of an application form. We have never been and never will be an organization satisfied with a large paper membership. We have enough of such groups. We look for, and expect, active support from our members IN THE WAY BEST SUITED TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL TALENTS AND CAPACITIES

We expect you to have Ahavat Israel and to sacrifice -- if need be for our people. We expect you to have Hadar -- pride in Jewishness -- and a desire to see that the Jewish people stand tall and firm against whatever enemies rise up against them.

We expect active participation at meetings and activities if at all physically possible. Thus, we set up minimum standards. When those standards are attained, members are entitled to full participation in the organization.

We look for maturity and responsibility from our members on the one hand, and a willingness to abandon timidity and fear on the other. We expect you to follow us in doing what must be done, not in what may be popular.

JDL is a disciplined and centralized organization. In these days of crisis, the reasons are obvious. We insure the swift mobilization of our members; we can quickly eliminate any racists or unstable individuals who might drift in; we are able to guarantee that there will be now change in basic philosophy of an activist Jewish Defense League; we guarantee that a local chapter understands that it is part of a national organization and does not merely live for its own particular and parochial problem; we eliminate that bane of Jewish existence — internal strife and division.

All this is possible only through the organizational structure of JDL. All final decisions come from our national office which consists of an executive board and National Chairman working in consultation. with a National Committee.

Each member is assigned to a local chapter which is part of a District, headed by a coordinator. This coordinator is in constant touch with each chapter chairman in his district. The chapter chairman and the coordinator are both subject to approval by the Executive Scard. There is no greater disaster for JOL than to have the wrong leadership on either national or local level.

we encourage initiative on the part of all chapters but any action must be cleared with the office, for obvious reasons. The coordinator, in conjunction with the national office and in consultation with the chanter. can remove and appoint officers and members for good cause.



ACTIVITIES

DEMONSTRATIONS

One of the fundamental ways in which JDL will achieve its aim of awakening people to the crisis and keeping the spotlight on the extremists, is through public demonstrations. In order for them to be most effective, they must be large, well organized and disciplined.

Because of this, and because our members understand the need for self-sacrifice, we expect every member who is physically able, to participate in these demonstrations. JDL is not a paper or a social group. It is an organization of people who see the crisis and are willing to actively do things to stop it.

When you are informed of an activity, we expect you to join with your fellow members in struggling for Jewry. That, after all, is what JDL is all about.

SELF DEFENSE

All those interested in attending physical fitness, karate and rifle groups should notify the chapter chairman immediately.

The purpose of these groups is to teach our members how to DEFEND - I emphasize defend - themselves against the tragic violence engendered by the Radical Left and racists.

Under no circumstances whatsoever is any JDL member to use his training for any aggresive action without cause. Under no circumstances is any JDL member to carry weapons of any sort except to and from practice. Misuse of a weapon can bring disrepute on the entire organization.

On the other hand, we will not foolishly fail to learn the art of self defense in these dangerous times merely because of the distaste of certain individuals and groups for the use of weapons.

We may be smeared by these groups but we who know that our purpose is proper will survive them and their sneers.

One final note. Those who do register for training must look upon it as a serious thing and not a game. Stick to it and become proficient at it. Responsible expertise will build responsible and mature defenders of Jewry and America.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-207795).

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UBJECT MEIR D. KAHANE, aka

Michael King, Martin Kahane

IS-NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES-JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL)

00: New York

Re New York airtel 12/3/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven (7) copies of a Letterhead Memorandum, (LHM), concerning captioned individual. Two (2) copies are designated to Bufile 62-112767, concerning Jewish Defense League, (JDL). Three (3) copies are enclosed for New York and two (2) copies for Phoenix. Two (2) information copies are being furnished to Boston, San Francisco, and Seattle. The LHM is classified confidential to protect the identity of who is of the of Los Angeles, California,

who is an established source whose identity must be protected.

LEADS

PHOENIX

AT TUSCON, AIRZONA: Will contact sources regarding possible presence of KAHANE in Tuscon, approximately December 3, 1970 and December 4, 1970. Particular note should be made of local newspapers for December 4, 1970, as they may contain information regarding KAHANE.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will continue efforts to obtain information regarding the establishment of JDL in this area.

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MEIR D. KAHANE, aka

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IS-NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL)

On January 6, 1971, (PROTECT), an established source in Israeli matters, reported MEIR D. KAHANE was in Los Angeles, California about a month ago and is planning to return in February to speak in several temples. He is expected to increse his organizing activity but the details of his activities are not known.

In the event KAHANE comes to the State of Washington and the source learns of his proposed travel there, the source will promptly advise the Seattle Office.

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REGARDING TO ASCERTAIN FULL DETAILS OF HIS BACKGROUND, ASSOCIATES AND ACTIVITIES IN SETTING UP LOS ANGELES CHAPTER OF JDL. SUBMIT RESULTS IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION UNDER HIS CAPTION WITH CHARACTER AS INSTANT COMMUNICATION. BUFILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION.

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IDENTIFY PERSONS ATTENDING MEETING WHO MAY HAVE
BECOME MEMBERS OF JDL. INTERVIEW THEM IMMEDIATELY
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UTILIZED FOR FINANCING OF JDL ACTIVITIES. CONTACT
LOCAL OFFICE OF INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TO ASCERTAIN
IF JOY OR JDL HAVE APPLIED FOR TAX DEDUCTIBLE STATUS.

BEAR IN MIND ATTEMPTS BY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
TO OBTAIN AVENUES FOR INDICTMENT OF JDL OFFICIALS AND
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An Event of Great Importance!

RABBI MEIR KAHANE

Founder and Executive Director of the

JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE SPEAKS!

THESE ARE THE PROBLEMS:

- Revolutionaries Rampant! Police Killings!
- Unjust Blame on Jews Who Support America!
- The Tragedy of the Bombing of Synagogues and Temples!
- High Crime Rate! Unsafe Jewish Neighborhoods!
- Subversives Trying to Capture the Minds of Jewish Youth!
- The Mounting Wave of Anti-Semitism!

Hear JDL's Solutions to these Problems.

JOIN US AT THE MEETING!

TIME: 7:30 P.M. DATE: DEC. 1ST, 1970 LENTURY PLAZA HOTEL, Los Angeles, Calif.

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Re Los Angeles letter dated 12/29/70 and New York report dated 12/21/70.

Jewish leaders in San Francisco have publicly denounced the Jewish Defense League (JDL) and deny that there is any membership in the organization in the San Francisco area.

Jewish sources know of no JDL members in San Francisco at the present time. They are alert for such membership and for the possible establishment of the organization in the area and will advise if this happens.

The San Francisco Police Department Intelligence Unit also is interested in this matter and has no information of any JDL activity in this area.

This matter will be reopened in San Francisco when the information reporting the establishment of JDL in this area is received.

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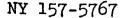
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ENCLOSURES

TO BUREAU (2)

Two (2) copies of form FD-376, one of which is for transmittal to Secret Service, Washington, D.C.

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RePGairtel pointed out in order to check IRS records, the request must come from the Bureau. The purpose for originally requesting a check of IRS records was to determine subject's residence. Since this is now none, no request for IRS records check is being made.

ReNYtel to Bureau, 1/8/71, under JDL caption, advised that a fisur would be conducted on 1/10/71 on who was to meet with KAHANE on that day at 8 a.m. This fisur was conducted and was observed leaving his residence shortly prior to 10 a,m. presumably and he was surveilled to a Jewish synagogue center where he stayed for approximately 2 hours. No one known





ADMINISTRATIVE (cont'd)

to the surveilling Agents as members of the JDL, including KAHANE, were observed entering or leaving that center. This information is not being set forth in the details of this report.

NYairtel to Bureau, 1/12/71, set out a lead for the Albany Office to review records of NY State Motor Vehicle Department to determine subject's insurance company from whom it was expected subject's address may be obtained. Since subject's address has been ascertained, Albany can disregard this lead.

NYO has conducted additional inquiries at various banks and department stores who had made inquiry of the Credit Bureau of NYC concerning subject in a effort to determine his residence. These inquiries are record in subject's file in NYO, but they produced no new information and they are not being set forth in the details of this report.

The details of this report reflect that subject is residing at 632 East 5th Street. Brooklyn and has phone number listing in the name of Since subject's residence has been reported to be one of the most closely guarded secrets of the JDL and he feels secure in that address, the NYO has conducted no direct inquiry in that neighborhood as it is felt such inquiry would eventually reach the subject who would then move to another address. Since it cannot be determined that the subject is actually using the name br if someone maybe residing in that building by that name, the title of this case is not being changed to include the name.

Legat, Tel Aviv airtel of 1/13/71, set forth information concerning one a native of Israel who applied for a visa to visit one.

New York, NY. This airtel also pointed out that the who is to be visited, is was not certain of the name of husband, but stated it was possibly MEIR KAHANE.



ADMINISTRATIVE (cont'd)

On 1/29/71, advised the only person named residing here is a [roomer] in Apartment 6E a young wad who moved to this address approximately 3 months. ago,

A pretext inquiry of (pretext utilized was an reflected that the with her is a young, single lady who moved to this address approximately 3 months ago having come from Israel. did not believe that her roomer was related to the Rabbi MEIR KAHANE in New York of the JDL, who has received much publicity recently, as she feels informed her of any such relationship. would have

Copies are being furnished to indicated Offices as they have either outstanding leads in this matter or it is expected that the subject will be in their territory in the future.

The subject appeared at the Federal Grand Jury, SDNY on 1/20/71 and after identifying himself as an official of the JDL, he pled the Fifth Amendment, according to departmental authorities.

INFORMANTS

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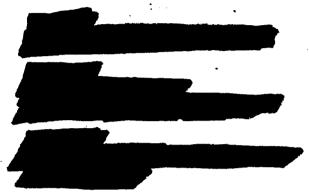
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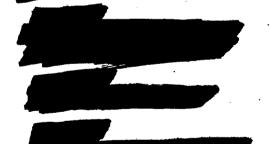
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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. 1. Will maintain contact with informants concerning subject's activities.





LEADS (cont'd)

- 2. Will follow dispensation of subject's arrests through NYC court records.
- 3. Will check toll tickets on subject's telephone at 632 East 5th Street, Brooklyn.

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٦.	Subject's name is included in the Security Index Agitator Index Reserve Index. The data appearing on the Security Index Card Agitator Index Card are current. The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card A B are current have been changed.
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6.	Subject is employed in a key facility and
	charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are
7.	This report is classified "Confidential" because (state reason) To conceal the identities of sources of continuing value, the disclosure of which would not be in the best interest of the matrices.
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8.	Subject previously interviewed (dates) 9/29/70 Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
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	Subject active in JDL as National Director

11. X Subject's SI card is tabbed X Priority I Priority II Priority III.

Subject's activities warrant such tabbing because (state reasons)

He is leader of JDL.

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Title:

MEIR D. KAHANE

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Character .

INTERNAL SECURITY-NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES-JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE

Synopsis:

Subject's marriage and education at Brooklyn College. New York Law School and NYU verified. Information concerning subject's court cases set forth. Information concerning subject's residence set forth. Information concerning subject's appearances throughout the US set forth. Subject traveled to Israel in latter part of 1970 and returned early Information concerning subject indictment by . NY Grand Jury set forth. Information concerning subject's bank account and subject's wife's bank account set forth and additional background re the subject set out.

DETAILS:

Marital Status

On January 11, 1971, Special Clerk (SC) reviewed the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics for the Borough of Brooklyn, New York. These records recorded the marriage of MARTIN D. KAHANE, born on August 1, 1932 in Brooklyn, New York and LIBBY BLUM, born March 1, 1938 in Brooklyn, New York, on June 3, 1956. MARTIN D. KAHANE'S

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occupation was listed as a student and his parents were recorded as CHARLES KAHANE, born in Israel and SONIA TRAININ, born in Latvia. LIBBY BLUM's occupation was given as a secretary and her parents were listed as JACOB BLUM, born in Poland, and ADEL FRIEDMAN, born in Hungary. This marriage, which was the first marriage for both parties, was performed by Rabbi CHARLES KAHANE, 1710 West 2nd Street, Brooklyn, which was the address listed for MARTIN D. KAHANE.

Education

On January 22, 1971,

Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York, advised SA,

that her records reflect that MARTIN D.

KAHANE, 1710 West 2nd Street, Brooklyn, New York, attended this school from September, 1949 to June, 1954, when he graduated on June 13, 1954 with a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree, majoring in Political Science and History.

On January 25, 1971,

New York Law School, New York, New York,
advised SA that her records contained the following information:

MARTIN DAVID KAHANE, born August 1, 1932 in Brooklyn, New York, residence 1710 West 2nd Street, Brooklyn, New York, attended this school from October 4, 1955 to February 19, 1957 when he graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) degree. He had previously attended Brooklyn Law School from September, 1954 to September, 1955. He had a BA degree from Brooklyn College in June, 1954 and his high school was listed as Talmudical Academy which he attended from 1945 to 1949. His military status was listed as 4D.

On January 26, 1971, New York University (NYU), Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York, New York, furnished the following information to SA

MARTIN DAVID KAHANE, who had received a BA degree from Brooklyn College in 1954, attended this school from 1956 to 1957 and received a Master of Arts (AM) degree on June 6, 1967. He majored in Government and his AM thesis was "Israel's Concept of Aggression: An Analysis".

Residence

Telephonic inquiry with the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles on December 30, 1970, revealed that the subject has a New York State Operator's License, issued to him in the name of MARTIN D. KAHANG, born August 1, 1932. His residence was listed as 440 West 42nd Street, New York, New York.

It is noted that 440 West 42nd Street, New York, New York is the address of the Jewish Defense League (JDL).

Information concerning the JDL can be found in the Appendix of this report.

Subject's wife, LIBBY KAHANE, born March 1, 1938, has a New York State Operator's License issued to her at the address of 156 5th Avenue, New York, New York.

It is to be noted that 156 5th Avenue is the former address of the JDL.

These records reflect that the subject has an automobile currently registered to him in the name of MARTIN D. KAHANE, born August 1, 1932, for a 1964 four-door, blue Chevrolet sedan, New York license 5111 QJ, registered to the address of 254 Quentin Road, Brooklyn, New York.

On December 31, 1970, Brooklyn, New York, advised that Rabbi CHARLES KAHANE resides in Apartment 2D at this address. He identified a photograph of the subject as a picture of the son of Rabbi CHARLES KAHANE,

He has also seen the subject in television news coverage at JDL demonstrations in New York City; however, he has never seen the subject at this address. He has seen the subject's children at this address. He stated that two months ago, CHARLES KAHANE suffered a heart attack and his wife is currently in a hospital undergoing an operation.

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In January, 1971, furnished the following information:

As of six months ago, MEIR D. KAHANE resided at 632 East 5th Street, Brooklyn, New York, second floor, and his telephone number is 871-7136. He advised KAHANE is not using

his own name at this residence and he believes KAHANE is using his wife's family name in Brooklyn, New York, which is BLUM.

The subject selected this address very carefully and he feels he can trust the other residents at this_address. This address is also considered by KAHANE to be within walking distance of his father's residence, which is a feature KAHANE desired as his father suffers from a heart condition. His residence is one of the most closely guarded secrets in the JDL as KAHANE is afraid of reprisals from militant left groups.

On January 19, 1971, observations of 632 East 5th Street, Brooklyn, New York revealed a blue Chevrolet, four-door sedan, bearing New York license plates 5111 QJ, parked immediately in front of this residence. The Cross Reference Telephone Directory for Brooklyn, New York, reflected that there are three telephones listed to [871-7136;

On January 21, 1971, SC caused the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York to be searched. No record was found for or both of 632 East 5th Street; These records did reflect that wife of 632 East 5th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

York, New York, has a satisfactory credit rating.

On January 21, 1971, and idvised that the electric facilities for at 632 East 5th Street, Brooklyn, New York, were initially furnished on August 1, 1969. could furnish no additional information concerning

It is to be noted it has been previously reported that the subject moved from 163-15 130th Avenue, Queens, New York, in August, 1969.

Telephone Company, 140 West Street, New York, New York, advised SA hat telephone number 871-7136 was instance on August 20, 1969 in the name of 632 East 5th Street, Second Floor, Brooklyn, New York. He could furnish no additional information concerning was contacted on January 19, 1971.

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On January 21, 1971, advised that the following names appeared on the mail boxes for 632 East 5th Street:

It is noted it was previously reported that, is the residence of subject's father and 871Brooklyn, New York.

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Semel Grocery, there appeared 632 East 5th.

Arrest Record

On December 29, 1970, SC reviewed the records of the Manhattan Criminal Court, 100 Centre Street, Brooklyn. These records reflect that Docket number B35352/69 pertains to subject's arrest on December 30, 1969. These records reflect that he was to appear in court on January 19, 1971. On January 19, 1971, SC advised that Docket B35190 which pertains to subject's arrest on December 29, 1969, reflects he is to have a jury trial on February 9, 1971. These court records reflect that Docket A25089, which were reviewed on December 30, 1970 by SC pertains to an arrest of MEIR KAHANE in connection with an arrest on December 29, 1970 and he was charged with Rioting and Resisting Arrest. He was to appear January 7, 1971 on this charge.

On January 12, 1971, SC reviewed these court records which reflected that Docket C10257 revealed that on January 6, 1971, subject's parole was revoked and a bench warrant issued. Docket A25089 reflected that subject's parole was revoked and a bench warrant was issued on January 7, 1971. These records reflected that on January 12, 1971, KAHANE was arrested on the bench warrants issued as mentioned above and he is to appear on January 19, 1971, in connection with Docket B35352/69. SC reviewed this record on January 29, 1971 and this docket reflected that the subject is to be tried before Judge LANG on February 2, 1971.

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On January 11, 1971, School reviewed the records of the Brooklyn Criminal Court and it contains Docket A10147 which pertains to an arrest on June 28, 1970. This docket reflected that the subject is to appear on March 3, 1971 in Brooklyn Criminal Court to answer to these charges.

Activities

of the files of the Passport Office, Department of State regarding subject and on December 15, 1970 was furnished the following information:

A communication dated April 1, 1970, from United States Delegation to the United Nations (USUN) in New York to the Department of State stated that Rabbi MEIR KAHANE of the Jewish Defense League (JDL) and approximately 25 youthful followers presented themselves in the lobby of the U.S. Mission on April 1, 1970 stating they would "sit in" until they saw Ambassador YOST. Their purpose was to ask YOST to make a statement in support of the right of Soviet Jews to leave the United Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) for Israel and more specifically for the family of one to leave the Soviet Union. Who recently came from the USSR, was in his eighth day of a hunger strike across the street from the U.N. on that date. He was demanding Soviet exit permits for his parents.

KAHANE had called local press, radio, and television and a considerable number of newsmen, complete with cameras, came to the Mission with the group. They did not notify USUN in advance, for request of appointment.

The group was peaceful, waited an hour, and were told YOST would see KAHANE and two others in his office.

KAHANE, for his group, said the JDL realized the U.S. had made statements in the past on Soviet Jewry but felt a high level statement, such as YOST could make at the U.N., would be helpful. KAHANE felt the US could exercise considerable leverage vis-a-vis the Soviet because of a number of separate negotiations involving the two countries. He felt the US had been unwilling to exercise its leverage fully. YOST replied the US has repeatedly raised questions of Soviet Jewry in the UN, and would continue to do so when appropriate. In the case of the

Government urged to desist, since it was concerned that such activities by recent emigres from the USSR might hurt the chances of more Jews leaving there. YOST said he agreed with the Israelis and felt the US statement on the case might be counterproductive. YOST said he felt KAHANE overestimated leverage available to the US in its various negotiations with the USSR. He said the Soviets have made clear they do not tie these things together, and that agreements come only as the result of common interests in specific areas.

The fifteen minute meeting concluded with KAHANE urging a general US statement on the plight of Soviet Jews and YOST repeating that the US would undoubtedly continue to make such statements at appropriate times, but stressing that a statement in the UN "out of the blue" would not be received favorably in the UN and would not help the cause of the Soviet Jews.

On October 5, 1970, advised that Rabbi MEIR 62,67D D. KAHANE, National Chairman of the JDL was scheduled to debate one on October 25, 1970, at a synagogue located at 713 Belleville Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey.

The 1970 Polk's City Directory for Trenton, New Jersey, shows that the Adath Israel Congregation is located at 715 Bellevue Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey.

On December 1, 1970,
Trenton, New Jersey, advised that the women's and men's groups of the Adath Israel Congregation have been sponsoring a series of speakers in order to generate an interest in Jewish matters. The program is known as the Sunday Omnibus Series. Rabbi KAHANE and as scheduled on October 25, 1970,

Trenton, New Jersey, on December 8, 1970, said Rabbi KAHANE of the Jewish Defense League and of the American Jewish Congress represent two opposing viewpoints. Spoke on the necessity of resorting to established procedures to obtain police protection. KAHANE made an emotional appeal to the pride of Jews to take steps

to protect themselves from physical harm. said roving patrols in the New York area have successfully protected residents in areas lacking adequate police protection from physical harm and in doing so drew attention to the critical need of police patrols.

KAHANE, according to did not advocate a resort to violent methods. However, felt that if his emotional appeal successfully reached the audience, most of the listeners would, as practical and realistic men, temper the emotional with a practical approach to the problems faced by the Jewish community.

had also advised KAHANE was to speak at the Brotherhood of Temple Sinai, Tenafly, New Jersey, on October 5, 1970.

of the on November 23, 1970, advised Rabbi KAHANE did not speak at his Temple. He said the men's club of the Temple paid \$100 to hear speak to them on November 25, 1970, at the Temple. said the membership wanted to hear the JDL views.

On October 19, 1970, advised that the subject will speak on some undisclosed future date in St. Louis in the morning and at a larger rally in Chicago in the evening. People from Milwaukee will travel to Chicago by bus for the rally there.

On November 30, 1970, furnished the following information:

The source advised that Rabbi MEIR KAHANE of the New York Chapter of JDL spoke in Providence on the evening of November 4, 1970, at Temple Emanuel, the largest synagogue in Providence, Rhode Island. The Rabbi of this temple is Source stated that 700-800 people attended the lecture and that the general response of the audience was most favorable. KAHANE spoke concerning the background of JDL and its activities and the speech was delivered in the form of a membership request to initiate a new chapter of JDL in Providence, Rhode Island. KAHANE also mentioned that the JDL budget for last year was \$70,000 and that they aimed

for a much larger budget this year. KAHANE mentioned that one of the future aims of JDL would be to attempt to organize JDL groups on several campuses throughout the country. This then would be a student group of JDL and would be named after DOV GRUNER, an Israeli martyr who was hung the the British during the struggle for Israeli independence.

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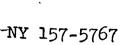
The subject spoke on November 29, 1970 at a JDL rally which was held at the Mather High School, Chicago, Illinois. There were approximately 350 people in attendance at this meeting. In his speech, the subject made the following remarks:

- 1) When the American Jews first heard about "Auschwitz" they called President FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT's attention to the movement of the cattle cars that were intended to be used for transporting the Jews to the camps. He was asked to have the United States bomb them. He refused. The Jews were apathetic in their protest. The JDL would have taken to the streets and put it on page 1.
- 2) When the blacks were denied their civil rights they took to the streets. Why didn't the Jews go into the streets? Because they have hang-ups "respectability" for one. He is tired of "respectable" organizations who do nothing.
- 3) The JDL is founded on "Love of the Jews". Three-thousand Jews in the Soviet Union want to be free and we should do everything to help them.
- 4) It took the students to show the way with active protests. Put our story on Page 1, and if it takes a bombing of the Soviet Embassy as occurred in New York, to be put on Page 1 fine. He referred to the story of a student Soviet protest rally landing on Page 88 in the "New York Times" but, the Bombing Story made Page 1. The JDL was then called "Vigilantes".
- the American Jewish Committee are too rich and too fat to understand the Jewish pain.

- 6) The ADL leaders' concepts are not Jewish concepts they are assimilated liveral concepts.
- 7) The second hang-up is "Love". The Jews seem to think that the whole world must love us. More important is to gain respect by earning it. JDL believes that the time has come to have Jewish pride. Self respect stand up and fight.

Jewish problems must come first:

- 8) The Jewish Federation in New York raised \$24,000,000 from the Jewish people's pocket-books, but allocate it for non-sectarian causes. The so-called Jewish hospitals should be supported by all ethnic groups which they serve not by monies raised in the name of Jewish Charities.
- 9) The JDL is the fastest growing Jewish organization in the country, in spite of the criticism from B'nai B'rith leaders not the BB members. Appealed to the youth to join only \$5 and if you don't have it, join anyway. We want quality not quantity.
- 10) In New York, Jews were being forced out of government jobs to make room for other minorities and the B'nai B'rith and other "respectable" organizations did nothing about it.
- 11) At the Lincoln Hospital in New York, Jewish doctors were being forced out to make openings for other minorities. The JDL took over the administrative offices. In two days was reinstated.
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- 12) In the New York Williamsburg District, where thousands of poor Jews live, a Chassidic Jew accidently ran over a Black girl with his truck. The court freed him of responsibility. In spite of the court's decision, the Blacks went on a rampage against the Jews. Calls came into the JDL headquarters for help. Why did the poor Williamsburg Jews call the JDL instead of B'nai B'rith? Because they know they would come down They did come down and conquered. The Blacks stopped their terrorism.
- 13) Chicago does not have the Jewish problem that New York has. However, now is the time to organize --- when you don't need it --- so that you will be ready when needed. Also, you should be organized to help other areas where they have Jewish problems.



- 14) We are concerned with the climate that is being created by our country's problems: The Radical Right, the Radical Left, social, political and economic, as evidenced by the actions of the blue collar workers being laid off. Fascism is a distinct possibility. "Never Again". It must not happen here.
- 15) Invited everyone to join the JDL, but to be sure to stay in the organizations of which they are members. See to it, from within the groups, that they fight for the Jewish causes to prevent what happened in Germany. No anti-Semitism has been activated by a Jew who has fought back.

Violence is always bad but sometimes necessary.

On December 18, 1970, advised that Rabbi MEIR KAHANE, who is self described as the Founder and Executive Director of the JDL, held a news conference at the Century Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on December 1, 1970.

The November 26, 1970, issue of the "Ios Angeles Times" contained an announcement setting forth that "Rabbi MEIR KAHANE, Founder and Executive Director, of the JDL", would speak at the Century Plaza Hotel on December 1, 1970, at 7:30 p.m.

stated that KAHANE discussed the JDL at the December 1, 1970, meeting and made an announcement that an organizational meeting of the JDL would be held in Los Angeles on the evening of December 2, 1970. Individuals who were interested in attending this meeting were invited to contact KAHANE at the conclusion of his talk.

Source stated that he learned that the organizational meeting mentioned above was held on December 2, 1970, from approximately 8:00 to 10:30 p.m. at the residence of Los Angeles, California.

The local telephone Criss-Cross Directory reflects a listing for at Los Angeles.

This meeting was attended by approximately 45 persons who appeared to be for the most part middle aged Jewish couples.





KAHANE stated that he was seeking members for JDL and hoped to establish this organization in Los Angeles. He said that existing leaders in the Jewish community in the United States have not done a proper job in protecting Jews from Anti-Semetism, teaching Jewish youths facts of their heritage or instilling in them a sense of Jewish pride. of his points was that Jews should not be involved in establishing Jewish hospitals and that such money could be put to better use in protecting Jews from Anti-Semetic violence. KAHANE appealed to those present to join JDL and as a consequence approximately thirty persons signed up for membership. Many of those who joined paid the \$18.00 membership fee at the time. KAHANE stated that checks should be made payable to J. O. Y., which source understands is the Jewish Organization for Youth. KAHANE advised those in attendance that such membership fees are tax deductible.

KAHANE stated that JDL has operated on a budget of \$70,000 over the last two years and mentioned that members of the National Rifle Association have been giving rifle training to JDL members in New York.

KAHANE stated that he intended to return to Los Angeles in February, 1971, in furtherance of JDL and added that at that time he will speak at various Jewish Synagogues.

continued that on December 3, 1970, he attended a speech delivered by KAHANE at Haines Hall, on the camput of the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). stated that KAHANE spoke under the auspices of the Associate Students Speakers Program.

KAHANE explained the aims and purposes of JDL and was extremely well received by the approximately 125 persons in attendance. Source stated that KAHANE is a dynamic speaker who has touched a responsive nerve in the Jewish community. particularly when he asked what success the moderate Jewish leaders and organizations have achieved in combating Anti-Semetism and bombing of synagogues and temples.

Source continued that KAHANE stated during his Los Angeles visit that he intended to take up permanent residence in Israel in September, 1971.

Source concluded by stating that KAHANE indicated that he plans to travel to Tuscon, Arizona on the evening of December 3, 1970.

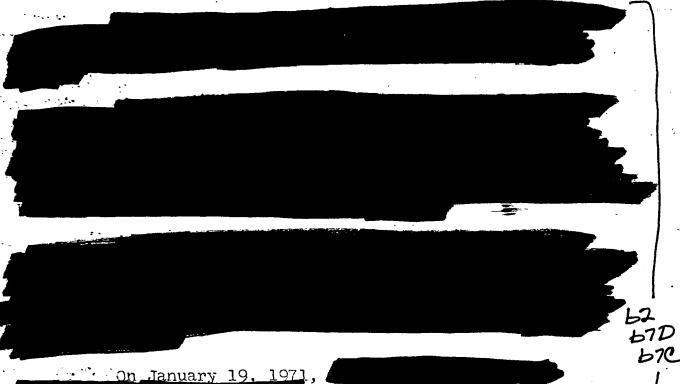
On December 29, 1970, the records of the New York City Police Department (NYCPD) revealed that the subject who gave his address as 440 West 42nd Street, New York City, was one of several individuals who were arrested on December 27, 1970 in connection with a demonstration held by Jewish groups in the vicinity of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations, New York City. Subject was charged with Rioting and Resisting Arrest.

On January 11, 1971 issue of the "New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, on page 1 contained an article captioned "Jewish Defense League Plans to Harass Russians". This article stated that the subject said on January 10, 1971 that the JDL was forming groups to follow, question and harass Soviet diplomats in New York City and the purpose of this harassment would be to publicize a crisis in Soviet-American relations that would stop their countries from "building bridges over Jewish bodies". According to this article, United Press International reported that the subject also said these groups would "assault" Soviet diplomats. The subject, according to the article through the League's General Counsel BERTRAM ZWEIBON, denied last night that the subject has used that word. According to the article, the subject's remarks followed a series of recriminations, bombings and demonstrations that have exacerbated Soviet-American relations

On December 3, 1970, advised that recently MEIR KAHANE mentioned the possibility of visiting MEYER LANSKY, an American underworld figure, in Israel, however, KAHANE has not made any definite plans in this regard.

On January 8, 1971, the above source advised he heard that KAHANE had departed the United States on Thursday, December 31, 1970, for Israel and he may return to the United States on January 10 or 11, 1971.

On January 8, 1971, advised that KAHANE was expected to return to the United States on January 8, 1971. Subsequently, advised that KAHANE had contacted the General Counsel of the JDL on January 8, 1971, and arranged to meet with him and others on January 10, 1971. Also, reported that KAHANE has advised that the person who went with him is staying "there" and learning "good things". Also KAHANE was interviewed in Israel on January 7, 1971, but this source could furnish no further details concerning this.



New York, furnished the following information:

KAHANE's name appears on a list of passengers for El Al flight 200, which was due to depart New York for Tel Aviv, Israel, on December 30, 1970, at 5:40 p.m. passenger list, his name was added to a tour group which was previously formed. KAHANE's name was removed from this list and added to the passenger list for El Al flight 242 which was subsculed to depart New York for Tel Aviv, Israel, on December 30, 1970, at 11:40 p.m. However, this flight was delayed and did not actually depart New York until 10 a.m. on December 31, 1970, arriving at Tel Aviv January 1, 1971. No other names were added to this flight other than KAHANE. On flight 242, besides KAHANE and airline personnel, the only other passengers destined to Tel Aviv were four members of a family named who are identified in El Al flight records as i and a diplomatic ourier.

On January 22, 1971, above, advised that El Al flight 459 departs Tel Aviv for Rome, Italy, and Paris, France. Flight manifests for this flight are maintained in Tel Aviv and are not available in New York.

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In January, 1971, advised that the subject was at a JDL meeting on January 10, 1971. On January 18. advised that JDL had contacted the United States Department of State on that date, in an attempt to get an appointment with Secretary of State ROGERS for MEIR KAHANE. She stated that KAHANE will be going to Washington, followed extensively by the press, and he will not leave the State Department until either he has seen Secretary ROGERS or until he comes out of the building. told the State Department that MEIR will-be going there and MEIR will see ROGERS. According to the informant, does not know exactly when KAHANE is going to Washington, D.C.

On January 20, 1971, and advised that the subject 62 planned to leave New York on January 21, 1971 for Toronto, Canada from LaGuardia Airport at 7 p.m. They plan to return to New York the same evening. It is to be noted, according to a local New York City newspaper, that one who was released from is one of the individuals coming to the a Russian jail, defense of the JDL against criticism on their tactics recently in New York City.

On January 25, 1971, and advised that the subject and plan to depart New York from LaGuardia Airport, New York City for Dayton, Ohio, on January 28, 1971 and plan to return on January 29, 1971.

The January 19, 1971 issue of the "New York Times" on page 1, contained an article which indicated that the subject and eight others of the JDL were indicted yesterday on charging including Assault, Inciting to Riot, Rioting, Criminal Mischief and Burglary. Seven, including the subject.

pled not guilty and were released on bail in Manhattan Supreme Court. The eighth, who is 18 years old, will be arraigned in "Youth Court" of the same Supreme Court.

Before agreeing to set bail for the seven who pled before him, Supreme Court Justice GERALD P. CULKIN made each one promise not to engage in further "illegal activities". According to the article, the indictments handed up by the New York City Grand Jury involved incidents involving damage by JDL members outside two Soviet offices and inside the offices of the Action Committee on American-Arab Relations. The prosecuting Assistant District Attorney FRANK J. ROGERS said that other cases are still being presented. prosecutor said he would agree to continuation of \$2,500 bail of the subject by another judge if the subject would promise to desist from illegal activities including "encouraging people to break through and encouraging people to demonstrate not in designated areas". The judge told the subject he was free to accept or reject the prosecutor's offer. The subject agreed to the offer. According to the article, the subject was indicted on three counts, Ribting, Inciting to Riot and Unlawful Assembly.

The January 20, 1971 issue of the "New York Times" on page 1, contained an article which announced an "indefinite moritorium" in the organized campaign of harassing Soviet diplomats and members of their families.

The January 21, 1971 issue of the "Daily News", a daily newspaper published in New York City, on page 22, contained an article that according to the subject, the JDL has called for a boycott with all United States companies trading with the Soviet Union in an attempt to stop alleged Soviet harassment of Jews. The article stated 20 JDL members sat in at the office of Columbia Artists, which is a major firm in New York City which sponsors a tour of the "Siberian Dancers and Singers from Omsk". This article stated the firm had refused to cancel the tour.

The January 14, 1971 issue of the "New York Times" contained an article on page one entitled "Grand Jury Will Hear Charges Against Jewish Defense League." In the article, it was stated that yesterday the JDL announced the appointment of its counsel, Mr. ZWEIBON, as its new National Chairman, effective next August. The article pointed out that ZWEIBON





helped found the JDL in 1968, with the subject and a third man, identified as MORTON DELINSKY, now a resident of Israel. The article also pointed out that Mr. ZWEIBON's appointment will coincide with the subject's intended establishment of residency in Israel. The subject, according to the article, would not comment when asked if he intended to surrender his United States citizenship. The article also stated that the subject is scheduled to become chairman of an organization called the World Jewish Defense League. The subject, in the article, said yesterday that the organization had branches in France, England, the Netherlands and Mexico and expected the formation of others in Argentina, Brazil, Israel and possibly Venezuela.

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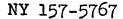
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The "New York Times" in its issue of January 24, 1971, on page 1, contained an article captioned "The Complex Past of Meir Kahane". This article reflected that several years ago KAHANE was known as MICHAEL KING, resident of an East side apartment who spent time in Washington as a partner in a small company that sought government contracts for political research. Under the name of MICHAEL KING, he wrote papers and books and once organized a student movement to support the war in Vietnam. He said he first started using the name MICHAEL KING in 1962, more or less as a lark. According to this article, his father, CHARLES KAHANE, in commenting on the shaping of his son's political views, remarked that in 1952 after swastikas had been smeared on a number of synagogues, he, as head of the "Rabbinical Board of Flatbush," had many meetings with local officials. He recalls returning from one of these dejected and disspirited and unwittingly he said he mentioned it would be a good idea if Jews would organize an underground. According to CHARLES KAHANE, the subject took this seriously. According to the father, in 1947, the subject and some of his friends threw tomatoes at ERNEST BEVIN, the British Foreign Minister, who was in the United States for a visit. This article said the subject attended the Mirrer Yeshiva where he was ordained and began calling himself MEIR. This article said that according to the subject's mother, in 1963, the subject went to Israel, leaving his wife and four children, for a few months. A relative who did not want to \mathbf{Q} be identified, according to the article, said at the time of his departure, the subject predicted he would soon become a member of the Israeli Cabinet. The article said from Israel. the subject wrote his parents that he "met with the chief Rabbis of Jerusalem" and he was the first Rabbi, American and so young, to be admitted among them. The article continued the subject served for three months as a Rabbi in a kibbutz and then returned home. The article said his mother stated he was very upset "at all the fighting among the Jewish factions in Israel".

According to the article, the subject had a close friend in Brooklyn, JOSEPH CHURBA and they went to the same school and both attended camp in the Catskills, run by Betar, the revisionist, Zionist organization. In May, 1969, the article said CHURBA rented a mailing address and a phone number under the name of Consultants Research Associates, 509 5th Avenue and when the subject started working with Consultant Research, he moved seriously in the identity of MICHAEL KING.



One of their first ventures was the July 4th Movement, an attempt to mobilize campus support in favor of the Vietnam war.

The January 18, 1971 issue of "The National Observer" a national weekly newspaper, on page 3, contained information concerning the JDL and background of KAHANE. This article stated at the age of 14, subject enlisted in the American branch of Betar, a Palestinian Jewish youth movement and spent his spare time at docks in Bayonne and Hoboken, smuggling guns on freighters bound for the rebels seeking to establish Israel as an independent state.



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APPENDIX

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JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE

On June 9, 1969, a source advised the Jewish Defense League (JDL) was formed September, 1968, by Rabbi Meir Kahane, a writer for the newspaper "Jewish Press", an Anglo-Jewish weekly published in Brooklyn, New York.

According to the source, JDL is a militant organization dedicated to the struggle for democracy, freedom and Jewish rights. This militant attitude is reflected in the firearms and karate training afforded many of its members. The League regards its readiness to use force in certain situations as one of its virtues.

Public statements by Rabbi Kahane proclaim that the purpose of the League is to combat anti-Semitism wherever it exists in the world.

Another source advised on November 10, 1970 that the JDL is composed primarily of young Jewish militants who consider themselves through their militant involvement as the primary defender of "Jewish rights in the United States".

In an effort to dramatize and bring public attention to the plight of the Jewish community in Russia, JDL has engaged in many demonstrations, vigils and pickets against Soviet official establishments and personnel in New York, Washington and other cities of the United States. Several of these demonstrations have resulted in physical harm and property damage to Russian personnel and property and JDL members have been arrested and charged with this destruction.

Similar demonstrations have been conducted by the JDL against Arab official establishments, primarily in New York City and vicinity to dramatize what the League feels as Arab antagonism and injustice against the State of Israel. Several of these demonstrations have resulted in physical harm and property damage resulting in arrests of JDL members who were charged with this destruction.

According to this source, most well-known Jewish organizations are opposed to the JDL on both ideological and moral grounds.







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Soviet Jews' Backers Offer No Resistance in Washington

Exclusive to The Times from the Washington Post

WASHINGTON—About 900 persons were arrested here Sunday after they sat down near the Soviet Embassy in a peaceful demonstration in support of Soviet Jews. Those arrested were part of more than 2,500 persons who had marched to the intersection of 16th and K Sts. NW, about 500 feet from the embassy, after a rally held by a coalition of Jewish groups, including the militant Jewish Defense League.

Rabbi Meir Kahane, head of the league, was the first to be arrested in the sit-down, which blocked the intersection to traffic from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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"We want to show our desperation by this action," Rabbi Kahane told the demonstrators. "President Nixon will have to change his policy if enough Jews show themselves willing to sacrifice..."

Earlier, at the Ellipse, just south of the White House, Rabbi Kahane called on President Nixon to refuse to hold any talks with the Soviet Union until "they allow the Soviet Jews to go free." He said "few people care about a Jewish problem . . . but the whole world goes to any lengths to solve a world problem.

"We are gathered in Washington to give the world a king-sized headache."

Peaceful and Orderly.

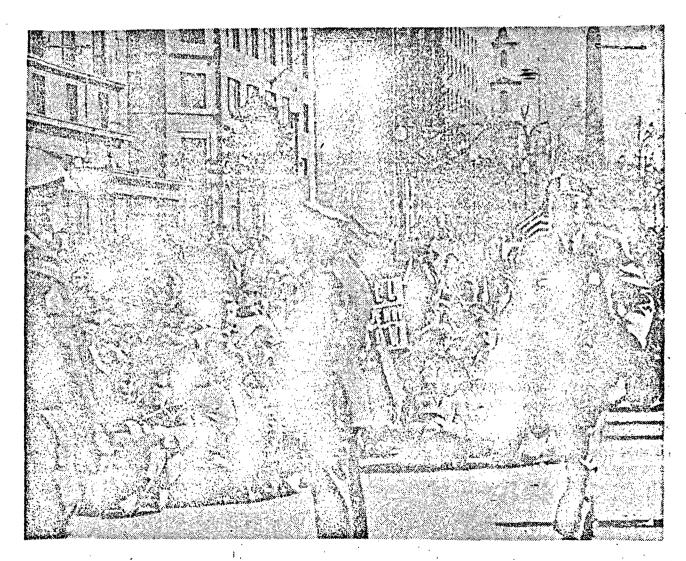
Like the rally at the Ellipse, the sit-down was peaceful and orderly. Exhorted to nonviolence, demonstrators accepted arrest without physical resistance or epithet.

Both District of Columbia Police Chief Jerry V. Wilson and Asst. Chief George R. Donahue estimated that the number arrested, including many juveniles, was about 900. Some were students from New York.

More than 250 uniformed Washington policemen were massed in the vicinity of the Soviet Embassy when the demonstrators approached. At least 30 uniformed members of the Executive Protective Service were also in the area.

Marching north on 16th St. from the rally, the demonstrators, carrying banners and placards, made no effort to breach the line of policemen and motorscooters across 16th St.

Instead, with Rabbi Kahane in the middle of the front rank, they sat down quickly, and filled the intersection from curb to curb.



officers prepare to arrest demonstrators protesting treatment of Soviet Jews. Protesters were arrested for blocking intersection near Russian Embassy.

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Russian Jews.

The sit-in, which tied up the horn to be nonviolent. intersection of 16th and K For the next 90 Soviet Jews.

The protest began with a they had come to Washington by police. "to give the world a king-sized headache."

Kahane said that Jews were finally being allowed permission to leave Russia "because American Jews are prepared to charge the barricades and get arrested and do all the things we should have been doing for 50 years."

Kahane led the noisy but disciplined crowd from the Ellipse past the White House through Lafayette Square and down 16th Street.

About a dozen police blocked the intersection of 16th and K, a block and a half from the Soviet Embassy. Federal law prohibits demonstrations within 500 feet of any foreign legation.

Kahane marched straight to the police lines then turned around and motioned his followers to sit.

WASHINGTON (UPI) —More Five minutes later police than 500 Jews were arrested in declared the demonstration downtown Washington Sunday unlawful and began arresting when they staged a massive sit- the demonstrators. Kahane was in near the Soviet Embassy as the first to go, but just before a protest to the treatment of he was led to a waiting bus, he told the crowd through a bull

For the next 90 minutes, streets for nearly two hours, officers loaded the crowd into climaxed a protest sponsored city buses. All went without by the militant Jewish Defense struggling but many waved League against the condition of clenched fists and shouted the JDL slogan "Never again."

Although predominately rally on the Ellipse, a park young crowd, several dozen behind the White House, where older persons and even a few JDL leader Rabbi Meir Kahane families with young children told the crowd of about 2,000 were loaded into the buses

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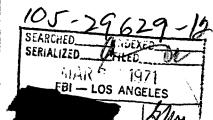
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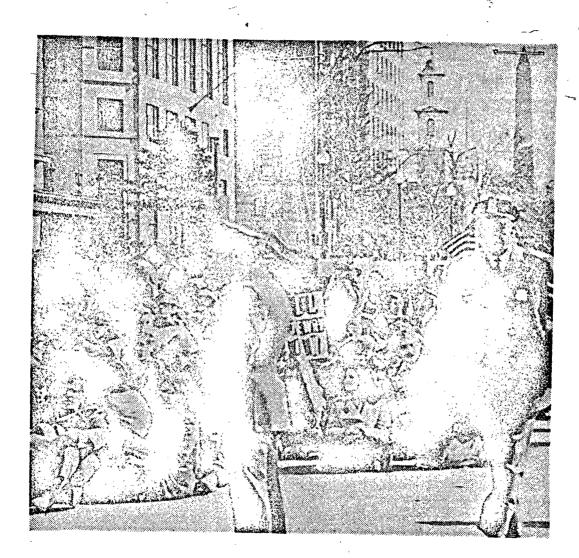
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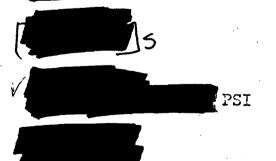
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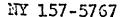
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DETAILS:

It is to be noted that the subject is the National Director of the Jewish Defense League (JDL).

The JDL is self-described as a militant activist group dedicated to the struggle for denocracy, freedom and Javish rights.

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On February 22, 1971, Special Clerk searched the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics for the Borough of Brooklyn, New York. These records contained birth certificate number 26955, which recorded the birth of MARTIN KANAME on August 1, 1932, in Brooklyn, New York. His father was listed as CHARLES KANAME, age 27, born in Palestine, occupation, Rabbi. His mother was listed as SONIA TRAININ, age 21, who was born in Latvia.

Arrest Record

The February 24, 1971 issue of "The New York Times" contained an article on page 6 captioned "Kahane is Guilty of Disorderly Conduct." This article reflected that the subject was convicted on February 23, 1971, on charges of obstructing governmental administration and disorderly conduct. cle said that the 6-member jury that deliberated three hours on the findings, dismissed a charge of resisting arrest. Criminal Court Judge IRVING LAMS set April 13, 1971, for sentencing. Obstructing governmental administration, a misdemeanor, carries a maximum sentence of one year in prison. and a \$1,000.00 fine. Disorderly conduct, a violation, is punishable by fifteen days in jail. The article stated that the verdict on February 23, 1971, arose from a December 30, 1969 demonstration at the Soviet Hission to the United Mations. The article stated that the subject was released in his own recognizance. According to this article, the subject told reporters he was to take an evening flight to Brussels to attend the World Conference of Soviet Jeury.

Activities

In February, 1971, furnished the following information:

of New England if a mew anything about informed KANAME that he did not know anything about them, but he did know that there is plenty of public source material on this subject. He referred the subject to be of Boston, who knows something about explosives. did not know if NAMAME ever contacted

In January, 1971, advised that one, who had just returned from Israel, attempted to contact the subject, as he had a letter from (phonetic), who was "hicked-out" of Russia as a troublemaker, and who organized a hunger strike in Israel on behalf of the defendants-in Lemingrad (who were on trial for an alleged plot to hijack an airliner). And a message for the subject and he indicated he would attempt to contact him later.

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In January, 1971, advised that the subject was to travel to Toronto, Canada on January 21, 1971, where a branch was formed of the JDL last September - October. This source indicated that KAMAME would be speaking at 11 am at Sydney Smith Hall and at 2 pm at Work University.

a young Soviet Jew mon residing in Israel, will accompany subject to Canada.

basic point will be

that young Soviet Jews, both in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) and those who recently got out, fully back JDL tactics.

The January 22, 1971 issue of the "Globe and Mail" (a newspaper published in Toronto, Canada) contained an article captioned "Kahane Visit is Condemned by Congress". article stated that the Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, yesterday condemned the visit to Toronto by the sub-The article stated that the subject spoke to students at the University of Toronto and York University, where he was invited to speak by the Action Committee for Soviet Jewry.

On January 26, 1971, advised that Rabbi MEIR D. KAHANE of the Jewish Defense League, New York City, planned to travel via Allegheny Airlines from New York City to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in order to deliver a speech at 8:30 PM on January 26, 1971.

advised on January 26, 1971, that Rabbi MEIR D. KAHANE spoke at Dickinson College on that day under the auspices of the Hillel Council, Jewish students organization, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Information concerning KAHANE's 57C appearance on campus was made through a letter to parents, faculty, and friends on the Hillel Council stationery signed by MEL NAROL, President.

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Padvised that approximately 800 or 900 persons attended KAHANE's speech, three-quarters of whom were students at Dickinson. KAHANE was introduced by Professor the Department of Psychology at Dickinson College. According to KAHANE arrived late for his engagement and addressed the group from 8:30 to 9:30 PM, and then answered questions for approximately 30 minutes.

advised KAHANE began his lecture by tracing the plight of the Jews during World War II, pointing out that President ROOSEVELT was petitioned by Jewish leaders to bomb the railway facilities leading to and supplying Auschwitz Concentration

Camp, but turned a deaf ear and as a result, one million Jews died at that concentration camp and six million died throughout Europe.

KAHANE stated the black people, having been oppressed in this country for a number of years, responded some 25 years later and went to the streets. Once in the streets, they got results. KAHANE questioned as to why the Rabbis were not in Washington, D. C. during World War II or why a hundred thousand Jews were not protesting in the streets of New York during that period. He stated the reason for this was due to the fact that Jews have a hang-up called, "Respectability."

KAHANE stated it was time that the plight of the Jews in the Soviet Union was taken off Page 40, where it has been put by the Jewish establishment and put on Page 1 where it belongs. He advised that the Jewish Defense League is a "radical organization" and they have made the news media put the question of the Soviet Jews on Page 1 for the past two months.

During his speech, KAHANE cited scriptures and Jew-ish teaching, saying that it was recorded that Moses once observed an Egyptian slaying an Israelite and Moses took up a weapon and slew the Egyptian. He therefore concluded from this Jewish teaching that violence was sometimes necessary, and when the lifeof a Jew was threatened, murder also be demanded.

KAHANE stated the problem of the Jews in Russia is a very real one, and that prior to the actions of the JDL, President NIXON was not losing any sleep over the problems of the Jews. KAHANE stated, "in order to get the President of the United States to do anything about the Joviet Jewish problem, it was necessary to make their problem his problem." He pointed out harassing of Soviets in the United States has done this, and a continued program of disrupting Soviet life in the United States may eventually bring results.

KAHANE pointed out "President NIXON, as well as past president," has been building bridges to the Soviet Union over the bodies of Jews." He advised perhaps the actions of the JDL

will stop this deplorable practice. He also advised that he does not want an all out war with Russia, but if the JDL continues to harass Soviets and to make their life uncomfortable, perhaps the Russians will say, "the Goddam Jews aren't worth the aggravation," and release a couple thousand Jews.

KAHANE stated the aim of the JDL was to attempt to disrupt the Strategic Arms Limitations Talks (SALT), by suspending them temporarily with emphasis on temporary suspension. He further advised that perhaps the JDL could upset the cultural exchange program also. He pointed out that because both these programs are vital to the Soviets in their maintaining contact with the United States, a disruption of those would be disagreeable to both the United States and Russia. The actions of the JDL could not possibly make the oppression of the Jews in Russia any worse.

advised that during the question and answer period following KAHANE's speech, KAHANE pointed out he planned to move from the United States to Israel, where he would set up an International Office of the JDL. He pointed out he would make this move in the very near future, taking his wife and children with him, but stated, however, he would frequently be in the United States on speaking engagements. He further advised the JDL has had numerous inquiries about its movement from concerned Jews all over the world and that this was the reason for opening an International Office.

On February 2, 1971, advised Rabbi MEIR D.
KAHANE was scheduled to come to Philadelphia on February 11,
1971, for an 8 PM speech at Temple Beth Ami, 9201 Bustleton
Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Speaker on the same program is one
ber of the Soviet Jewish underground who left the Soviet Union
and went to Israel.

Stated the meeting is allegedly
under the sponsorship of the Philadelphia Committee to Save
Soviet Jewry, which identified as a front for the JDL.

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On January 29, 1971, MEIR D. KAHANE, National Director, JDL, appeared as a guest on the PHIL DONAHUE television show based in Dayton, Ohio. The show is a sixty minute live telecast and is primarily questions by the audience and answers by the guest. KAHANE made no definite statement as to his future plans concerning militant activities, however, his major theme was to free the Jews in Russia, who are denied the right to practice their religion. The temperament of KAHANE seemed to be to generate enthusiasm for younger Jews to become active in his cause.

On January 28, 1971, and advised that he has no knowledge of the purpose for KAHANE's visit to the Dayton, Ohio area.

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On February 3, 1971, further advised that contact with members of the Jewish community revealed that KAHANE come to Dayton, Ohio mainly to appear on the PHIL DONAHUE television show and he was not in Dayton to meet with any particular individuals.

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further advised that KAMANE is not very well accepted by the Jews in the Jewish community in Dayton, Ohio because of the manner in which he conducts himself and his theory of freeing the Jews in Russia.

In January, 1971, advised that the subject was to speak in Buffalo on February 4, 1971.

the has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that approximately 1,000 people gathered at 57D Morton Student Union, State University of Hew York at Buffalo (SUMMAB) for a speech by ILHE WIHALL on February 4, 1971, at 8:00 PM. NUMBER spoke for approximately two hours in an atnosphere during which he was cheered and hecided by the audience, some of whom, it is apparent, did not approve of his statements. His speech was generally regarding anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union and a call for a free state of Israel. It was difficult to actually hear many of the statements made during the speech because of the loud jearing among many dissident factions in the audience. stated that there was a minture of New Left, pro-Zionist, and more passive type Jews in the audience and that this caused the mixed opinions regarding KININI's speech, which were so apparent. KININI was accompanied by what appeared to be body guards and as a result no trouble occurred during the course of the evening. It was announced that the appearance of MINIE was sponsored by the Students for Israel as well as the SUNYAB Student Association.

who has furnished reliable information in the past, corroborated the above information.

Heither source had any information regarding how long K/H/MH stayed in the Buffalo, Hew York area or what his schedule was to be after he left Buffalo.

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In January, 1971, advised that the subject would speak on February 8, 1971, at Cortlandt State University and/or Syracuse University in New York State.

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On February 5, 1971, advised that Rabbi HEIR D. KHIME, National Director of the JDL, was scheduled to speak before the student body at Syracuse University on the evening of February 8, 1971.

Im article that appeared in the February 10, 1971 edition of the "Daily Orange," the official Symacuse University newspaper, amnounced that Rabbi IMIR D. NIMINE spoke before a group of students in Hendricks Chapel, Synccuse University, on the evening of February C, 1971. The article related that KJHAIN spoke first about the horrors of World War II and the Auschmitz death camp. He told how FRANKLIN D. ROOSLYELT refused to destroy the railroad lines that transported two million Jeus into Auschwitz. This inaction by Government, KAINNE said, continues today as exemplified by President MINON's "I sympathize fully but can't do anything about it attitude toward Russia's persecution of Soviet Jews. RIMARI was further quoted as stating, "That do you do when the Government says no?" "First," says NURING, "you make the world know there is a problem by getting page one publicity using thatever means are necessary." "The second step is to make the Soviet Jews! problem RICHIRD HIMON's problem."

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The article also noted that tactics used by the JDL to receive publicity and to produce a Soviet - United States diplomacy crisis have included harassment of Soviet Embassy and airline personnel and demonstrations in New York City.

The article further related that KAHAME said that the United States Government is more interested with "building bridges to the East," then the human problem, and that to change this "you attempt to knock those bridges down." He stated, "violence is either a two-way street or a no way street, but we never again will let it be a one-way street." KAHAME advised Jewish students to be proud to be Jewish, and to be unafficient of violence. He said that violence is always there and sometimes necessary.

The "Daily Orange" reported that in a question and answer period after the speech, NAMANNE talked about his future plans. He indicated that he was leaving for Israel in the summer "to set an example for young Jews," and to begin JDL chapters in other countries. NAMANNE indicated that there were 12,000 JDL members and 44 collegiate chapters.

There were approximately 50 students present at KAHAME's speech.

On February 9, 1971, advised that there is no 62 chapter of the JDL on Syracuse University campus. He noted that KUNCHI's appearance on campus was sponsored by B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation, an officially recognized Jewish

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student organization.

On February 5, 1971, advised that the subject appeared at the Staten Island Community College, Staten Island, Hew York, on February 3, 1971. The subject's speech and question and answer period lasted two hours. The speech centered around recent harassment by the JDL against Soviet officials, and the justification of such activities because of Soviet persecution of Soviet Jews.

On February 17, 1971, advised that the subject appeared before a group of students in the Hemorial Chapel of Colgate University, Hamilton, Hew Yoult on the evening of February 16, 1971. The speech was a plea for better treatment of Russian Jews in the Soviet Union.

KIMME pointed out that Jews have been in the front of many causes but mome of them have been Jewish causes and that Jewish young people are eager to march and fight for a cause, but there has been no Jewish cause for them to march for.

MILARE said that he felt that the Jewish Defense League has given Jewish youth the key to getting back to their Jewishness to do whatever needs to be done to allow Jews to be free.

KANCIE cited Jewish history to show the Jews have always fought for their beliefs and said that he feels that the JDL is giving young Jews a chance to find themselves and their Jewishness by continuing to fight for what they believe.

He called for a sit-down at seven state capitols, including Albany, New York on March 14, 1971, and also announced that there would be a sit-down planned for March 21, 1971, at the White Mouse in Mashington, D. C. to protest administration attitudes toward the plight of Soviet Jews.

On February 23, 1971, advised that the JDL office in NYC motified United Press International that the subject was leaving on this date aboard Sabena Belgium Morld Airlines, Flight 542, departing New York 5:45 PM and arriving at Brussels, Belgium 6:45 NM, Belgium time.

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On February 23, 1971,
Sabena Belgium Morld Airlines, advised that the subject was not a passenger aboard Sabena Flight 542, which departed New York at 5:45 PM, as he forgot his passport.

On February 23, 1971, advised that the subject was a passenger aboard Sabena Flight 548, which departed New York at 9:00 PM this date for Brussels, Belgium, and will arrive there 10:20 AM, February 24, 1971, Brussels time. She advised that subject has opened reservations for return.

The February 25, 1971 issue of "The New York Times," contained an article on Page 1, captioned "KMAME Barred By Parley, Is Custed From Belgium". This article stated that the subject was empelled from Belgium today (February 24, 1971) after he had been refused admittance to a conference of Jewish organizations on the situation of Soviet Jews. After having been barred from the meeting, he was detained ten hours by the Belgium Police for questioning and was then forced to depart on a plane to London.

The subject, according to the article, had been

allowed into the front hall of the Palais des Congres, a convention hall, where he made a written request for an opportunity to speak. It was rejected as had been a request before the conference. The article said he left the hall stating he had not come "to destroy the conference" but wished to exert his right to speak.

The article further stated that the Ministry of Justice said it had been advised by the conference leadership that the subject had been barred from the proceedings and that in view of the possibility of a disturbance, he was being expelled.

On Page 13 of this same issue of "The New York Times", dateline London, February 24, 1971, there appeared an article that the subject on the arrival at London, stated he did not plan to return to Brussels to protest his expulsion. The article quoted the subject as saying "I think that anytime there is pressure to have someone whose views are not popular silenced, it is very bad not just for myself, but for the general process of democracr." The article continued that the subject would not say how long he planned to remain in Britain, but he did say that after he returned to the United States he would intensify his campaign to induce the Soviet Government to change its policies toward Jews.

In February, 1971, advised that a speaking date for the subject had been set for February 28, 1971, at Washington, D. C. This speaking engagement was arranged by a point (ph) of Levinson's Insurance Company, Washington, D. C.

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The Washington Metropolitan Area Telephone Directory contains a listing for the Levinson's Insurance Agency and JACK L. LEVINSON, Insurance, 4801 Kenmore Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia, 751-8000.

Alexandria, Virginia,

On February 24, 1971, advised that the subject is to give a talk at Aquas Achim Congregation of Northern Virginia, at 9:30 AM on February 28, 1971, which is located at 2900 Valley Drive, Alexandria, Virginia.

After this, the subject is scheduled to talk at the Seven Locks Jewish Community Temple, Harshalon Temple, 11510 Falls Road, Potomac, Maryland.

In February, 1971, advised that the subject is scheduled to be in Montreal, Canada, on March 4, 1971, in connection with speaking engagements at three universities. On this trip, he will be accompanied by one other person, but it has not yet been decided who will accompany him. It is expected that the subject will leave Montreal on March 5, 1971, to return to New York. Also according to this source, the subject will be in Toronto, Canada on March 18, 1971, and the arrangements were made in connection with a synagogue in Toronto.

Miscellaneous

It was previously reported that the subject resides at 632 East 5th Street, Brooklyn, New York, and his telephone number is 871-7136.

On February 24, 1971.

York, New York, advised SA that toll charges to the following telephone numbers were charged to 871-7136 which is listed to 632 East 5th Street; Brooklyn, New York. The dates following the telephone numbers are the dates that numbers were called:

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Spring Valley, New York Poughkeepsie, New York

914-471-0430

Smithtown, New York

516-265-6600

Hamilton, New York Wilmington, Delaware

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

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Carlisle, Pennsylvania

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Easton, Pennsylvania
Hanover, New Hampshire
Williamstown, Massachusetts

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On February 23, 1971, a representative of the Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS), Washington D. C., made available to SA file concerning MARTIN MEIR DAVID KAHANE, Which contained the following information in a Passport Application dated June 23, 1971:

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Father

Mother

Married

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August 1, 1932, New York Five feet eight inches Black Brown Reporter 222-13 133 Avenue, Laurelton, New York CHARLES KAHANE, born April 6, 1907, in Palestine. A United States Citizen. SONIA TRAININ, born January 2. 1912 in Latvia. A United States Citizen. To LIBBY BLUM in 1956. Wife born March 1, 1938, in New .York. To depart on June 26, from Kennedy Airport, New York City, via El Al Airlines for a two week trip to Israel for reporting for a newspaper. LIBBY KAHANE, wife, 222-13 Laurelton, New York. Number 646104, Series H, dated June 23, 1967, issued by the Department of State, New York Passport Agency.

It is noted that KAHANE held Passport Number 677120 issued October 1, 1957, prior to the above mentioned passport, but the application could not to located by the Passport Office.





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Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 3/15/71.

On 4/1/71, (protect identity and classify 62 information "Confidential") advised MEIR KAHANE left for California on 3/31/71 and will not return to New York City until 4/8/71. KAHANE can be reached in California at 213-653-6471. "asking for (phonetic). According to the source, in the New York JDL office did bot knew if KAHANE was actually staying with the California JDL.

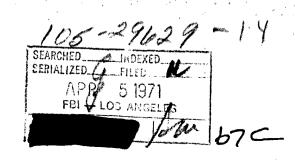
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Jewish Defense League Opens West Coast Headquarters Here

BY JOHN DART Times Religion Writer

The Jewish Defense League, whose harassment of Russian officials and protests for Soviet Jewry have so far been confined to eastern rities, has opened West Coast headquarters in Los Angeles.

The membership is "in excess of 300," said Jan Okin, 28, associate

West Coast coordinator.

"In the last two and one-half weeks we've picked up about 100 members-about 80 of them high school and college-age Jews," said Okin in the second-floor offices of the league at 509 N. Fairfax Ave.

The membership drive, which also includes mailed invitations from Al S. Epstein, 63, of Beverly Hills, the other chapter coordinator, is a prelude to the arrival Wednesday of the league's executive director, Rabbi Meir Kahane.

Rabbi Kahane is scheduled to speak 11 times in Los Angeles and San Diego, mostly at synagogues and college campuses, during a fiveday stay.

The New York rabbi and the league have been condemned by most established Jewish organizations for ultramilitart tactics. Rabbi Kahane was turned back at the doors of the World Conference on Soviet Jewry at Brussels Feb. 24 and subsequently expelled by the Belgian government, though a number of U.S. Jews have argued that Rabbi Kahane should be allowed to present his viewpoint.

League spokesmen deny the JDL is responsible for damage to Soviet offices in the United States, but they acknowledge harassment of Russian

citizens in this country.

Okin said the chapter here plans to boycott travel agencies that handle reservations for Aeroflot, the Soviet airline, and U.S. businesses or industries that deal in Russian products.

The chapter, which Okin said includes "40 very active members who jump right into work here," also hopes to hold cultural heritage classes and push for Jewish ethnic studies in schools.

The West Coast chapter actually was formed last fall when 400 heard Rabbi Kahane speak at the Century Plaza and 80 joined the JDL, Okin

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Two copies (2) of form FD 376, one of which is for transmittal to Secret Service, Washington, D. C.

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Copies of this report are being sent to recipient offices for either coverage of leads or for their information since it is anticipated that the subject may appear in their territory in the near future.

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In the report, the name of the subscriber to a number called by the subject. New York indices are negative concerning this name. No inquiry is being made at the stockbroker office of Wood, Walker and Company, Smithtown, New York, since no connection has been made between this firm and the subject and his JDL activities.

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Synopsis:

INTERNAL SECURITY - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE

Court records reflect charges against subject for arrest on 2/4/70, and 12/18/69, dismissed. Court records reflect that concerning his arrest on 6/28/70, subject was fined \$100 which he paid. Information concerning subject's activities throughout the US and Canada set forth. Identity of subscribers to telephone numbers called by the subject is set forth. Information concerning checking accounts of subject and wife set forth.

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DETAILS:

It is to be noted that the subject is the National Director of the Jewish Defense League (JDL).

The JDL is self-described as a militant activist group dedicated to the struggle for democracy, freedom and Jewish rights.

Arrest Record

On March 31, 1971, SC searched the records of the courts of the City of New York, which contained the following information:

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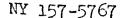
Docket Number B4763/70, pertains to the arrest of the subject on February 4, 1970, when he was charged with criminal trespass. These records show that this charge was dismissed on May 12, 1970.

Docket Number C34620/69, pertains to the subject's arrest on December 18, 1969, when he was charged with disorderly conduct. These records reflect that these charges against the subject were dismissed on March 30, 1971.

Docket Number A25089/70, pertains to the subject's indictment by the New York County Grand Jury on January 18, 1971. These records reflect the subject is to appear in the New York Supreme Court, April 12, 1971.

Docket Number B35190/69, pertains to the subject's arrest on December 29, 1969, when he was charged with conspiracy, criminal trespass and criminal mischief. These records reflect that on March 29, 1971, the subject's trial was postponed until March 30, 1971, jury trial, and that the Judge on March 30, 1971, declared a mistrial and set the date of April 26, 1971, for the subject to appear again on these charges.

On March 31, 1971, SC searched the records of the Courts of the City of New York in Brooklyn, New York, which contained Docket Number AlO147, which pertains to the subject's arrest on June 28, 1970. These records reflect that the subject appeared in court on March 3, 1971, and pled guilty to a charge of harassment on that date. He was fined \$100 on this charge. These records reflect that this fine was paid on March 8, 1971.



Activities

On January 11, 1971, University of Arizona (UA), Tucson, Arizona, advised SA, that the subject appeared at Hillel House, a Jewish Student Center, adjacent to the UA campus on the evening of December 3, 1970. The subject spoke briefly to a group of about 30 students concerning the origin and aims of the JDL. There was no attempt to organize a JDL chapter at the UA, and the subject's talk consisted mainly of criticism of Jewish community leaders for not instilling pride of heritage in Jewish youth and for not protecting Jews from anti-semitic violence.

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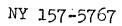
Pennsylvania, Police Department, advised that two of his officers attended a meeting of the JDL which was held at Temple Beth Ami, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Approximately 250 people were observed entering the building where the principal speakers were of the JDL Youth Movement, a member of the Soviet Jewish Underground, and the Subject. The main emphasis of the speeches was on more participation by young people in the JDL, a discussion on the plight of Soviet Jewry, and the need for more militancy in the Jewish community.

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On February 24, 1971

that the subject would be in the Maryland and Virginia area on February 28, 1971, where he would talk at the Agudas Achim Congregation of Northern Virginia, Alexandria, Virginia, and later that day, at the Seven Locks Jewish Community Temple, Potomac, Maryland.



On March 1, 1971, "The Evening Star", a Washington area newspaper, on page B-1, carried an article captioned, "Defense League Chairman in Potomac." This article reflected the subject made an hour long speech concerning the Jewish militancy against Soviet diplomats in New York. The article quoted the subject as saying "a Jew should use as much violence as is necessary to survive. And if you can survive with no violence, then you should never use violence. But if you can't survive without any kind of violence, then its inexcusable for you not to use that kind of violence." He called upon the audience at the synagogue in Potomac, Maryland, to participate in a mass protest on March 21, 1971, at the White House, which is designed to pressure the government to cut off all talkswith the Russians until they halt mistreatment of Jews.

On March 2, 1971,
he attended the talk given by the subject on February 28, 1971,
in Potomac, Maryland, and the article appearing in "The Evening
Star" was correct as to the substance of the subject's talk.
The subject passed a sheet of paper around for signatures in
support of the JDL and his planned mass protest on March 21,
1971, at the White House, and he asked for contributions for
the JDL.
stated he feels about 50 persons signed the
sheet of paper for the subject and about that number may have
felt sufficiently motivated by the subject's talk on the Soviet
Jewry problem to have contributed small sums of money to the
JDL.

On February 28, 1971, advised that some members of the JDL, in discussing the Brooklyn Chapter of the JDL, advised that active members attend rifle practice every two weeks besides attending most of the other functions. It was mentioned that the JDL was establishing karate classes and will hold seminars at their new "ID" Center at 40th Street and New Utrecht Avenue, in Borough Park, Brooklyn. It was mentioned that the subject usually speaks at these seminars which are held to instruct the leadership.

In March, 1971, advised that the subject would hold a press conference at the "Isaiah Wall" on First Avenue, at the United Nations at 3:00 PM on March 10, 1971. At the same time, the JDL would hold a hunger strike at the same location in sympathy with the 150 Jews from the city of Riga, who are holding a hunger strike at the Kremlin, seeking permission to emigrate to Israel.

On March 2, 1971, furnished the following information:

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In connection with the JDL's plans to conduct "sitins" on the steps of various state capitals to dramatize concern for Russian Jewry,

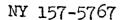
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stated that the subject wants to have a demonstration simultaneously in Ottawa, Canada. Stated that if there is a demonstration in Ottawa, and one in Washington, it would appear that we are not an international organization as we are not having demonstrations in Paris, London or Brussels. He stated that if the subject insists on a demonstration in Ottawa, he, will go along with the subject's wishes.

In March, 1971, advised that on March 15, 1971 the subject was in Montreal, Canada, where a fight broke out as someone apparently tried to disrupt his speech. According to the informant, the subject was in Washington, D. C. area, on March 16, 1971.

On March 16, 1971, versity of Maryland (UM) Campus Folice, advised that the subject was scheduled to speak on March 16, 1971, at UM, which speech was sponsored by Hillel and Associate Students for Israel at the University.

The March 17, 1971 issue of the "Diamondback", the UM college newspaper, on page one, carried an article captioned, "Never Again JDL Head Hits Oppression". According to this article, the subject in his speech defended the JDL activities centered mostly in New York City, against anti-semitic attacks. He also spoke concerning the problem on Soviet Jewry, and he also announced a rally to be held on March 21, 1971, on behalf of Soviet Jews.



On March 17, 1971, advised that he had attended the talk given by the subject on March 16, 1971. He said that the article appearing in the "Diamond-back" was correct as to the substance of the subject's talk.

In March, 1971, advised that the subject wants demonstrations to be held in Canada, on March 21, 1971. He does not want the Canadian people to come to Washington, but they should demonstrate in Canada.

The March 22, 1971 issue of the "Daily News", a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, on page five, contained an article captioned, "Grab 800 in Jewish Protest At D. C. Embassy." This article reflected that the subject was the first of the 800 persons arrested in Washington, on March 21, 1971, who were there protesting the treatment of Jews in Russia. They were arrested for blocking an intersection, a block from the Soviet Embassy. Those arrested were among some 2,500 persons who marched from an early demonstration near the White House. According to the article, KAHAME and other speakers at a rally had urged continued demonstrations and harassment of .Soviets in the United States. until all Jews who want to, are allowed to leave Russia, and those who stay, are no longer persecuted. According to the article, those arrested were to be charged with disorderly conduct and released in lieu of \$10 collateral.

On March 25, 1971, advised that the subject gave a lecture on March 24, 1971, at Pembroke College, Brown University, Providence. Rhode Island. The program began with a speech by a former Soviet Jew, who, through an interpreter, described his experiences in the Unionof Soviet. Socialist Republica (USSR): At 8:30 PM, a bomb threat was telephoned to the University and the Brown University Security Forces requested the audience to evacuate the hall. The subject urged everyone not to leave and to ignore the request to vacate the hall since he did not believe in the authenticity of the University Security Forces. The subject then spoke on the JDL policy of opposing Soviet treatment of Soviet Jews

in the Soviet Union and the JDL policy was succeeding and that the Jewish spirit lived because of the Jewish fist.

He stated that Jews were now getting out of the USSR, not because of B'nai B'rith, but because Soviet buildings were bombed. At approximately 9:30 PM, five students of the Maoist Rhode Island Student Movement, began to disrupt the subject's speech. According to the informant, 10 JDL members advanced upon the Maoist students and a fist fight ensued with some injuries being sustained by the Maoist Student Group, who then were forcibly rejected from the hall.

Miscellaneous

It was previously reported that the subject made telephone calls to the following numbers:

Fallsburg, New York
Ellenville, New York
Spring Valley, New York
Poughkeepsie, New York
Smithtown, New York
Fallsburg, New York
914-434-8210
914-647-4200
914-471-0430
516-265-6600
914-434-9099

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On March 29, 1971,

New York, New York, Turnished the following information to

Telephone number 516-265-6600, is listed to the Wood, Walker and Company, 83 East Main Street, Smithtown, New York.

The 1970 Classified Directory for Suffolk County, New York, lists the above company as an office of Wood, Walker and Company, 63 Wall Street, New York, New York, a member of the New York Stock Exchange.

Telephone numbers 914-434-9099 and 914-434-8210 are listed to Camp Jedel, Dairyland, Fallsburg, New York.

It is noted that Camp Jedel is the name of a summer camp operated by the JDL.

Telephone number 914-647 -4200 was listed to the Pioneer Country Club, Ellenville, New York.

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Telephone number 914-471-0430 is listed to the Jewish Community Center, Incorporated, 110 South Grand Avenue, Poughkeepsie, New York.



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Meir D. Kahane

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is made to report of Special dated and captioned as above, at

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.



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San Diego, California April 7, 1971

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The Southwest Jewish Press Heritage under date of April 2, 1971, Herb Brin, editor, carried the following editorial under the captioned title, Kahane:

"Rabbi Meir Kahane will speak 11 times in Los Angeles and San Diego on a five-day journey to the-West. -

"His group has opened headquarters on Fairfax Ave. (where a couple of years ago a few old men clobbered a bunch of Nazis who had come there to taunt Jews.)

"There are those who think that before Kahane there were no fighters for Jewish survival, that the struggle for Soviet Jewry wasn't an on-going passion until Hike King came along with his chain swingers and clubsters.

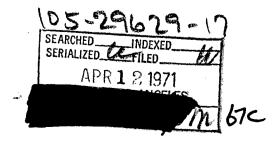
"Kahane can never say that he is not being given platform.

"Let him answer all the questions: his stand on Vietnam; his hanky-panky publicity organizations under assumed names; the bombings, and the filthy words hurled at wives of Russian diplomats -- heroic deeds indeed.

"It might be well for our people to know that the struggle for Soviet Jewry does not begin nor end in a publicity nightmare cooked up bŷ a Meir Kahane.

"And if a hero in the struggle does emerge, it will be a man or a woman or child in Russa who puts his name on the line and demands of the Kremlin oligarches: 'Let my people qo!'"

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On April 5, 1971, the morning edition of the San Diego Union carried an article concerning the fact that 300 people marched on April 4, 1971 (Sunday) from downtown San Diego to Balboa Park demanding that the Soviet Union release Jews who wanted to emigrate to Israel. Jewish community leaders waited for the group at the park and messages of support were read from the local Roman Catholic Bishop and the Director of the San Diego Ecumenical Conference.

The April 6, 1971, morning edition of the <u>San Diego</u>
<u>Union</u> covered the appearance of Rabbi Meir Kahane at an airport news conference and also at the auditorium of Hoover High School the previous evening.

A San Diego source advised on April 6, 1971, that postcards were mailed out to members of the Jewish community announcing the appearance of Rabbi Meir, Director of the Jewish Defense League, on April 5, 1971 at the University of California at San Diego Auditorium and at Crawford High School auditorium. The postcard was sent by unidentified individuals who signed themselves "concerned citizens". Source attended the open meeting at Crawford High School auditorium where Rabbi Kahane delivered a speech after first denouncing the so called leaders of the San Diego Community for not going along with his thinking. He was poorly received by the approximately 500 people in attendance and failed to answer all questions from the floor. He was accompanied by approximately 20 - 30 vound people from the Los Angeles area which included and ABE EPSTEIN who were identified as Western Coordinators of JDL. A local address for persons interested in JDL was furnished on a handbill as , San Diego, California is a Source advised that a deep interest in Middle East affairs.

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Militant Rabbi Fined \$500 in -Soviet Protest

NEW YORK (UPI)—Rabbl Meir Kahane, head of the militant Jewish Defense League, was sentenced Tuesday to 90 days in jail or a \$500 fine for obstructing governmental administration, but a charge of disorderly conduct was put aside, providing he refrain from illegal activities.

The case arose from a JDL demonstration near the Soviet Mission to the United Nations on Dec. 27, 1970, and represents the first time Rabbi Kahane has been convicted although he has several charges pending, including a felony charge of riot at the same location.

Rabbi Kahane elected to pay the \$500 fine by May 7 but said, "I intend to keep on doing exactly what I've been doing." He will appeal the conviction.

Civil Protest

In sentencing Rabbi Kahane, Criminal Court Judge Irving Lange noted that civil disobedience, whether directed at the Vietnam war, the draft or integration in the South, has become commonplace in society.

Lange added, however, that community leaders should not decide for themselves which laws to obey and which to disc-

"I consider you menther a fanatic nor a charlatan, both of which you have been accused of being," Lange told the rabbi.

"The point has come when activities aimed at bringing the plight of Soviet Jews to the world's attention has simply resulted in bringing forth to the world the plight of Meir Kahane." Lange said.

Kahane," Lange said.

After the sentencing,
Rabbi Kahane said, "I'm a
rabbi and I'm trying to
teach people that the pain
of a Jew anywhere is the
pain of a Jew everywhere."

The 38-year-old Rabbi Kahane was convicted of two charges by a six-man jury on Feb. 23. He had also been charged with resisting arrest but that charge was dropped.

Despite his impending sentencing, Rabbi Kahane led about 200 of his followers to a police station Monday night and demanded more protection from muggers in the borough ark area of Brooklyn.

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has long been a supporter of Israel and has set himself up as a self-acclaimed expert on Middle East matters.

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For the information of Detroit, Rabbi Meir Kahane recently appeared at San Diego during the course of a West Coast speaking tour. Literature circulated in connection with this appearance by Kahane gave address as a point of contact for persons interested in joining the JDL.

In the event the JDL organizer in San Diego is identified as San Diego should request Detroit to furnish appropriate sackground information regarding him, as well as any information indicating pro-Israel activity on the part I while the latter was in Detroit.

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San Diego should remain alert for any additional activity on the part of the JDL in that area and, where such activity appears to pose a threat to the internal security of the United States, should conduct appropriate investigation to pin down activists and furnish information to Bureau by most expeditious means warranted.



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On April 9, 1971, who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Rabbi who has furnished Meir Kahane, the leader of the Jewish Defense League (JDL) arrived in Los Angeles, California, on March 31, 1971, at Los Angeles International Airport via Trans World Airlines Flight 87. At the airport Kahane held a news conference and explained that he was in Los Angeles to conduct a series of speeches explaining the purposes of JDL and to enlist support for the organization.

Source learned that during Kahane's stay in Los Angeles he was staying at the Beverly Carlton Hotel, 9400 West Olympic Boulevard, Beverly Hills.

Source advised that at 9:00 p.m., March 31, 1971, Kahane spoke at Temple Stephen S. Wise, 15500 Stephen S. Wise Drive, Bel Air, California. Source stated that Kahane was the main speaker and spoke on the principles and philosophies of the JDL. He solicited funds and support for JDL and was well received by the approximately 700 persons who had paid a minimum of two dollars a seat.

Source stated that on April 1, 1971, at 11:00 a.m. Kahane spoke for nearly one hour in the free speech area at Los Angeles Valley Junior College, Van Nuys, California. Some 200 persons listened as he sought to explain the purposes of JDL At one point he was disrupted by a small group of agitators who raised clinched fists and shouted "power to the people". This group had little effect and Kahane kept full control of the audience. Source added that there were approximately 15 JDL people acting as guards for Kahane.

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Source added that at 8:00 p.m. in the evening of April 1, 1971, Kahane addressed approximately 500 persons at Temple Akiba, 5249 South Sepulveda, Culver City, California. Source stated that Kahane outlined the principles and philosophies of JDL and was well received.

Source stated that at noon, April 2, 1971, Kahane spoke for two hours in the open forum area at San Fernando Valley State College to approximately 300 persons, again explaining JDL's purposes and soliciting membership and support. Source stated that Channel 28, KCET was present and provided television coverage.

Source continued that on April 3, 1971, at 8:15 p.m. Kahane addressed a receptive audience of approximately 700 persons at Temple Beth Jacob, 9030 West Olympic, Beverly Hills, California. He, as in other talks, explained the purposes of JDL and aksed for support.

Source stated that on April 4, 1971, at 10:00 p.m. Kahane again spoke as above to approximately 800 persons at Temple Leo Baeck, 1300 North Sepulveda, West Los Angeles.

He was well received and spoke of the purposes of JDL.

Source stated that on April 5, 1971, at 12 noon Kahane spoke at the Student Union Hall on the campus of the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA). Source said that Kahane spoke of the purposes and philosophies of JDL and was well received. At one point an agitator sought to disrupt the speech, but was put in his place when Kahane stated "Sit down Arab."

During his speech Kahane announced that JDL members would participate in a peaceful demonstration on behalf of the Soviet Jews at the May Company, 6067 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, at 12 noon on April 7, 1971.

Source stated that on April 7, 1971, approximately 25 representatives of JDL led by one Al Epstein, who source described as the West Coast Coordinator of JDL, did in fact stage a sit-in at the above mentioned May Company, lasting approximately one and one half hours.

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Source stated the main point of this demonstration was to protest against the May Company's arranging tours to the Soviet Union.

No arrests or violence attended this activity.

Source stated that Kahane traveled to San Diego during the late afternoon of April 5, 1971, and returned to Los Angeles late in the evening of April 6, 1971. Source added that Kahane departed for New York City, New York via air at 12:10 a.m. on April 7, 1971.

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Memorandum

TO

:DIRECTOR, FBI (62-112767)

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FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-29135)(P)

SUBJECT: JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDI

00: Los Angeles

Re Los Angeles airtel 3/15/71, New York airtel 4/2/71, both captioned "JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE, IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JDL".

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the Jewish Defense League (JDL) and the recent appearance of Rabbi MEIR KAHANE on the West Coast. Two copies are also designated for the information of New York and San Diego.

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Referenced New York airtel sets forth that while in California, KAHANE could be reached at 213-653-6471. This number is located at JDL Headquarters, 509 N. Fairfax, Los Angeles.

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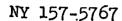
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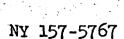
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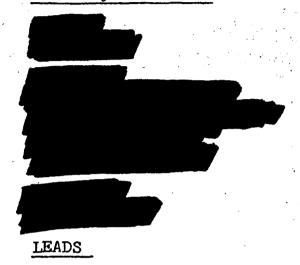
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Copy to:

1 - Secret Service, New York City (RM)

Report of:

Date:

MAY 7: 1971

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #: 105-207795

Title:

MEIR D. KAHANE

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Character:

INTERNAL SECURITY - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES - JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE

Synopsis:

Subject's residence verified and subject given 90 days or \$500.00 fine for his arrest on 12/30/69. Subject arrested 4/20/71, at JDL demonstration at Iraqui Mission. Information concerning subject's speeches throughout the country set forth. Information concerning set forth.

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DETAILS:

Residence

On April 22, 1971, advised that the subject 62 and his family reside on the second floor at 632 East Fifth 670 street, Brooklyn, New York. advised that subject has a blue Chevrolet with New York license plate 5111QJ.

Arrest Record

On page 65 of the April 14, 1971 issue of the "Daily News", a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, there appeared an article captioned "KAHANE GIVEN 90 DAYS TERM OR \$500 FINE." This article indicated that Rabbi MEIR KAHANE, head of the Jewish Defense League (JDL) was

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sentenced yesterday to 90 days in jail or a \$500.00 fine for obstructing government administration during a demonstration on December 30, 1969, in front of the Soviet Mission on East 67th Street. According to the article, KAHANE's attorney, PHILIP EDELBAUM, said the sentence would be appealed.

The JDL is self-described as a militant activist group dedicated to freedom, democracy and Jewish rights.

New York City Police Department (NYCPD)

advised that a demonstration and rally on behalf of
Iraqui Jewry was held in front of the Iraqui Mission to
the United Nations, 14 East 79th Street, New York, New York,
on the evening of April 20, 1971. Approximately 100 people
participated and Rabbi MEIR KAHANE addressed the group.
According to

several demonstrators attempted to
break the police barricade in defiance of a police order
which resulted in eight arrests, including MEIR KAHANE,
who was charged with riot, disorderly conduct and resisting
arrest.

Activities

Special Agent (SA)

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) advised that on March 17, 1971, Rabbi MEIR D. KAHANE, JDL, was scheduled to lecture before members of the congregation of Temple Beth Shalon, East Mount Pleasant Avenue, Livingston, New Jersey. The lecture was scheduled for 8:15 PM; however, Rabbi KAHANE did not arrive until 9:05 PM. and started to speak at 9:10 PM. The audience consisted of approximately 450 people, mostly middle-aged. Rabbi KAHANE was apparently accompanied by four or five "security" men in their early 20's. A few of those "security" men arrived before he did. Rabbi KAHANE spoke in a calm, precise manner, presenting a pleasant and neat appearance.



He recounted a brief history of the Jews in the United States and throughout the world since World War II, and attempted to described how Jews have been content to receive the sympathy and consolation of the world rather than obtain definite results. Drawing a parallel to the Negro problem in the United States and their militant measures initiated to obtain equality, he stated that Jews have now started to take similar measures. He indicated that for many years Jews have been willing to accept verbal consolation and compassion with very little results. Referring to the recent militant action of the JDL, Rabbi KAHANE indicated that this was the reason more Soviet Jews were allowed to leave Russia, in recent weeks than ever before. He felt it was about time Jews received their priority.

He maintained that, "If one comes to slay you, slay him first". He indicated that the JDL gives young Jews a cause and a reason to want to be Jewish. He thought the present leaders of Russia were weak and that through internal pressure within Russia, and by the action of Jews outside of Russia, that country could be forced to permit Soviet Jews to leave Russia for Israel.

Rabbi KAHANE said, "There is nothing wrong with violence if there is no other way for a Jew to live." He maintained, however, that violence should not be used if the change desired could be obtained in a nonviolent form. He advised that next Sunday, on March 21, 1971, there would be a march on Washington, D. C., to draw attention to the plight of Soviet Jewry. Rabbi KAHANE claimed that in New York, the JDL is frequently contacted by Jews in various sections of New York City when protection is needed because of intimidation by other groups. He advocated that Jews should demonstrate for anti-racism and felt that Jewish organizations should initiate legal maneuvers to obtain objectives.

When the lecture was terminated, Rabbi KAHANE conducted a question and answer period. Many of the individuals asking questions indicated they agreed with many of his aims but were against violence. He said he advocated certain measures to help pressure Russia into permitting Jews to leave for Israel. These measures included demonstrations, boycotting Russian goods, and all business with Also, he stated that all types of exchange as cultural, scientific, economic, progress, etc., with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) should be terminated. He stated the JDL hoped to obtain the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all Russian officials in the United States and harass them through telephone calls and by following them, hoping by these means to pressurize their government into releasing Soviet Jews.

The Rabbi terminated his lecture by stating that his organization was small but determined and that they were looking for new members. He said the JDL had a few non-Jews in the organization and welcomed them for members. The JDL, he stated, was definitely a nonpolitical organization and did not care whether a member was leftist or rightist, as long as he was interested in the goals of the JDL.

On March 30, 1971, advised that the subject b2 did not appear at Temple Beth-El, 100 Sheridan Road, Highland 670 Park, Illinois, as scheduled. Instead, the General Counsel of the JDL, spoke in his place, stating that KAHANE was unable to attend due to his incarceration in New York.

On April 1, 1971, advised that MEIR KAHANE left for California, on March 31, 1971, and will not return to New York City, until April 8, 1971. According to KAHANE can be reached in California at (213) 653-6471, in care of (Phonetic). According to an in the New York Office of the JDL, did not know if KAHANE was actually staying with the

California JDL.

On April 5, 1971, advised that KAHANE was expected to return to New York City, on April 6, 1971.

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On page 26 of the April 13, 1971 issue of the "Daily News", there appeared an article captioned, "JDL IN BATTLE ON MUGGERS". This article reflected that the subject spoke to 300 persons in the auditorium of Public School 103 in Boro Park, Brooklyn, New York. The article advised that plans to post nightly patrols to cut down on muggings in Boro Park, were launched by the JDL at the urging of the subject. After his talk, the subject led a march to the Boro Park Station House where 300 JDL supporters were kept behind barracades and the subject was invited inside where he announced his plans to police officials. Upon emerging, the subject stated the police would work with the JDL patrols.

In April, 1971, advised that the subject was scheduled to speak on April 14, 1971, at Wayne State 62,670 University and later at the University of Michigan, at 8:00 PM.

The April 19, 1971 issue on page 3 of the "Daily News", contained an article captioned, "BOMB RIPS TEMPLE EXPECTING KAHANE". According to this article, a bomb ripped through the Jewish Center of West Orange, New Jersey, early yesterday. While police were trying to determine a motive for the blast, it was determined that Rabbi MEIR D. KAHANE, head of the JDL in New York, was scheduled to address the Men's Club at 8:00 o'clock last night. Because of the blast, the speech was cancelled. It was also reported there was a large demand for tickets for KAHANE's talk and that emotions were running high over his appearance.

On page M-l of the April 21, 1971 issue of the "Daily News", there appeared an article captioned "THREE COPS FELLED; SEIZE KAHANE AND SIX MARCHERS". This article stated that the police seized militant Rabbi MEIR KAHANE

and six other men last night after three cops were bowled over at a demonstration in front of the headquarters of the Iraqui Mission to the United Nations.

According to the article, before his arrest, the subject had told a "mass rally on behalf of the Iraqui Jewry" that the JDL would employ the tactics it has used to harassed Russian diplomats against Iraqui diplomats beginning next week.

In April, 1971, advised that the subject was scheduled to speak on April 27, in Columbus, Ohio, which was arranged through a (Phonetic), presumably of Columbus, at Toledo, Ohio, on the evening of April 28, 1971, and at the University of Illinois on May 6, 1971.

Miscellaneous

In April, 1971, advised that the subject was involved in a car accident on April 18, 1971, and the front of the car he was driving, which was a 1970 green Rambler, was pushed in and the car will have to be towed. The automobile is at 75th Avenue between 112th and 113th Streets, Queens, New York. The source also advised that the car which the subject was riding was a leased car which was leased in the name of Jewish Organization for Youth.

The Jewish Organization For Youth is a tax exempt foundation affiliated with the JDL.

later advised that the accident in which the subject was involved resulted in no personal injury. The automobile the subject was driving ran into a pole.





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New York, New York
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In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bufile 105-207795 NYfile 157-5767

Title

Meir D. Kahane

Character

Reference

Internal Security - Nationalistic Tendencies - Jewish Defense League is made to report of Special dated and captioned as above at

Agent New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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SAC, SAN DIEGO (105-7470)(P)

JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE (JDL) IS - NATIONALISTIC TENDENCIES (JDL)

Re Director letter to San Diego, 4/21/71.

On 5/5/71, the Merchants Credit Association of San Diego, California, advised that in their records with an address of prior San Diego address of His wife is listed as and he au a prior out-of-state address of Detroit. Michigan.

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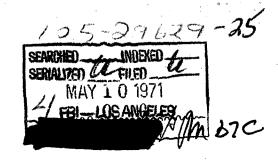
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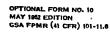
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TO

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(157-4095) —

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JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE

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Progressive Jewish Organizations,

3/27/71.

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ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above and could add nothing further.

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

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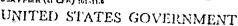


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"Report on San Fernando Valley State College 1811 Nordhoff St. Northridge, Calif. 3-25-71

"On bulletin board near cafeteria on campus, Cultural Revolution on Campus, Palestinian Liberation Movement - Al Fatah 3-26-71 2 PM Bldg. 12 Room 123.

"Another sign, SFVSC Lectures and Concerts presents RABBI MEIR KAHANE, Leader of Jewish Defense League. Open Forum April 2, '71 Noon to 1 PM.

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(MEIR KAHANE)

JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE)

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"Another notice, Jess in Action

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For information phone

BILL 349-5514 or LARRY 886-1751."

ACTION:

Informant was thoroughly interviewed concerning the above and could add nothing further.

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In the near future, the J.D.L. will be boycotting Russian products sold in Southern California. We must convince the Russian government that they are going to feel pain, in an economic, verbal, and possibly a physical sense. As long as we can, we will harass the Soviet Union and their representatives in America. We will attempt to give them as many problems as they have given our brothers and sisters in the Red Paradiae. We are going to boycott all travel agencies that handled all flight reservations to Russia. Several Jewish students at "Beverly Hills High School" when Russians are killing so many of our own? The J.D.L. believes that continued boycotts of travel agencies will cause the Soviet Union to lose revenues which they sorely need. These boycotts also serve as another tool to harass the Russian government.

The East Coast Jewish Defense League held a non-violent demonstration March 21, 1971 in Washington D.C. in front of the Russian Embassy. 2500 people rallied to the ais of their brothers in the Soviet Union to demand their freedom. The demonstration turned spontaneously into a sit in. The police then arrested in excess of 900 people. We are very proud to report that there was not one instance of violence. The self-discipline displayed example of a the complete dedication must be held up as a beautiful fronted with an obvious unjust act. Rabbi Kahane in a statement to the press said that the demonstration in Washington was held to illustrated the desperation of Jews in Russia. Rabbi Kahane was the first person

On March22, 1971, the L.A. Jewish Defense League held a demonstration in front of the Jewish Federation Council at 590 N. Vermont in an attempt to rally support for the 900 Jews who were unjustly arrested in the nation's capitol on Sunday, March 21, 1971. Never in the history of America have so many been arrested at a completly non-violent demonstration. The nation's capitol has been the site of many protests involving numbers ranging from 25,000 to 250,000 where no more than a couple of dozen demonstrators were arrested. At one demonstration, the Weatherman faction of the S.D.S. baited is every reason to believe that the mass arrests were made only because the U.S state Dept. is succumbing to pressure from the Kremlin. The mass arrests to build better relations between the two countries even if they have to step over Jewish bodies to accomplish their ends.

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On February 23, Temple Aaron David of Los Angeles was broken into by a group of deranged animals who took it upon themselves to: tear up Torahs, smear the walls with swastikas, and left the building in shambles.

The Rabbi of this congregation called the J.D.L., the police, and the Anti-Defamation League. The following steps were taken by the Jewish Defense League:

1. Upon arrival the members helped restore order at the Temple.

2. Descriptions were obtained by the J.D.L. of the culprits.

3. The area of the Temple has been patroled nightly since the incident.

Returning to the issue, we might consider the possible cause of this desecration. A few days before this House of G-d was profanely violated the Jewish Defense League held a meeting on the premises. It is Mx highly possible that these two incidents occured for related reasons. The most logical assumption to make, is that there are ignorant individuals who are frightened of the J.D.L.'s firm opposition to anti-semitism, and their straight forward means of defending Jewish rights. The California press saw this incident as too trivial to merit anymore than two sentances hidden in the back of the newspaper. The most disappointing aspect is the Jewish Press's lack of concern. In a community of 500,000 Jews, the failure of the press to report this act of profanity is a sad indication of their concern over Jewish problems.

Brothers and sisters:

Guess what? A for real Jewish studies group is formed and we want you!

- k. Teachers
- B. Pupils
- C. Book donations in quantities for a library

Topics:

- A. Ancient Jewish history and the Bible
- B. Soviet Jewry, etc., etc.
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NEW YORK-Rabbi Meir Kahane, head of the militant Jewish Defense League, was released on bail Thursday and promptly held a news confer- support early next week. ence with Joseph Colombo Sr., "government harassment."

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Colombo, as a leading force of New York Wednesday. the Italian American Civil campaign at FBI offices and put agents. pressure on news organizations | Five others have yet to be apthat resulted in curbs on the use prehended. of the expressions "Mafia" and "Cosa Nostra" as synonym for organized crime.

The Jewish Defense League has waged a campaign against alleged Soviet oppression of Jews.

They have also been suspected of a number of bombings. At an impromptu news conter-

Colombo said their (JDL's) fight and cause is just. If they need our support, we will give it.

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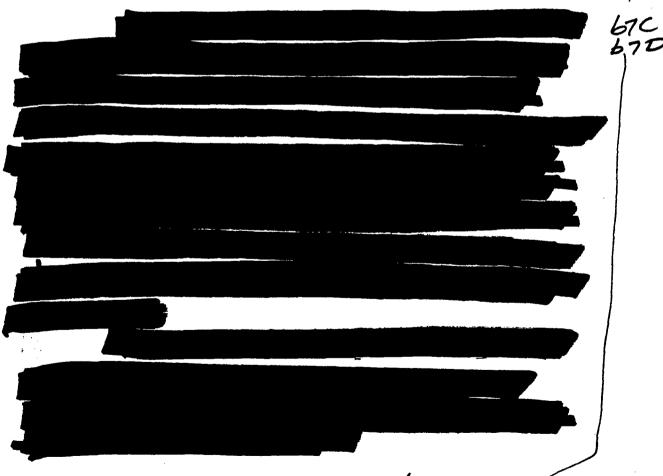
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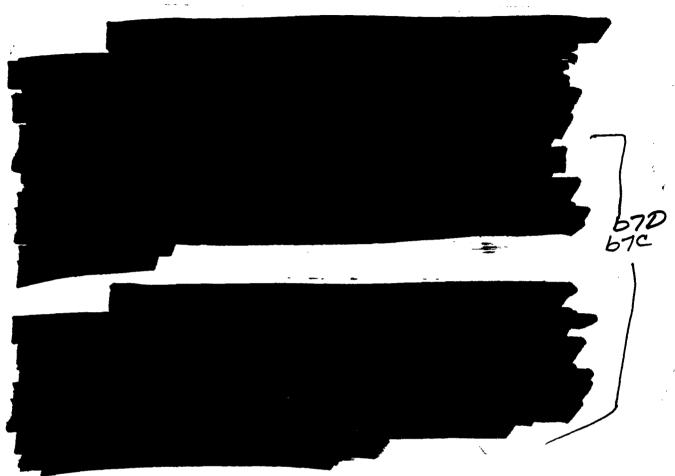


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On May 10, 1971, it was learned that, on May 7, 1971, 35 members of the Jewish Defense League (JDL) participat ed in a demonstration against the May Company located at Wilshire Boulevard and Fairfax Avenue. The purpose of this demonstration was to protest the May Company's business association with the Soviet Union and to also protest against the treatment of Jews by the Soviet Government. Six members of the JDL who were selected by because they did not have arrest records and would certainly be released a short time after they were arrested were occupied during the demonstration with destroying property of the May Company and were consequently arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department. Two of the individuals arrested were who occupies the position of of the JDL. The demonstration mostly consisted of picketing, carrying signs, and being most vocal against the May Company.

It appears that

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67C 67P has no desire or interest to participate in the activities of the JDL. the JDL members who were arrested at the May Company demonstration were released on bond through the efforts of the JDL attorney, ARNIE LEVEN. ARNIE LEVEN will be handling all of the JDL legal problems from now on. home telephone number is now is a close friend of Rabbi KAHANE and is also from New York City. and

is extremely militant and she has expressed a desire to

.bomb the American Nazi Party office in Los Angeles.

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at this time is approximately 600 members and they hope to rapidly increase this membership within the near future.

they are now obtaining new members from the local high schools and many of these students are inclined to be militant. Each applicant must pay \$18 to join and must fill out a detailed application.

at the present time they are acquiring from four to five new members each day.

are pleased with the demonstrations that were conducted against the Heron Travel Agency in Beverly Hills and the May Company in Los Angeles and that the JDL will again demonstrate against these two businesses.

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rnis organization is composed of a non-memoership goup of Jews in the Los Angeles area, 67C basically students of both college and high school age. 57D The purpose of this organization is to bring to the public attention the plight of the Jews in the Soviet Union who are being discriminated against and who are prohibited from leaving the Soviet Union and settling in Israel.

organization was similar to that of the Jewish Defense League who had recently received international publicity and which is headed by Rabbi MEIR KAHANE of New York City. The difference is that organization does not advocate or believe in violent disruptive tactics to accomplish their purpose. sympathy with KAHANE, but could not go along with the use of violence.

through some of the youth in the Southern California Counsel for Soviet Jews (SCCSJ) he had become aware of who had

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of the 53rd anniversary of the USSR and the 37th anniversary of the USSR-USA diplomatic relations held in Los Angeles at the First Unitarian Church on November 7, 1970. A number of the SCCSJ youth had infiltrated of the SCCSJ youth had infiltrated group (American Soviet Friendship Association of Southern California, a splinter group of the Society for Cultural Relations USA-USSR of Southern California) because of the reported communist connections of group. Their purpose was to publicize the plight of the Soviet Jews during the 11/7/70 meeting and hoped to have discussions during the meeting on this matter. The results, which were publicized, were that disturbances broke out during the meeting and some of group were acccused of starting the disturbances and the police were called and some arrest were made.

During the course of the above activity, learned from sources that became aware of group, who planned to attend the 11/7/70 meeting representatives of group asked to attend for the above stated purpose. was afraid that disturbances would be created and stated that he would have to check with persons higher up. Subsequently, that he had checked with unidentified persons and and they would not approve of SCCSJ participation in the 11/7/70 said that his source did not know who had contacted but had assumed that it was someone higher up in the Communist Party. This was pure assumption on the part of source, and he himself had no knowledge of connections and in fact, had not heard previously.

identity of his source. did not wish to disclose the

always wanted to cooperate with Law enforcement agencies both on a local and Federal level. He said that whenever an organization was having a demonstration or a large group was involved or could possibly come to the attention of the police, he always



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called the Los Angeles Police Department, Intelligence Division, in advance and advised them that such a demonstration would take place and that no violence would be condoned. spoke of a recent demonstration at the new Federal building by his group where approximately 300 youths had attempted to deliver certain petitions to Federal officers. The building guards had locked the doors and would not let the group inside the building. was apprehensive at this point thinking that some unforeseen event could start or cause a riot. This was prevented by two of their group convincing the guards that if two would be allowed to enter the building, potential trouble could be prevented. This request was granted and no violence took place. believed in large demonstrations to attract attention and publicity such as this particular incident whereas if just one or two individuals had attempted to deliver the petition the news media would not have given them any publicity.

Putnam News on Station KTTV, Channel 9, recently in connection with organization activities.

would be willing to call to the attention of the FBI anything in the future of which he felt the FBI should be cognizant.

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NEW YORK (AP)—Rabbi
Meir Kahane, leader of the Jewish Defense League and 10
young JDL members were
seized by police Wednesday
after a demonstration outside
the Soviet mission to the United
Nations in which Soviet diplomatic personnel were physically
and verbally harassed.

Kahane later was charged and held with harassment and disorderly conduct while the 10 others, aged 16 to 19, were released with summonses on sinular charges.

When police attempted to stop the assaults the militants allegedly scuffled with police.

Meanwhile Nassau County police said they would question members of the JDL in connection with the finding of a dynamite bomb outside the wall around an estate owned by the Soviets at Glen Cove.

The bomb was deactivated by police bomb experts shortly before it was timed to go off.

In the nation's capital, a State Department official said that Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin has made unspecified allusions to possible Moscow retaliation if its diplomats are harassed in Washington.

The statement was issued as the first band of Jewish militants arrived here with the announced purpose of demonstrating Thursday at Soviet diplomats' homes and elsewhere in the capital to protest treatment of Soviet Jews and U.S. trade ventures with Russia.

Rabbi Kahane is expected to lead a Sunday march and rally ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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U.S. Reply on Wiretaps

By JOHN P. WALLACH Herald-Examiner Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON-The ence to lawyers defending 13 to be shown to the defense. members of the militant Jewish Defense League (JDL).

because there was "substantial papers controversy.

probability" the wiretaps would be ruled illegal.

The government had been ex-Fovernment today cited the se-pected to ask for a delay of the ret Pentagon papers in re-trial, scheduled to begin on July westing another week to decide 19, until the Supreme Court next whether it would turn over fall decides the question of 'several hundred pages" of whether wiretap evidence colrobably "illegal" wiretap evid-lected without a court order has

But U.S. lawyers, acting for Attorney General John Mitchell, Federal Judge Jack Wein-told the court today that the stein, sitting in New York, Justice Department needed until granted the government's re-next Friday to decide whether quest. Last Friday, he had or- to turn over the transcripts bedered the government to relinquish the wiretap transcripts absorbed with the Pentagon

> After Assistant U.S. Attorney Tom Patterson refused to relinquish the transcripts, he was given until this morning's hearing to comply with the court order. Mitchell submitted to the court an affidavit citing the government's contested authorization for the wiretaps.

In the affidavit, Mitchell argued that the government did not have to seek court warrants for the wiretaps because the JDL constituted a threat to U.S. security. The 13 defendants are charged in two indictments with gun control and munitions violations and with conspiring to bomb offices and homes of Soviet diplomats here and in New York.

Many of the defendants, including JDL leader Rabbi Meir Kahane, are here this week as part of "Jewish identity week," taunting Soviet diplomats at their homes and with placards protesting Soviet treatment of Jews and current trials of Jews in the Soviet Union.

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Rabbi Kahane Pleads Guilty in Bomb Case

NEW YORK (UPI)-Sabbi Meir Kahane, head of the militant Jewish Deiense League, whose activities have increased Rustian - American tensions. pleaded guilty to a federal conspiracy indictment Friday and faces a maximum five-year prison sentence and a fine of \$10,000.

Kahane, 38, and two codefendants interrupted their pretrial hearing in Brooklyn Federal Court to enter guilty pleas. Acting U.S. Atty. Robert Morse told the court the disposition of the case had the approval of "the highest level of this government."

The conspiracy indictment accused the defendants of manufacturing bombs. Kahane explained to the court that the JDL had come into possession of pamphlets distributed by extreme right and left wing groups which contained instructions for the

manufacture of bombs. He said he directed that such hombs be made at a JDL camp in Woodbourne, N.Y., to demonstrate how effective they were.

The two codefendants are Chaim Bieber, 41, and Stewart Cohen, 18. Sentencing was set for July 23. Kahane and the codefendants minamed free under \$25,000 bail each.

Kahane founded the JDL in 1968, dedicating it to the 6 million Jews who died in Europe under the Nazi regime and taking as its pledge the motto:

"Never again".

Repeated JDL picketing of Soviet diplomatic installations in New York and Washington and several bombing attacks on them -for which JDL denied responsibility - have resulted in recent months in official Russian displea-

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Since then Detroit has not conducted any investigation regarding him nor has any information come to the attention of the Detroit Office.





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Rabbi Kahane Fined, Given Jail Warning

BY JOHN J. GOLDMAN
Times Staff Writer

NEW YORK—After an all-night prayer vigil plus the negotiated surrender of enough munitions to equip a small army, Rabbi Meir Kahane of the Jewish Defense League received a suspended sentence and was fined \$5,000 Friday on charges of conspiring to manufacture bombs.

Judge Jack B. Weinstein in Brooklyn Federal Court placed Kahane on five years probation and warned the slight, slim rabbi any involvement with violence would bring a five-year prison term.

Stewart Cohen, 18, was fined \$500. Chaim Bieber, 41, was fined \$2,500. Both received three-year suspended sentences.

Kahane and his two aides pleaded guilty July 9 to the government's charges. And the rabbi pledged he would turn over the JDL's arms to authorities.

- Dynamite Found

Two days later, sticks of dynamite turned up beneath some shrubbery alongside a highway in suburban New Jersey. The explosives were discovered accidentally by a park commission employe. Government agents, who had been alerted by the JDL, arrived minutes later.

An anonymous caller then notified authorities of blasting caps and black powder left in a locker at the East Side Airline Terminal in Manhattan.

On Thursday, the militant group protesting conditions of Jews in Russia turned over more arms to U.S. Treasury agents at two locations. The weapons included a shotgun, two rifles, a half-pound block of TNT, eight blasting caps, and 12 cans of blasting powder.

Kahane and about 50 JDL members held an allnight prayer vigil outside the federal courthouse before the 39-year-old rabbi and his two companions went inside Friday to be sentenced. They had been free on \$25,000 bail since pleading guilty. (Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.) Los Angeles Time Los Angeles, Calif. Date: 7/24/71 Edition: Saturday Final Author: Editor: Title: Character: OF Classification: Submitting OfficeLos Angeles Being Investigated 10529629

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he plans to have gations. great deal of speaking for the JDL and he said he considers to be one of the more loyal JDL members. It should is not in agreebe noted that ment with the objectives of the JDL and is not in any way the JDL to obtain their goals. helping is considered one of the more militant members of the JDL, and is an authority on is very friendly with has resided in Israel, Hebrew and Arab history. speaks the Hebrew language fluently, and is a person who will resort to anything to further the goals of the Jewish people.

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During the period from June 28, 1971, to July 6, 1971, it was learned from various contacts with members of the Jewish Defense League (JDL) that, in the future, no police officers will be welcomed to the headquarters located at 509 North Fairfax Avenue, Los Angeles, California. In the past, it was the policy of the JDL to be on friendly terms with the police as it was their intention to at times be of assistance to the police. Also, it is anticipated that, in the near future, the JDL will be moving its headquarters to another location in Los Angeles. The exact location is unknown at this time; however, there is much activity and packaging of materials at the present headquarters in anticipation of the move.

had stated that the JDL intends to disrupt the Russian - American Track Meet, which was to be held the weekend of July 3, 1971, at Berkeley, California. It was not learned what methods would be used to disrupt this track meet.

A new policy which emanated from Rabbi KAHANE in New York indicates that, from now on, the control of the JDL district offices would be under the direct control of the New York office. Also, the women will be relegated to a rather minor part in the administration and functioning 67C

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of the JDL activities. Their chief purpose will be to only raise funds or conduct fund-raising activities for the JDL.

In the future, the JDL will continue to harass the Heron Travel Agency in Beverly Hills, California.

Also, when the longshoremen's strike is over on the West Coast, the JDL intends to harass in any way they can the Russian sailors and Russian ships that come into port on the West Coast.

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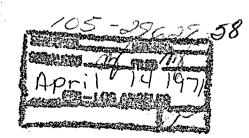
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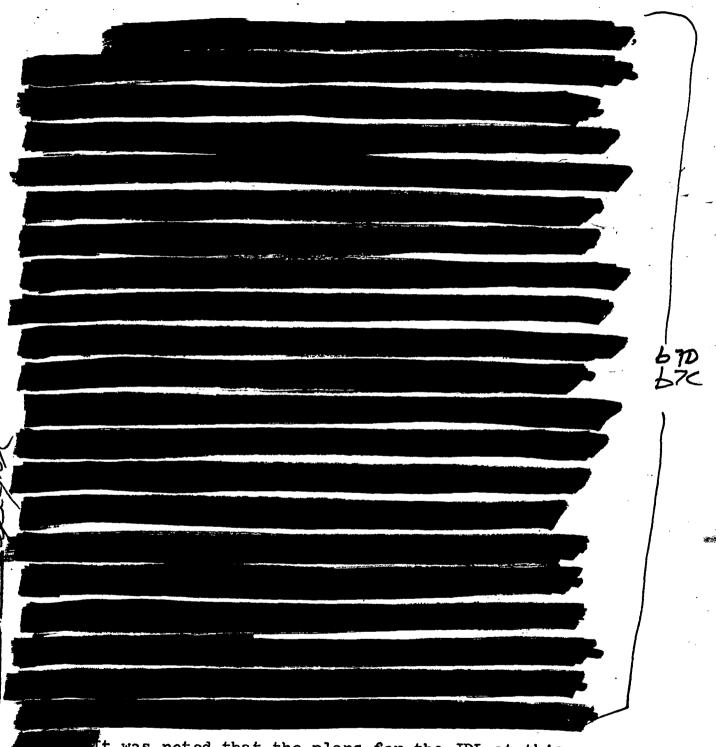
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- 1. An immediate end to all Western talks with the USSR including Disarmament, Space, Cultural and Trade talks.
- 2. Embargo on trade with the Soviet Union and a world-wide boycott on all firms dealing with the USSR.
- 3. An end to all tourism to the Soviet Union, except for selected individuals who no on behalf of Soviet Jewry.
- 4. A cessation of all cultural, entertainment and sports exchanges,
- 5. The banning of the Soviet Union from the Olympics and from all, International organizations.
- 6. Legal haracement of Soviet officials, including picketing of private recidences and muse telephone calls to embassios, consulates, etc.
- 7. Political wooing of anti-Soviet politicians and prominent business and accial figures.
- 8. Non-violent Civil Dischedience, f.e., sit-downs, chainings, etc., to pressure world governments to suspend contact with the Soviet Union.
- 9. Compulsory courses in all Jewish schools on the Soviet Jewish question and optional courses in public schools.
- 10. Non-stop day-by-day demonstrations at all official Soviet installations.

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JEWISH YOUTH COMMITTEE OF RUSSIA - TO OUR BROTHERS IN THE FREE WORLD

"We are happy to learn that our brothers in the USA think about us and want to support us. But, what we read shows us your distorted view of the Jewish problem here.

Of the eight points of the appeal, the first seven demand freedom of Jewish culture and religion in the Soviet Union. We declare that the Soviet Government will never allow the revival of our culture just as it will never return the Tartars to the Crimea from where they were expelled; just as it will never cease to humiliate and oppress small nations — our people especially.

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YOUTH CALLS

The Soviet Government's entire attitude toward Jews is built from beginning to end, upon the aim to liquidate our people, to dissolve it in the nuge mass, to destroy it. And, due only to our instinctive national resistance were we saved from national annihilation up to this day. And, if you are told that there is, or that there may be the possibility for Jewish cultural life in the USSR - don't believe it, because this is an outrageous lie, an attempt to deceive and to appease you and to deprive us of your support.

TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE

For a long time and without hope have we been waiting for your help, help in the form of widespread protests in the whole world, in the form of pressure upon your governments with the purpose of influencing their attitude towards our problem. And

now, we received vour appe Well, what of that?.. Our base demand, our only hope for salve tion, the only chance to avoid to death sentence on our people THE RETURN TO OUR HOM! LAND, ISRAEL - this, our inneemost desire we find mention as the very last point of you appeal, in the very last part it in the most modest forr ".. emigration for those who consider Israel their national home land".

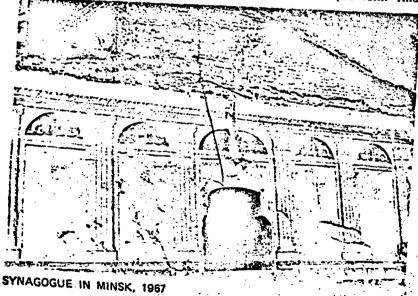
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We, the representatives of Jewish youth of Russia, declar and testify that a vast and the best part of our people have arrived at the deep conviction that only return to Israel will save us from national degeneration. We feel no affection for Russia, because she has committed against us a long series of mockeries, crimes and persecutions, doomed us to national death and even tried to destroy our last refuge — the State of Israel!

And, we are turning to you, the free Jews of America and the whole world, with the appeal: "Don't let yourselves be deceived by false assurances of Soviet propagandists, don't allow yourselves to be reassured by empty promises! Save us! Help us!"

The Soviet Government is afraid of accusations of anti-Semitisni, it is afraid of demonstrations and petitions. Just like any
bandit and oppressor it prefers
silent, obedient victims. In the
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But today, we can endure no longer. We cannot endure any longer
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But you are free __ you are free, also, so that you may stand up for us. Therefore, we the Jewish youth of Russia, ask you:

DON'T BE SILENT

"Jews in the whole world." Jewish youth of the United States and Europe! Don't be silent in the hour of our greatest national humiliation and tragedy, don't let yourselves be distracted by trifles! Demand only one thing - that which we demand - the return of the Jews of Russia to Israel! Fight for our liberation! Organize demonstrations in front of Soviet

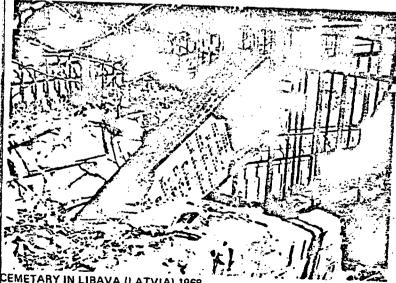
embassies, exert pressure upon your governments!"

Our only realistic demand is the return to Israel. And you can help us. The FIRST demand must be emigration to Israel.

The hour has come, the time is ripel We are on the eve of historical decisions. What is in store for us -- new persecutions, martyrdom, repression, or the return to a full national life in Israel? We are ready to face ordeals. But very much depends upon you, our brothers, on your uncompromising and energetic stand. Help us to escape to the light and freedom of our fatherland.

In the name of hundreds of thousands of Jews in Russia -JEWISH YOUTH COMMITTEE IN THE USSR

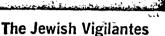
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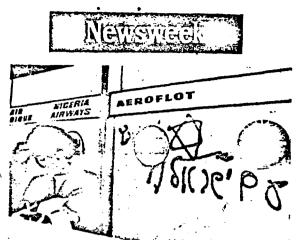


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The JDL makes its mark: On police blotters (left), in anti-Soviet protest (above), and on patrol (right)



It certainly wasn't the way that "nice Jewish boys" are traditionally supposed to behave-but then that is the whole point of New York City's Jewish Defense League. To protest the plight of Soviet Jewry last week, the militant New York group staged simultaneous raids on the Manhattan offices of Tass (the Soviet press agency), Intourist (the travel agency) and Aeroflot (the airline). Avraham Hershkovitz, a IDL leader who was born in a Nazi concentration camp, later recalled his visit to Intourist: "One Russian was very uncooperative ... he tried to pull a pair of scissors from a drawer. So I slammed the drawer on his hand. I got full cooperation after that.

At Intourist the invaders painted the walls with Hebrew slogans like "Am Yisroel Chai [Let Israel Live]"; at Kennedy airport, two of them handcuffed themselves to the nose wheel of a Soviet Ilyushin 62. The events struck even the most demonstration-immune New Yorker as a bit bizarre, but to the city's police—who the very next night arrested some 30 JDL members after a free-swinging melee in front of the Soviet U.N. mission—the Jewish Defense League has been a cause for concern for some time.

Patsy: Organized sixteen months ago by an intense, 36-year-old rabbi named Meir Kahane, the league believes that dramatic, sometimes violent, measures are the most effective way of implementing its motto of "Never Again" (a reference to the 6 million Jewish victims of the Nazis during World War II). The JDL holds to three basic convictions: that anti-Semitism is on the rise in the U.S.'s urban centers; that this bigotry is largely generated by black militants and radical leftist groups like the Students for a Democratic Society, and that government apathy toward that threat amounts to acquiescence. "We're frightened," says Rabbi Kahane. "So we're out to change the traditional image of the Jew as a patsy. We want our young people to stand straight and tall. Every kid knows that a bully will keep beating you up until you fight back."

Although the league has modest contingents in such other cities as Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Montreal, it makes most of its headlines in New York, where Jews make up a quarter of the population. Garbed in jaunty blue berets, sometimes brandishing baseball bats and bicycle chains, the JDL has in recent months:

• Hospitalized eight neo-Nazis who were picketing a JDL demonstration with signs that read "Gas the Jews" ("Nobody," says Kahane, "is going to carry those signs in this city").

Dispatched an armed contingent of 30 members to guard a temple on Fifth Avenue, where black militant James Forman had been expected to appear and demand reparations for alleged Jewish exploitation of blacks. Forman never showed.

■ Policed an election to the model-cities council in Brooklyn's Crown Heights section, where Jewish candidates had previously been defeated. This time sixteen of 24 Jewish candidates on the ballot won council posts.

This kind of activism has brought down upon the league the righteous wrath of traditional Jewish organizations. In a recent report, the president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations charged that "Jews carrying baseball bats and chains, standing in phalanxes, like goon squads, in front of synagogues, are no less offensive than whites wearing robes and hoods ... standing in front of burning crosses." Other Jewish leaders have dubbed the JDL "a bunch of vigilantes" and "the Jewish Panthers."

None of this upsets Kahane, who sees the JDL as a revolt against the "be nice, Irving" syndrome of the Jewish Establishment. "Our organization is made up of the unwealthy, the people who feel the pain," he says. "Let those other Jews come out of Scarsdale and into Brooklyn and criticize us and maybe I'll listen." The JDL says it has 7,000 members, drawn from all walks of life—taxi drivers, teachers, merchants and students. About three-fourths of them are concentrated in the five boroughs of New York.

Under Kahane, the organization tackles the issues closest to this urban constituency: neighborhood deterioration, the intimidation of teachers and, most crucial, threats of violence against Jewish merchants. During last summer's racial disturbances in Passaic, N.J., a squad of JDL members armed with shotguns guarded lewish-owned stores. No one got hurt, but in the words of the league's general counsel, Bertram Zweibon, "If the rioters had entered, they would have been shot."

Rapists: Perhaps the most important activity of the JDL is its nightly surveillance of Jewish neighborhoods in Brooklyn, the Bronx and lower Manhattan. Some fifteen JDL patrol cars, equipped with two-way radios, cruise the streets to check on veshivas and shops while foot patrols prowl for muggers and rapists. JDL members volunteer for patrol duty and supply their own cars, but out of its slim \$5,000-a-year patrol budget the JDL pays for radio units. For its operating money the organization depends upon membership dues (\$10 a year; \$3 for students) and community contributions.

On a recent evening, a blue station wagon piloted by 18-vear-old Gene Keller made a slow tour of East Flatbush—a predominantly Jewish neighborhood. "This is an island in the middle of hell," Keller told Newsweek's Tom Matthews. Then, as the car reached an intersection marking the borders of the sprawling black hetto, he pointed out the window at Brooklyn's East New York area and announced: "Hell is over there."

Such attitudes draw charges of racism from Negroes, but league officials insist that their only aim is to "transmit the image that our people can take care of themselves." To reinforce that image, the JDL last summer opened a self-defense-instruction camp for teen-agers in the Catskills. While their less committed peers lolled around pools at surrounding Borscht Belt resorts, several dozen Jewish youths sweated through grueling, eight-week sessions in karate and rifle practice. Most came from sections of the city where the young religious Jew, with his yarmulke and scholarly ways, has long been regarded by black toughs as an easy mark for extortion and physical harassment. "I saw my friends getting the hell beat out of them" recalls 25-year-old Steve Abrams, a burly karate expert. "Now I say never again. It used to be you hit a Jew, he turned the other cheek. We are saying you hit a Jew, you gonna be hit back."

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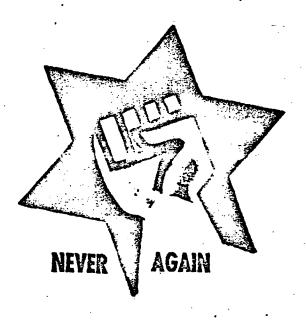


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Newsweek, April 19, 1971

'The Door Is Open Now, a Little'

One week after he posted this letter to Communist Party Secretary Leonid Brezhnev, Boris Kochubiyevsky was arrested and charged with slandering the Soviet Union by making his "Zionist" ambitions public. Today, more than two years later, the young radio engineer still languishes in prison—as do scores of other Russian Jews who dared to demand the right of emigration to Israel. But their plight has only strengthened the resolve of other Soviet Jews who, by the hundreds, now demonstrate publicly for full civil liberties in Russia itself and the freedom to go to Israel if they so desire. And this unprecedented militancy has had extraordinary results: rather than indulge in mass repression. the Soviet Government is now permitting hundreds of Jews to leave Russia.

"New Wave': The Jewish question was probably at least on the hidden agenda of the recent Communist Party Congress, and many observers believe that a new crackdown on emigration by the Soviet Covernment may be in the offing.

In the past, for most Jews in the U.S.S.R., the only security lay in assimilation; and even then, recurrent waves of anti-Semitism made complete assimilation difficult. "If you didn't remember that you were a Jew," says one emigrant wryly, "others would remind you."

will close the door tighter than before. Then will come a new wave in our struggle." Perhaps, but far too many Russian Jews seem to have rediscovered their fewishness to make assimilation—especially under pressure—an acceptable alternative to life in Israel.

Bloodless: Nikita Khrushchev's attitude toward Jews was less harsh than Stalin's, but it was under his leadership nonetheless that most of such Jews as remained in high party posts were gradually weeded out. And this bloodless political purge was followed by a wave of trials for "economic crimes" in which some 150 Jews were executed for petty offenses. By 1964, more and more Jews were asking for exit permits in the hope of finding a better life in Israel.

As long as I live, as long as I am capable of feeling, I shall devote all my strength to obtain an exit permit for Israel. And even if you should find it possible to sentence me for this—I shall anyway, if I live long enough to be freed, be prepared even then to make my way even on foot to the homeland of my ancestors.

At 17, Alla Rusinek was aware of her Jewish identity largely because her Soviet ID card bore the word Yeureika (Jew) written across it.

We are not anti-Soviet," says 34-year-old Mendel Gordin, a biochemist who recently emigrated from Russia. "But we no longer consider ourselves Soviets. We are Jews."

The "beauty" lies in an unexpected rise in Jewish identity and pride, much of which is traceable to the Israelis' decisive victory in the six-day war of 1967.

From Riga, Leningrad and Minsk-three centers of Soviet Lewish militancy-come reports of Jews who have threatened to form defense leagues unless local police cease to harass them.

To Jews in the West, the emergence of a resilient Jewish community inside Russia seems nothing short of miraculous. Only five years ago, novelist Elie Wiesel returned from the U.S.R. to report that the 3.5 million Jews there were intimidated, fearful, silent. Today, these "Jews of Silence," as Wiesel called them, have found a voice. In most large Soviet universities, Jewish students meet to study Jewish history, compiling their own booklets and circulating them among friends.

As Stalin grew older, however, his anti-Semitism became more overt. Beginning in the late '40s, Jewish periodicals and theaters were shut down and the Soviet press waged a vicious "anti-cosmopolitan" campaign directed at Jewish artists, writers and musicians. In 1952, more than a score of leading Jewish intellectuals were shot and at least 400 more were packed off to prison. Early the following year, nine doctors—six of whom were Jews—were charged with plotting to poison Soviet leaders. Only Stalin's death in March 1953 prevented "The Doctors' Plot" from triggering what many lews expected to be a pogrom.

Not long ago, at a conference organized by Soviet officials, th leaders of 60 of Russia's Jewish congregations, among them the chief rabbi of Moscow, loudly denounced "the claim of international Zionist circles and the rules of Israel to speak in our name." Yet it the past three years alone, at least 40.00 Jewish families are known to have aske for exit visas, and recent émigrés est mate that a half million others woul leave Russia tomorrow if permitted to co. "Most Jews only begin to realize the they want to leave when they see that is not impossible,"

a Jew applies for an exit visa, he can e pect the loss of his job, expulsion fro the party if he is a member, social ostracism and—all too frequently—a polic search of his home for evidence the might be useful at a subsequent tria. Those who fail to win a visa face possib prison terms or a marginal life adrift in hostile community.

Just being quietly negative however, is not usually enough to win a exit visa. So to publicize their "und sirability," some Jews write letters to the government, asking whether they make the own a Bible. Others turn up at syngogues on Jewish holidays, in order that the eye of the secret police.

At bottom, the only weapon the Je have is their readiness to embarrass. Soviet Government publicly.

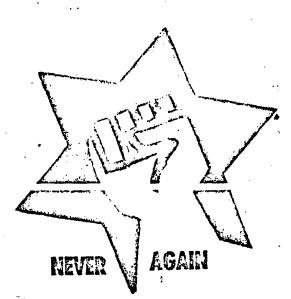
is a soldier who buys himself an and rifle so he can shoot around corners. C turies of pogroms and pressure to assilate undoubtedly have made lews. Russia cautious, but the six-day taught Soviet Jews—and their Russ neighbors—that when he has a real cato fight for, the Jew is as good a warras anyone else in the world."

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JDL leader, Rabbi Meir Kahane

TARGET - KHJ TV, Channel 9

Saturday, November 13, 1971 at 10:00 pm

Interview conducted by Regis Philbin

Following report from notes made during TV presentation viewed by writer. Exact quotes only if indicated.

Philbin: Asks why the JDL does not seem to have the support of most Jew-ish organizations.

Rabbi: Jewish organizations do not represent Jewish masses. JDL has support of Jews in the lower socio-economic classes.

Philbin: How about the wealthy liberal Jews. why wouldn't they support JDL?

Rabbi: Wealthy Jews do not feel the anger. Jews in general feel insecure. They think by involving themselves in the movements of liberals they will be loved. The anti-semite will never love the Jew for what he does or does not do. Either he likes him or he does not, what the Jew does will not change this.

Philbin: The violence of the JDL is denounced by Jews here, they do

not support violence.

Rabbi: It all depends...was in Forrest Hills three weeks ago, first Sabbath after return from trip to Israel. Forrest Hills is noted for being against violence, they consider the Soviet Jews a problem of the Soviet Jews...Then they heard about a housing project that is to be built in Forrest Hills...they are much opposed to it and try to stop it. While he was there, they came to me and asked if the housing project is built...can we (JDL) blow it up! It depends on who's ox is being gored.. how you feel about violence.

Philbin asks about JDL harrassment of Russian diplomats and their families Rabbi: It is a serious problem..the Soviet Jews. No one heard about them ...they were on the back pages. JDL took their story off the back pages and put it on page one. The news media wants exciting stories. Yes, we harrass and followed Soviet diplomats, we yell at their children asking why they can walk in freedom..

Philbin: Do they understand? Rabbi: Oh yes, they speak English..and the Soviets don't like this. There is no physical touching of the women or children..only the men. Grabing of lapels..holding them, telling them to listen...stop and listen. We are making the Soviet Jews problem Brezhnev' problem.

Philbin: Have you succeeded?

Rabbi: Sylvia Asmandson (phonetic) sentenced to two years is dying, she has T.B. JDL..Jewish militants made threats saying two Soviet officials would die unless she received the vitamin build up she needed...she was given this vitamin build up.

Philbin: JDL made death threats...would two Russians die?
Rabbi: "I cannot over estimate the danger of these threats". (quote)
It is a serious problem...moral rights...what is allowed or not allowed.
To let her die is not the Jewish concept of law..more obscene to let her die. The Bible says don't stand idly by while your brother dies...he who does it is breaking Jewish law.

Philbin: Isn't the threats by JDL against Soviet officials (diplomats)

Rabbi Meir Kahane - continued

will be killed going to be likened by some to the operations of the Black Panther Party?

Rabbi: No, we do no feel it is the same. With your government in this country you do afford democratic methods of change without violence. The government of Moscow does not allow any democratic change at any time. Philbin: Weren't the Jews in Russia oppressed under the tzar...wasn't

the revolution supposed to end all that?

Rabbi: Russian Jews under the Tzar or Soviets always have been oppressed. Philbin: American Jews have never said what is happening to Soviet Jews. Rabbi: That is the crux of it...for fifty years they have not told. They did not tell about the Nazi...we could have stopped ------ (Where Jews were put into ovens)

Philbin: Does the Soviet Jew have their culture and language? Do they

go to synagogue?

Rabbi: They (Soviets) do not allow Jewish language, culture...the synagogues are empty. The only answer is for the Jews to go to Israel. The Soviets don't really want their Jews...but won't let them go.

Philbin: Is it true you feel like the place for all Jews is to go to

Israel?

Rabbi: The place eventually for all Jews is Israel. This is a great country but we are anminority here. It is tough to be a minority. It is a myth to call this country a melting pot. Jews have tried to melt.. so there would be no anti-semitism. The incredible rise of ethnic feeling the last decade has polorized this country. Jews should be beautiful for Jews. What's happened this last decade...this country is racked in fear. The first target of the extreme left and right will be the Jew. I don't want to gamble.

Philbin tells about book Rabbi has written... "Never Again"... they tell where Rabbi Kahane will be speaking... Temple Isiah on Pico and Temple

Beth Shalam (phonetic) on Tuesday night.

Philbin asks about statement of Kahane that America will strangle on its own free speech... Kahane states he believes this to be true.

Rabbi Kahane stated he believes freedom of speech should be granted only to those who grant the same freedom to others..not those who take it away.

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MEIR D. KAHANE Also Known As Michael King, Martin Kahane

On November 18, 1971, who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that Rabbi Meir Kahane, who is self described as the founder of the Jewish Defense League (JDL), arrived in Los Angeles, California, on November 10, 1971, at Los Angeles International Airport.

The JDL is self-described as a militant activist group dedicated to the struggle for democracy, freedom and Jewish rights.

stated that Kahane arrived at approximately 1:00 p.m. and held a brief press conference after departing the airplane. Source stated Kahane mentioned that one of his main reasons for being in California was to meet with Governor Ronald Reagan to see if the Governor would act as a mediator for a prisoner exchange of 50 Attica prisoners for Jewish prisoners in the Soviet Union. Source stated that to the best of source's knowledge, Kahane did not see Governor Reagan.

Source stated that Kahane came to Los Angeles to re-organize the JDL, which according to source has been extremely disorganized and relatively inactive as well as hard pressed for funds. Source stated that he learned Kahane was to be in the Los Angeles area until November 17, 1971.

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Source provided the following additional information regarding Kahane's appearances in the Los Angeles area:

November 10, 1971

8:00 p.m. - Spoke at Temple
Young Israel of Los Angeles,
660 North Spaulding, Los
Angeles, on the purposes of
the JDL and attempted to get
support and membership.
Approximately 100 persons
attended at \$2.00 each.

November 12, 1971

12 noon - Spoke at the Student Center on campus of Los Angeles Pierce Junior College, 6201

Winnetka, Woodland Hills,
California. Kahane spoke for approximately one hour on the aims and purposes of the JDL and held a question and answer period. Approximately 100 persons attended and it was source's observation that Kahane was not well received by his audience.

November 13, 1971 No time known - Membership meeting at JDL headquarters, 7456 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

November 14, 1971 Source advised he had learned Kahane was scheduled to attend a "brunch" at the residence of

Los Angeles, however, source has no further information regarding this matter.





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November 14, 1971

8:00 p.m. - Spoke to approximately 100 persons who said a \$2.00 admission fee at Temple Isaih, 10345 West Pico, Beverly Hills, California.

Source advised Kahane again spoke of the purposes of the JDL. During his talk Kahane recognized a plainclothes Los Angeles police officer in the audience and made an issue of the officer's presence. Kahane stated this was typical of the harassment the JDL has received from the police and he would have to watch what he said as the officer was only there for the purpose of hearing Kahane say something that could be used against him. Kahane called for more militant action by JDL members stating that the police were not friends of JDL and if the police interfered with the actions of the JDL they would be dealt with as any other enemy. Kahane mentioned that relative to mass arrests of many JDL members in Washington, D. C. some nine policemen were beaten up by JDL members. Source stated this meeting ended at 11:00 p.m. without any incidents and it was source's opinion that Kahane had been well received.

November 16, 1971

11:00 a.m. - Kahane spoke on the campus of Los Angeles Valley Junior College, 5800 Fulton, Van Nuys, California, to an audience of approximately 180 persons. Source stated Kahane gave aims and purposes of the JDL, however, on this occasion the apparent reaction of his audience was mixed and at one point a Rabbi in the audience challenged Kahane and in turn Kahane made disparaging remarks concerning the Rabbi.





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Source advised Kahane was originally scheduled to speak during the evening hours at a temple located in Northridge, California, in the San Fernando Valley, however, the Rabbi in residence at this temple had cancelled out Kahane's appearance. As a consequence Kahane spoke instead at Temple Beth Shalom, 3635 Elm Street, Long Beach, California, to an audience of 100 persons. Source was unable to provide further information regarding this appearance.

November 17, 1971

Source advised Kahane departed Los Angeles for an unknown destination, however, it was source's opinion Kahane had to return to New York City for a court appearance.

Source stated that in general Kahane has apparently slipped in his appeal to the Jewish community in Los Angeles noting that on his previous trip to this area in the Spring of 1971, he had drawn turn away audiences and had been able to draw substantial offerings from these audiences. Source noted that on this occasion his audiences were greatly reduced in number and they were very few offerings collected.

Source further advised that to the best of source's knowledge, Kahane slept during his stay in JDL Headquarters, 7456 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

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