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### LEADING AMERICANS SEND APPEAL TO KHRUSHCHEV ON JEWS IN RUSSIA

NEW YORK, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- A seven-point appeal asking for full religious, cultural and other rights for Jews in the Soviet Union was sent today to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev in the name of about 100 leading Americans who held an all-day Conference on the Status of Soviet Jews at the Carnegie International Center here.

The appeal was adopted at the Conference unanimously yesterday, following impressive addresses on the discriminations against Soviet Jewry delivered by prominent American authors, educators and clergymen. Presiding over the Conference--which was sponsored by leading American personalities--was the Rt. Rev. James A. Pike, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of California.

Documented reports presented at the Conference established that the Jews in the USSR are being denied religious and cultural rights extended to other nationalities in the country, and are being subjected to officially-condoned persecutions. Throughout the discussions it was emphasized by speakers that they do not seek to conduct anti-Soviet propaganda but merely appeal for justice to the Jews and for combatting anti-Semitic propaganda in reports in the Soviet press.

The seven-point appeal--a copy of which was transmitted today also to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin in Washington--called for immediate action by the Soviet Government on the following specific proposals:

1. Jewish education in all its forms should be permitted.
2. Jewish cultural institutions should be reopened and Jewish artistic life--literature, theater, music, in Yiddish and Hebrew--should be allowed to develop fully.
3. Central institutions to serve the religious needs of Soviet Jewry should be established; the closing of synagogues and private prayer meetings should be halted, and obstacles to the performance of sacred rites should be removed.
4. Formal religious and cultural bonds with Jewish communities abroad should be allowed, official exchange visits permitted and the right to make religious pilgrimages to the Holy Land granted.
5. Permission for Jews to leave the USSR, so that they may be reunited with families in other lands from whom they have been separated, should be implemented.
6. The anti-Jewish character that so strongly colors the official campaign against economic crimes should be eliminated.
7. A vigorous educational campaign against anti-Semitism should be undertaken.

"We appeal," the Conference resolution stated, "to all those in the USSR who genuinely desire the eradication of the evils of Stalinism and who, with us, thirst for truth, justice and decency. We appeal to the Soviet authorities to act in this matter on the basis of their own ideological, constitutional and legal commitments. We issue this appeal in all solemnity, as a matter of urgency and elementary decency. We cannot keep silent so long as justice is not done on this problem."

### Justice Douglas Charges Moscow with Barring Jews from the Navy

Associate Justice William O. Douglas, of the United States Supreme Court--one of the co-sponsors of the Conference--told the gathering that anti-Jewish persecutions manifest themselves in the USSR in many ways, including discrimination against the use of Jewish personnel "in public service." The Supreme Court Justice cited the absence of Jews in the Soviet Navy. "Despite the constitutional facade" of Soviet laws forbidding discriminations, he said, Jews are kept out of certain positions "due to the fear that Jews might come into contact with Jewish communities outside the Soviet Union."

"But probably the place to start," he declared, "is with the religious community. A universal effort must be made to have the synagogue restored and to have the Russian Jews enjoy the freedom of using their religious symbols. We must insist on the restoration of the synagogues, hope that that would be a beginning, and hope that other tangible results would follow toward the solution of the Jewish problem in the USSR."

Professor Lewis Feuer of the University of California, who recently returned from an extended stay in the Soviet Union, reported at the Conference: "The Jewish people are

allowed to exist. It is their culture which is being extirpated. The Soviet's 'assimilation' of the Jewish community is planned from above, directed from above and enforced through sanctions and the making unavailable of books and teachers. "This is culturocide--the murder of a culture--and inherently destructive of human freedom."

Other speakers included Prof. Horace M. Kallen; Arthur Miller, playwright and author; Max Hayward, Oxford fellow and translator of "Dr. Zhivago"; Maurice Hincus, author of "House Without a Roof," a study of life in the Soviet Union; Dr. Meyer Schapiro, professor of art history at Columbia University; and Dr. Moshe Decter, director of Jewish Minorities Research.

In addition to Bishop Pike and Justice Douglas the sponsors of the Conference included the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a leader of the Negro integration movement; Walter Reuther, vice-president of the AFL-CIO and president of the United Auto Workers; Norman Thomas, veteran Socialist leader; former U.S. Senator Herbert H. Lehman; and Robert Penn Warren, famous American novelist and poet.

#### KENNEDY URGED TO USE SALE OF WHEAT TO RUSSIA FOR TALKS ON MATZOTH

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- An appeal was addressed to President Kennedy today, asking him to negotiate with the Soviet Union an agreement under which the Moscow authorities would permit Jewish citizens of the USSR "to obtain flour, bake, purchase, or sell matzoth during the annual Passover holidays."

The appeal was made in a letter to the President from Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, in the context of the Administration's decision to permit the sale of vast quantities of American wheat to the Soviet Union.

"I believe," Congressman Farbstein wrote, "it would be singularly appropriate at this time, in view of the wheat sale, that the Soviet Government permit such arrangements to be made regarding matzoth. As you know," the letter stated, "the Soviet Union has banned the sale of matzoth on the grounds that this represents speculation. However, the ordinary Jewish citizen has no means of procuring ritual flour or baking matzoth. Only a large processor can do this."

(In Chicago, national president Label Katz of B'nai B'rith today told a press conference here that he supports the sale of wheat by the United States to the Soviet Union on a basis of both economic and humanitarian considerations, but hopes the sale would create a new climate in which world public opinion might be more effective in bringing about an alleviation of the plight of Soviet Jewry. He recalled that B'nai B'rith had offered to ship matzoth to Russian Jews but that the Soviet Government had rejected the proposal.)

#### ISRAEL CABINET DEMANDS POLICE REPORT ON DEMONSTRATION IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Israel's Cabinet, meeting at its regular Sunday session today, requested a full report from Minister of Police Eshor Shitreet about a demonstration staged here yesterday, when heavy police reinforcements narrowly averted a clash between members of the League Against Religious Compulsion and residents of the ultra-Orthodox quarter of Mea Shearim.

The Cabinet request followed a complaint voiced to the Government by Interior Minister Moshe Shapiro, who charged that the organizers of the League demonstration had gone beyond the conditions laid down when they were given a permit for yesterday's demonstration.

Several hundred members of the League, many of them armed with clubs, tried to penetrate into the Mea Shearim quarter. They called for support of the League's demands for civil (instead of religious) marriages, permission of automobile traffic on the Sabbath, and abolition of Israel's blue laws.

About a dozen trucks carrying the League's demonstrators, many of whom had come from leftist kibbutzim, were halted by the police, and the demonstrators were forced to walk afoot. Policemen standing shoulder to shoulder kept the secularists separated from the religious population, as the League demonstrators brandished their clubs and shouted invectives at the Orthodox.

Finally, the secularists held a rally attended by about 2,000 persons, while police kept the religious elements from breaking up the demonstration. As religious persons heckled the secularist speakers, police once again intervened to keep the two sides separated.

After Mr. Shitreet reports on yesterday's fracas, the Cabinet is expected to continue debating the entire issue in the context of the recent demonstrations against Sabbath traffic staged by the ultra-zealous Orthodox community.

#### U.N. CONCLUDES GENERAL DEBATE; ISRAEL REITERATES CALL FOR PEACE TALKS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Calling upon the United Nations to put its weight behind a "fruitful Arab-Israeli dialogue," Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative to the UN, reiterated this weekend Israel's call for resolving the Arab-Israeli differences "across the negotiating table." Mr. Comay repeated Israel's request for peace talks with the Arab states at the end of the General Assembly debate in replying to attacks by three speakers -- Talib Hussein Shabib, Foreign Minister of Iraq; Moshin Al-Aini, of Yemen; and Salah El-Dine Tarazi of Syria.

### PCPE PAUL VI TO RECEIVE 120 MEMBERS OF U. J. A. MISSION TODAY

ROME Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Members of the Ninth United Jewish Appeal Study Mission will be received by Pope Paul VI in a private audience tomorrow. Joseph Meyerhoff of Baltimore, UJA general chairman, will lead the group. Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman, will act as spokesman at the audience.

The 120 members gathering here tomorrow have toured France, Austria, Morocco and Iran, studying Jewish needs and programs of the Joint Distribution Committee. They will report on their findings tomorrow. Two more briefing meetings are scheduled during the stay in Rome as guests of the JDC. At the briefings JDC officials will provide the mission members with a global review of Jewish needs and plans for the next year.

Other highlights of the visit to Rome will include a reception by American Ambassador Reinhardt, a memorial service in honor of the 300 Christian and Jewish Italian hostages murdered by the Nazis in 1944 and a dinner at the 16th Century Palazzo Ruspoli, with Baron Guy de Rothschild, president of the Central Jewish Welfare organization of France, as the guest speaker. The mission will report on the global Jewish needs at the annual UJA meeting in New York in December which will set the goals for the 1964 campaign.

### KENNEDY LAUDS B'NAI B'RITH ON 120TH ANNIVERSARY; KLUTZNICK HONORED

CHICAGO, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- The B'nai B'rith today started the nationwide observance of its 120th anniversary year with a dinner here honoring Ambassador Philip M. Klutznick, a former member of the U. S. delegation to the United Nations and a past president of the B'nai B'rith. The dinner featured a major civil rights address by Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

The Attorney General outlined civil rights goals and commended Mr. Klutznick and B'nai B'rith for their roles in the advancement of national human rights objectives.

President John F. Kennedy, in a message to the dinner, paid tribute to B'nai B'rith as "a constructive force in the life of our nation." President Kennedy said that "although B'nai B'rith is the oldest voluntary service organization founded in our nation, its appeal to the social conscience of peoples everywhere remains fresh and new." The President paid high tribute to Mr. Klutznick, stating that "it is particularly appropriate that he be honored on this occasion, for he exemplifies the leadership that has projected B'nai B'rith to its present position as an outstanding service organization."

Enumerating the B'nai B'rith's achievements, President Kennedy said: "It organized the first disaster relief campaign; it encouraged major medical advances in the hospitals it sponsored; it pioneered innovations in philanthropy and social service; its wartime service goes back to the Civil War; it has improved the educational opportunities of our youth; it has developed programs to broaden human rights and defend civil liberties."

B'nai B'rith president Label Katz, presented Mr. Klutznick with the first award of the anniversary year for personifying "the purpose and ideals of B'nai B'rith in the lasting contributions he has made to Jewish life and to the American society." He commended Mr. Klutznick for having contributed vision and dynamism to B'nai B'rith.

#### Klutznick Visualizes a Meaningful Jewish Life in United States

Mr. Klutznick said that now that B'nai B'rith has attained 120 years, the traditional life-span of Moses, the order must not only, like Moses, look into the Promised Land, but actually enter it." Stressing that B'nai B'rith has not completed its work but only begun, Mr. Klutznick said: "The Promised Land we envisage is a concept of a meaningful Jewish life perpetuated despite new challenges."

Citing the developing Negro revolution, Mr. Klutznick said "Jewish education must keep the torch of learning lighted with sufficient brilliance for the Jew to see his personal obligation." He said the Jew was entering "the Promised Land of material well-being but the B'nai B'rith old values of uniting Jews in the highest interest of humanity must not be submerged or lost in materialism or automated conformity."

Mr. Klutznick said that "during the first 120 years of B'nai B'rith, the Jewish community, partly because of B'nai B'rith's role, is better organized, more unified, strengthened in its security and awakened to its communal responsibilities. Now we must think of educating, perpetuating, and inspiring our people to bring the old values into the new life, of continuity from the exodus of Moses to the present marches for freedom."

Other speakers included Governor Otto Kerner of Illinois and Abraham Feinberg, national chairman of Israel Bonds. Some 1,500 persons attended the dinner, including a distinguished group of 120 Anniversary Founders, who are supporting a special fund for Jewish educational purposes coinciding with the anniversary.

(In New York, Mayor Robert F. Wagner today proclaimed this week as "B'nai B'rith Week" in New York City in observance of the 120th anniversary of the establishment of the organization. The proclamation was read at an all-day conference of the B'nai B'rith Metropolitan Council marking the event. The conference, attended by 1,500 guests, was addressed by Edward E. Grusd of Washington, D. C., editor of the B'nai B'rith National Jewish Monthly. It also included panel discussions on adult Jewish education, the work of the Anti-Defamation League and the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.)

AMERICAN NAZI PARTY MEMBERS ARRESTED IN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY ROW

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Fourteen men and a girl, all but one identified by the police as members of the American Nazi party, were arrested this weekend when they stirred up a row at a civil rights panel discussion at American University here.

NAZI VICTIMS DEMAND REMOVAL OF EX-NAZIS FROM PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

MUNICH, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- A resolution demanding that the West German Government remove all former Nazis from public employment and proceed more vigorously with the apprehension and prosecution of war criminals, was adopted at a pilgrimage to the site of the Belsen concentration camp by more than 3,000 Nazi victims.

Among those addressing the gathering were the secretary-general of the Jewish members of the French underground during the Second World War and the chairman of a group of former Nazi victims in Germany.

U.N. SHELIVING OF HUMAN RIGHTS SESSION EVOKES INTERNATIONAL PROTEST

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 13. (JTA) -- A protest against a United Nations decision to hold no session of the UN Human Rights Commission this year was filed here today by the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. The Human Rights Commission deals with anti-Semitism.

The Economic and Social Council, parent body of the Human Rights Commission, had deleted the annual Human Rights Commission's meeting from this year's schedule, due to the fact that the facilities at the United Nations headquarters in Geneva will be taxed by a conference scheduled to be held there on trade and development. In a 29-page memorandum, detailing various human rights violations around the world, the ICFTU requested that the Human Rights Commission be authorized to hold its annual meeting in West Berlin.

ISRAEL STARTS EXCAVATION OF ANCIENT PALACE OF KING HEROD OF JUDEA

TEL AVIV, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- Israel's largest archaeological expedition--the excavation of the ancient palace of King Herod of Judea, on the Metzada Cliff north of Sodom on the Dead Sea--got underway today under the direction of Dr. Yigael Yadin, Hebrew University archaeologist and former Chief of Staff of the Israel Army. Herod ascended the throne of Judea 2,000 years ago in the year 37 B. C. E.

Supported by financial contributions by the Israel Government, the Wolfson Fund and the London Observer, the project will receive technical assistance from the Israeli Army which paved a temporary road for the use of the expedition and which also will supply tent camps for the workers and equipment to lift supplies 1,300 feet to the top of the cliff.

The expedition, which will remain at the site for six months and will employ 200 workers including 40 from abroad, will excavate the palace on the northern edge of the cliff which also served as the last Jewish resistance stronghold against the Romans during the Bar Kochba uprising in the year 93 C. E.

Dr. Yadin, who expressed the hope that the expedition will result in important re-evaluations of the historical remains on the site, will later supervise the reconstruction of the palace destined to become one of the leading tourist attractions in Israel.

NETHERLANDS MINTS TWO GOLD MEDALS MARKING ISRAEL'S ANNIVERSARY

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- The State Mint of the Netherlands has issued two gold medals in commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the State of Israel.

The medals bear on one side the heads of King David and King Solomon. On the other are representations of a Menorah, Israel in Hebrew letters and representations of the shekel. Symbols of the 12 tribes comprise the border of the medals.

WEST GERMANY TO BROADCAST THE CONTROVERSIAL PLAY 'THE DEPUTY'

FRANKFURT, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- "The Deputy," the controversial drama which charges that the late Pope Pius XII kept silent while Hitler was trying to annihilate European Jewry during World War II, will be given two radio performances, it was announced here today. The play will be broadcast over a network originating here on October 21, and will be repeated over the local radio station ten days later.

LCS ANGELES JEWISH FEDERATION PRESENTS MAIMONIDES AWARD TO DR. SALK

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 13. (JTA) -- The Moses Maimonides Award of the Los Angeles Jewish Federation-Council was presented to Dr. Jonas Salk, developer of the polio-vaccine, at the annual fall dinner of the Federation-Council. Representatives of the organization's 478 affiliated organizations and 29 citywide service organizations attended the event.