WASHINGTON, March 24, (JTA) -- Senator Eugene McCarthy, Minnesota Democrat, today introduced a joint resolution on the Senate floor calling "upon the President to use full facilities of our government to make arrangements on an emergency basis for the delivery of an adequate supply of matzoh to the key centers of Jewish life in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, so the feast of the Passover may be observed in keeping with over 5,000 years of Jewish tradition."

The joint resolution is a companion to the one introduced in the House last week by Ohio Democratic Congressman Michael Feighan. Senator James Eastland, Mississippi Democrat, has made it known that he is in favor of the resolution, as will probably be other Southern Senators who would not be opposed to a debate at this time on a subject other than the civil rights legislation now before the Senate.

The State Department, however, is expected to be against Congressional action on the resolution, it was indicated here today. State Department circles, after referring JTA inquiries from one office to another, finally declined any comment on the resolution, claiming that they could not express opinion until the resolution comes out from the respective committees of the Senate and the House.

In a statement on the House floor today, New York Democratic Congressman Leonard Farbstein condemned Soviet action in holding back the distribution of packages of matzoh from the United States to Jews in the Soviet Union. Noting an article in the paper Sovietskaya Byelorussia entitled "Stop Your Blackmail by Force!," Representative Farbstein retorted, "Don't look now; your anti-Semitism is showing."

French Communist Party Criticizes Moscow for Anti-Semitic Book

PARIS, March 24, (JTA) -- L'Humanite, the official organ of the French Communist party, took the unprecedented step today of criticizing the Soviet Union in an editorial strongly condemning the publication in Kiev of a booklet, "Judaism Without Embellishment," which has been widely criticized in the West as incitement to anti-Semitism.

The criticism was in the form of reprinting an editorial in the "Neue Presse," the Yiddish-language organ of the Jewish section of the party, which demanded the formal disavowal by Soviet officials of the pamphlet, published last year in Kiev by the Ukrainian Academy of Science. The editorial was the third on the subject in Neue Presse and was the first time that the newspaper had ever criticized the Soviet Union. (Similar criticism was voiced also by the Jewish Communists in New York.)

The "Neue Presse" had submitted a formal request to the Soviet Press agency Novosti for clarification of the status of the pamphlet which Neue Presse said contained anti-Jewish caricatures reminiscent of the Hitler period. Today Neue Presse announced on its front page that it had received a reply from Novosti and that it would publish the reply tomorrow.

"Neue Presse" editor wrote that while the anti-Soviet press and Jewish organizations had been carrying on a strong anti-Soviet campaign on the basis of the pamphlet, "we say frankly this booklet shocks us. We think its drawings are harmful. This kind of caricature is an inducement to incitement and cannot serve to convince or to defend a just cause."

A meeting arranged by Jewish writers and journalists was held here tonight to protest the appearance of the pamphlet.

SOVIET COURT IN CARPATHO-Ukraine Sentences Munkachevo Jew to Death

LONDON, March 24, (JTA) -- A Jew named Gelb was sentenced to death during a mass trial for alleged "economic crimes" in the Carpatho-Ukrainian region of the Soviet Union, information reaching here today from the USSR revealed. Mr. Gelb, whose first name was not given, was identified in the report as a resident of Munkachevo, in the Western Ukraine.

Mr. Gelb, today's report indicated, had been one of 13 Jews in the mass trial held last December at Usgorod. Twelve of the Jews convicted in that proceeding had previously been named by the organ of the local Communist Party, Zakarpatskaya Pravda. The 12 had been given sentences ranging from 10 years' imprisonment to 15 years. Mr. Gelb's name, however, had been omitted by the Communist newspaper. It was not known here today whether the death sentence against him has as yet been carried out.
GOLDMANN URGES RELIGIOUS EXTREMISTS TO BECOME MORE FLEXIBLE

JERUSALEM, March 24, (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann told the closing session of the World Zionist Actions Committee last night that the Jewish religion—which he said reposes on great, ethical human ideals—must become more flexible. He warned that the maintenance of a rigid conservative position by religious leaders carried the danger of a separation split.

He also said that the time had come to start a "dialogue of historical dimensions" between the leaders of Orthodoxy and representatives of other Jewish groups to bring the two parts closer together. Obviously referring to the cable sent recently to Premier Levi Eshkol by seven American non-Orthodox organizations urging him not to give into pressure of extremist Orthodox organizations, Dr. Goldmann said that the interest of Jewish communities outside of Israel in developments in Israel was "fully legitimate" and that no religious leader should complain about "interference" in Israel's internal affairs.

He hailed the current session of the Actions Committee, declaring it had gone beyond fulfilling routine tasks. He also cautioned against the "erroneous idea" that increased efforts of Jewish communities in countries outside of Israel could be at the expense of weakening endeavors for Israel.

ISRAEL ADMITTED FOR FIRST TIME TO MEMBERSHIP IN AFRO-ASIAN BLOC

GENEVA, March 24, (JTA) -- Israel today was admitted, for the first time, to full membership in the Afro-Asian bloc among the 122 countries represented here at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, which convened for a three-month session here, with more than 1,500 delegates in attendance.

The Afro-Asian bloc, formed at the United Nations in New York in 1955, was dominated for years by the anti-Israel Arab states. Only in the last three or four years, since many new African states were admitted to UN membership, did the Africans take over leadership of that bloc. Now, for the first time, Israel has become a full-fledged member of the bloc, with equal rights.

The conference, which opened here yesterday, is considered of extreme importance by Israel, which has been very active in extending technical assistance and other aid to the underdeveloped lands in Africa and Asia.

Members of the Arab bloc, encouraged by the fact that an Egyptian, Abdel Monem el-Kaisouny, was elected president of the parley, were trying hard here today to dislodge Israel from its membership in the bloc, which consists of 62 nations. However, Ambassador Moshe Bartur, Israel's permanent representative here, was fighting the behind-the-scenes move.

Meanwhile, Israel's Minister of Commerce and Industry, Pinhas Sapir, arrived here today to head Israel's large delegation as chairman of the group. He is scheduled to address a plenary session of the conference Thursday, when he will outline Israel's policies regarding world organization of trade for the benefit of underdeveloped lands.

ARABS CHARGED IN COMMONS WITH REFUSING TO SOLVE REFUGEE PROBLEM

LONDON, March 24, (JTA) -- A British Government spokesman said in the House of Commons today that he agreed with the charge by a Conservative Member that the continuing Arab refugee problem stemmed from Arab prejudice and propaganda against Israel.

The charge was made by Ronald Russell who asked the Government for the number of Arabs still classified as refugees, the total amount to be contributed to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for their aid, and what progress was being made in permanently settling them in their host countries.

Robert Mathew, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, said that the total number of Palestine refugees registered with UNRWA on December 31, 1963, the latest date for which figures were available, was 1,228,064 and of these 879,874 were receiving "full rations." He said that about $32,500,000 had been pledged for the 1964 UNRWA budget which did not include non-governmental contributions valued, during 1963, at about $70,000,000.

Russell then commented that it was regrettable that after more than 15 years after the dispute there should be so many refugees in the Middle East and asked "Is it not entirely due to the prejudice among Arab countries and their stirring up propaganda against Israel?" The Under Secretary replied that "I am in agreement with what you say" and added that the British Government was doing "everything it could" to get some progress.

BRITISH-GERMAN TALKS ON COMPENSATION OF NAZI VICTIMS COMPROMISED

LONDON, March 24, (JTA) -- Foreign Secretary R.A. Butler declared today in the House of Commons that negotiations between Britain and West Germany for compensation of Nazi victims now living in Britain were proceeding as quickly as possible but that they were "inevitably complicated," included are a number of Jews. The Foreign Secretary said the talks were "confidential negotiations between governments." He declined to "make a more detailed statement at this stage."

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER FATE OF SOVIET JEWS

GENEVA, March 24. (JTA) -- The World Council of Churches, currently in session here, expressed concern today about the fate of the Jews in Russia.

The Council noted the memorandum submitted recently to the Soviet Embassy in Rome by the European Conference of Rabbis on the problem. The bulletin of the Council also noted the 70th birthday of Moscow Chief Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levine and his 40 years of service to his community.

STATE DEPARTMENT OPTIMISTIC ON U. N. ASSEMBLY ACTION ON ANTI-SEMITISM

WASHINGTON, March 24. (JTA) -- State Department officials noted today that they were optimistic that the United Nations General Assembly would definitely deliberate the draft convention on racial discrimination providing for a clause condemning anti-Semitism as an international offense during the fall session.

On the House floor this afternoon, Republican Congressman Seymour Halpern of New York praised the American delegation to the Human Rights Commission for its accomplishments, even though the commission neither "adopted" the anti-Semitism clause, nor formally voted or debated the section's language as proposed by the American delegate, Mrs. Marietta Tree.

"It is our hope that this small, but meaningful first step will eventually yield the forthright universal condemnation of anti-Semitism," he said. "There must be more than strictly national enforcement," he stressed. He urged United States perseverance and leadership in the eventual incorporation of the anti-Semitism clause.

CANADIAN JEWISH LEADERS MEET WITH ONTARIO PREMIER ON ANTI-SEMITISM

TORONTO, March 24. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Canadian Jewish Congress met today with top officials of the Province of Ontario, including the provincial Prime Minister, John Roberts, and passed on to the authorities information pointing to persons responsible for the recent widespread dissemination of anti-Semitic materials in this city, Montreal and elsewhere throughout Canada.

In addition to meeting with Premier Roberts, the CJC leaders conferred also with Fred Cass, attorney general of Ontario, and Allan Grossman, provincial Minister for Reform Institutions. The same information was, at the same time, sent to Guy Favreau, Dominion Minister of Justice, at Ottawa.

Leaders of the delegation included M. W. Gasner, chairman of the CJC central region, and Sydney M. Harris, national chairman of the Joint Public Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith. They told all the officials that the CJC considers it of public interest "to inform the community at large of the identity and connections of persons" connected with the spread of hate propaganda.

They said they would make the names of the persons concerned public next month, when a memorial meeting honoring the martyrs of the Warsaw Ghetto rebellion is to be held here at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

JEWS IN ARGENTINA BOMBED FOR SECOND TIME IN ONE MONTH

MENDOZA, Argentina, March 24. (JTA) -- The Jewish Club of Mendoza was bombed today for the second time in one month but this time police seized three suspects who are youth members of an extremist racist group which has been banned by the Government.

The three suspects, members of the Guardia Restauradora Nationalista, were found in possession of an arsenal of weapons and of inciting pamphlets. The Mendoza Jewish Community issued a statement declaring that the bombings followed "an organized plan tending to bring the country to violence and subversion." The statement warned that "the anti-Semitic phase is only the first step."

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY APPROVES STATEWIDE FAIR SABBATH BILL

ALBANY, N. Y., March 24. (JTA) -- The New York State Assembly approved today a statewide Fair Sabbath bill which would give limited exemption to merchants to do business on Sunday.

The New York Legislature enacted a bill last year giving New York City authority to exempt Seventh-day Sabbath observers from the Sunday closing law. The bill approved today by the Assembly would apply to family-owned and operated businesses throughout New York state.

The measure, sponsored by Assembly Speaker Joseph Carlino, Nassau Republican, does not give any person the direct right to do business on Sunday. It provides a defense against prosecution if the operator meets certain conditions, a principle done being that he uniformly keeps a day other than Sunday as his Sabbath.

Howard M. Squadron of New York, chairman of the American Jewish Congress Metropolitan Council, called the bill "a great step forward" for religious liberty and urged the State Senate to also approve the measure.
EFFECT OF MODERN FOOD TECHNOLOGY ON KASHRUT DISCUSSED AT HARVARD

BOSTON, March 24, (JTA) -- Plans to form an institute on food technology and kashrut in cooperation with local colleges and universities were announced today by the Vaad Harabonim of Massachusetts following a seminar on the subject held at Harvard University.

The seminar, sponsored by the Vaad, was told that the impact of modern food technology on the Jewish Dietary Laws has profoundly changed the procedures for kosher certification. The moderator was Prof. Samuel A. Goldblith, Professor of Food Science and executive officer of the Department of Nutrition of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He serves as chairman of the Vaad's Advisory Board of Food Technologists.

Professor Goldblith told the seminar that the rabbinate now "must not only deal with commodities as did the rabbis of old, but with mixtures of commodities, parts of commodities, with chemical substances, with compounds such as the emulsifiers, anti-oxidants, anti-tackling agents, and coating adjuvants, with polymers and copolymers, with adhesives, sizing agents, vitamins, amino acids, fumigants, lubricants, release agents, insecticides, fungicides, bacteriostatic agents and on the list goes."

"Thus the modern rabbi must not only be well versed in rabbinic theology but must also have an understanding of the chemistry of the additives and processes used in food production today," he said. "This is the function of the scientist and technologist--to assist the clergy in an understanding of these compounds, their origin, their function and an understanding of the processes."

Adaptation of Dietary Laws to Advances of Science is Urged

Such changes, he added, underscore "the importance of studies on modern foods, their components and their processes in terms of a code of dietary laws written some 3,500 years ago. If Judaism is to survive, it must adapt itself, as it has done in the past, to advances in other areas of knowledge, to advances in science, technology and engineering."

Raising the question of whether a system based on statutes "edified some 3,500 years ago" could survive in the twentieth century, he said "the answer is unquestionably yes." He cited as one of the reasons for his reply the work of such organizations as the Vaad to spread understanding of the problems created by modern technology for kosher certification and supervision.

Professor Leo Friedman, Professor of Food Technology at MIT and former Director of the Research Division of Nutrition of the Federal Food and Drug Administration, told the Seminar that the federal and state governments looked to the rabbincic authorities of the Jewish community to determine what was admissible for kosher consumption. He asserted that it was "extremely confusing to Government authorities when they receive conflicting views from different rabbis on the same subject" on a kosher certification problem.

KENNEDY PEACE FOREST WILL BE DEDICATED IN JERUSALEM IN NOVEMBER

JERUSALEM, March 24, (JTA) -- Dedication ceremonies for the John F. Kennedy Peace Forest in the Jerusalem Hills will be held next November 22, the first anniversary of the assassination of the President, Max Bressler, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, told the press here today.

He also announced that the unveiling of a Kennedy Memorial, to be included in the Forest, was planned for July 4, 1965. Mr. Bressler met with Premier Levi Eshkol, who promised Government participation in the project, and with Jerusalem Mayor Mordecai Ish Shalom, who pledged the city's participation.

The American Zionist leader said there had been wide response in the United States for the project for which he said he hoped every American Jew would plant a tree. Yaacov Tsur, world chairman of the JNF, stressed the spontaneous interest which the project had evoked in Israel, particularly among school children who have volunteered contributions.

MEMORY OF JEWS AND NON-JEWS MASSACRED BY NAZIS IN ROME OBSERVED BY CITY

ROME, March 24, (JTA) -- The memory of 332 men and boys, Jewish and non-Jewish, who were massacred by the Nazis in the Ardeatine Caves was commemorated in solemn ceremonies sponsored by city and national government officials today on the 20th anniversary of the atrocity. In the presence of President Segni and key Italian officials, Premier Aldo Moro gave the commemorative address. Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff of Rome recited Kaddish in memory of the victims.

MITCHELL GANDAL, PIONEER OF THE AMERICAN ZIONIST MOVEMENT, DEAD

CLEVELAND, March 24, (JTA) -- The burial took place here today of Mitchell Gandal, a pioneer Zionist who was active in Zionist Organization and Jewish National Fund circles in Cleveland for more than half a century. He died Sunday morning in Baltimore at the age of 84.

Surviving him are a son, Henry, of Cleveland; four daughters, Mrs. Philip Slomovitz, Detroit; Mrs. Israel M. Goldman, Baltimore; Mrs. Yosef Schub, Chicago; Mrs. Sol Wesselman, Bismarck, N.D.; and 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.