MCSCC U. JEWS CELEBRATE SIMCHAT TORAH IN PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- One of the most unusual demonstrations ever witnessed in the Soviet Union occurred Monday night, when a vast crowd of Jews-including at least 15,000 young boys and girls-gathered in a square in front of the Central Synagogue of Moscow to celebrate Simchat Torah, it was learned here today.

According to a highly reliable American who came back from Moscow today, the crowd in the square started gathering at about twilight, Monday, while inside the house of worship other Jews were preparing to observe Simchat Torah under the spiritual leadership of Chief Rabbi Yeohuda Leib Levin. In a short time, the Jews gathered in the square numbered many thousands. By mid-evening, there were an estimated 15,000 youths in the crowd.

As the sounds of the official celebration emanated from the synagogue, the crowd outside, led by the youths, started singing and dancing. Songs were rendered in Hebrew and Yiddish. The youths whirled in the square, dancing the horah and doing other traditional turns. The dancing and singing continued until midnight.

The American was told by Moscow Jews that the Simchat Torah demonstration was the largest and most enthusiastic witnessed in Moscow in many years. Russian Jews said that the demonstration constituted a mass answer on the part of Jews, especially the youth, to the Soviet Government's efforts to wipe out virtually all traces of Jewish religious practice. The fact that many of the songs were in Hebrew, the Russians pointed out, indicated not only that the youths were declaring their friendship to Israel but showed also that, despite the fact that Hebrew is a forbidden language in the USSR, many Jewish youths know at least smatterings of the ancient Jewish tongue.

NUSSBAUM, Z. O. A. PRESIDENT, WARNS WEST AGAINST APPEASING NASSER:

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Rabbi Max Nussbaum, president of the Zionist Organization of America, tonight warned the opening session of the 67th annual ZOA convention that the Western Powers must halt "appeasement of President Nasser of Egypt, before it is too late."

Saying that the appeasement of Adolf Hitler produced "the greatest calamity mankind has ever witnessed," he said "there is a similar attitude of appeasement in the treatment of Nasser by the Western Powers." He added that it was not too late to stop Nasser from carrying out machinations which could trigger world tragedy, but "three or five years from now, it will be too late."

Commenting on the present position of the American Jewish community, Dr. Nussbaum appealed to the Jewish masses to stir up the leadership in their communities to organize a central representative body of the American Jewish community. He charged that the present "utter disarray" of Jewish community life hampers efforts on behalf of Soviet Jews and in combating anti-Semitism in other parts of the world. He also called for promotion of limited emigration of American Jews to Israel, asserting that the movement to Israel of 5,000 Americans a year is "within the realm of probability."

Dr. Nussbaum was the keynote speaker at the opening session of the convention, attended by more than 1,000 delegates from all over the United States. Formally opened by L. S. Turower, of Washington, chairman of the National Convention Committee, the session was addressed also by Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman, who brought greetings on behalf of the Israel Government, Yosef Serein, deputy Speaker of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, who spoke on behalf of the World Union of General Zionists; and Rabbi Irving Miller, honorary chairmen of the American Zionist Council. Rabbi Miller delivered a moving tribute to the late Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

Eshkol Cables Greeting, Stresses Importance of Immigration:

Israel's Prime Minister Levi Eshkol cabled the ZOA convention a greeting including an appeal for increased American emigration to Israel. He said this was not only of great importance to Israel but would provide the "strongest link between Israel and American Jewish community." He said Aliyah offered the ZOA "renewed purpose," and the challenge of bringing American Jewish youth to Israel to build the growing Israeli society. He
emphasized that the "Zionist movement, which is an expression of the spirit of rebirth of the Jewish people, must meet its tasks, however difficult."

Mr. Eschkol stated in his message that Israel cannot be satisfied with present accomplishments, noting the recent Arab summit conference and its announced aim of Israel's destruction. The mainstay of Israel's security is the quality of her citizens, he said. Past reservoirs of Israel's manpower are drying up, and new sources are needed to maintain economic growth and ensure security, according to Mr. Eschkol.

Mr. Serlin commented in his address on the recent Arab summit conference, stating that "for the first time since the emergence of Israel, 13 Arab countries have voted to utilize the Arab refugees against us not only as a political weapon but also as a military weapon." He referred to the parley's call for a "Palestine Liberation Army" composed of Arab refugees for the specific aim of waging war on Israel. He said "the nations friendly to Israel, in rendering their material aid to the Arab refugees, should insist on peaceful purposes of this program, and not permit its use as a threat to Israel."

Orthodox Rabbis Urge U.S.A. to Cancel Aid to Arab Countries

NEW YORK, Oct. 1, (JTA) -- The Rabbinical Council of America, representing some 900 Orthodox rabbis in the United States and Canada, today appealed to the U.S. Government to cancel its economic aid to the Arab countries, in view of the recent resolution adopted by the members of the Arab League, declaring their determination to annihilate Israel.

The appeal, which was issued by Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the Rabbinical Council, declared: "Our Government and our people must face up to the deep moral issue inherent in the fact that our purpose to establish peace (in the Middle East) is being contravened by the same countries to whom we are extending aid, and that these countries are using the very aid which the Government of the United States is extending to them for the preparation of a destructive war against Israel."

EBRAP TELLS MEXICANS THAT ARABS WILL NOT MAKE WAR ON WATER ISSUE

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Abba Eban, Israel's Deputy Prime Minister, reaffirmed here today the fact that, in withdrawing Jordan River waters for irrigation purposes, Israel would respect the amounts to the limitations set more than 10 years ago by the plan drafted by the late Eric Johnston, then a special emissary for President Eisenhower. The technical aspects of that plan had been accepted at the time by both Israel and the Arab states, but were rejected by the Arabs for political reasons.

Mr. Eban said Israel would proceed with its huge irrigation project despite threats by the Arabs, stating that he considered the risk of an Israeli-Arab war on the issue as "illusory." He made these statements, among others, at a press conference which he conducted in Spanish. He is here on a state visit.

Noting that Mexico would attend the latest of a series of conferences by "non-aligned nations," scheduled to be held in Cairo, he said he expected Israel's friends at that parley to prevent adoption of any resolution attacking Israel's honor or position. He made it clear he considers Mexico a friend of Israel.

At another meeting, with the staff of the Israeli mission to Mexico, Mr. Eban said Israel was increasingly aware of the importance of its relations with Latin America. He is scheduled to visit other Latin American countries on his current tour. Mr. Eban was reported to be "pleasantly surprised" on the closeness of views he has found here as between Mexico and Israel, especially in regard to Middle East problems, technical cooperation and issues before the United Nations.

ISRAEL DISAGREES WITH ERHARD ON SCIENTISTS WORKING FOR NASSER

JERUSALEM, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- An Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman said today that "the Israeli Government and people and the entire world cannot acquiesce in the lack of action by the West German Government" on removal of West German scientists from Egypt working on advanced weapons systems for the regime of President Nasser.

The statement was the first official reaction to a statement by Chancellor Ludwig Erhard last week that his Government had no legal means of halting the work of the scientists. Recalling that it was the West German Bundestag which proposed taking legislative measures on the problem, the spokesman said that "Israel's demand was and is that Bonn take all necessary steps available to the Government to stop this culpable activity forthwith."

The spokesman also referred to a statement by the Chancellor that he favored extending the statute of limitations for persecution of Nazi war criminals beyond next May. The spokesman said it was expected that the West German Government would find ways to ensure that Nazi war criminals will not evade punishment. He stressed that such crimes could not be measured by the criteria applied to customary crimes.
BULGARIA HAILS OPENING OF AIR LINK BETWEEN SOFIA AND ISRAEL

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- The inauguration of Bulgarian-Israeli tourist traffic through facilities of El Al Israel Airlines was celebrated here tonight at a banquet arranged by Bulgarian authorities for a delegation of 100 guests brought on El Al's first flight to Bulgaria.

Israel Ambassador Zvi Avron, and Bulgarian Government representatives, spoke at the banquet, hailing the new link in Bulgarian-Israeli relations. The envoy and the Government representatives emphasized the exceptional friendship of the Bulgarian people for Jews. They noted that Bulgaria and Denmark were the only two countries in Europe where Jews did not suffer during the Nazi holocaust because local residents openly fought Nazi deportation efforts.

MAJOR BRITISH PARTIES VIE FOR JEWISH VOTES IN GENERAL ELECTION

LONDON, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Britain's three major parties, bidding for votes in the October 15 general election, all made statements today on issues of special concern to Jewish voters, particularly regarding the Middle East.

Sir Alec Douglas-Home, the Premier and leader of the Conservative party, has left this election assignment to his Home Secretary, Henry Brooke, who speaks in general terms and avoids specific issues. Brooke tells voters that the guiding principle of the British Government is to maintain the balance of arms in the area.

Labor party leader Harold Wilson has been much more specific, asserting that, if Labor wins, we will try to obtain agreement of the Great Powers to halt the arms race in the Middle East. Jo Grimond, Liberal Party leader and head of the party least likely to win, has told voters that he also favors a halt in the arms race. But he has added that, if the Arabs refuse to make peace with Israel and continue their arms race, Israel is entitled to maintain the balance by getting the new modern arms it needs.

BRAZILIAN JEWS REPORT NEW COMMUNITY FORMED IN MODERN CAPITAL

NEW YORK, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- The development of a new Jewish community in Brazil's ultra-modern capital city of Brasilia was reported to the World Jewish Congress today by Dr. Alfred Hirschberg, first secretary of the Confederation of Brazilian Jews.

Dr. Hirschberg said that the new community is far removed from other centers of Jewish life in Brazil but that there are already about 120 Jewish families in Brasilia, consisting mainly of government employees and professionals. The problem of how to extend them support in Jewish affairs, Dr. Hirschberg said, will be one of the main issues to be discussed at the next board meeting of the Confederation of Brazilian Jews, in October.

JEWISH SETTLERS SOUGHT FOR ISOLATED COMMUNITY IN AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Perth, the capital of western Australia, will seek new settlers to save itself from stagnation by isolation, the Jewish Board of Deputies of Western Australia announced today. The Board named a committee to investigate the possibilities of inducing Jewish newcomers to settle in Perth.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA LIFTS STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ON WAR CRIMES

LONDON, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- The Czechoslovakian Parliament has adopted unanimously an amendment which exempts war criminals from the statute of limitations, it was reported here today from Prague. Under the amendment, war criminals can be tried after next May 8, the end of the period of 20 years since the official close of World War II.

It was reported at the same time that 33,000 war criminals have been tried in Czechoslovakia. The report said that 819 received death sentences on conviction. It was also pointed out that a number of war criminals who committed their crimes on Czech territory have not been apprehended.

GERMAN CATHOLICS TO USE BUBER'S TRANSLATION OF OLD TESTAMENT

R-O-ME, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- A German Catholic publishing house has begun work on the preparation of a new edition of the Bible, using for the Old Testament portion a translation into German by Martin Buber, leading Israeli philosopher. This was announced here today at a press conference held by German bishops participating in the deliberations of the Ecumenical Council in connection with the proposed schema on Divine Revelation, dealing with the Old Testament.

The bishops cited the use by the German Catholic publishing house of Prof. Buber's work in connection with deliberations over whether Jewish scholars would participate in Catholic translation teams. The schema contains a recommendation that Biblical translations be prepared in collaboration with non-Catholic Christian scholars;
CATHCIC WEEKLY CALLS FOR STRONG VATICAN STAND ON JEWISH ISSUE

NEW YORK, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- The Commonweal, liberal Catholic lay-edited weekly, asserted today that, if Roman Catholicism was "serious about erasing Christian anti-Semitism," the Ecumenical Council would have to take a stronger stand on relations with the Jewish people than the revised version of the draft declaration on which debate was concluded at the Vatican this week.

The weekly, in its current issue, criticized "the needless skirting of the decisive issue" in the revised draft and the emphasis on "reunion" of Jews with Christianity; The Commonweal declared that such elements were "as offensive to Jews as they should be to understanding Catholics."

Asserting that the Church could not "settle for the mild form of lip service now before the Council," the weekly said that "the needs of diplomacy and of the political sensitivities of the Arab governments must not be granted the sort of weight that brings a parliamentary compromise."

Other criticisms of the debated Vatican document were voiced by the Catholic Reporter, organ of the Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocese and the Catholic Universe Bulletin of Cleveland, the central Diocesan newspaper in that city. Both criticized the new version, which has been strongly opposed by Jewish leaders, as well as by most American cardinals and archbishops in the Council debate in Rome.

Church Has No 'Hidden' Aim to Convert Jews, Says Belgian Cardinal

ANTWERP, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- The Catholic Church has no "hidden intentions" to force the Jewish people into conversion to Christianity, Cardinal Suines, primate of Belgium, declared here today. In a message to the Belgian Israelitisch Weekblad, on the occasion of the Flemish-language paper's 10th anniversary, Cardinal Suines discussed the draft declaration on relations with Jews, debated by the Ecumenical Council in the Vatican this week, and stated that the time had come for a "loyal dialogue" between Christians and Jews.

Such dialogue, he said, "does not at all mean a hidden intention to bring Jews to conversion to Catholicism. Faith exists only if it is a free, personal decision." Citing from the Psalms, the cardinal expressed his hope that, from now on, "we all-Jews and Christians-will be able to say in all sincerity 'See how good it is, how sweet it is, to live like brothers all together.'"

'THE DEPUTY,' OPPOSED BY SOME CATHOLICS, CANCELS ROAD TO CUR

HEVY YCRK, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- A planned nationwide tour for "The Deputy," the controversial play on the alleged influence by Pope Pius XII in the face of the Nazi slaughter of European Jewry, has been canceled, Producer Herman Shumlin said today. One reason was that theaters in other cities refused to accept engagements and another that not enough prospective producers offered subscription arrangements, he said.

The play opened on Broadway last February 26. Mr. Shumlin said that theaters in Cleveland, Baltimore, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Milwaukee had refused to book it. He added that the manager of the Cleveland theater had told him that objections had been raised by "those representing the Catholic diocese." Other managers refused to give reasons, he said.

The Broadway version is doing well, he added, though it must leave its present theater on November 28 because of a prior commitment by the theater for another attraction then. He indicated he expected to find another theater for performances in Manhattan after that date.

NEW XISTADRUT YOUTH CENTER AT HAIFA NAMED AFTER PHILADELPHIANS

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- A new youth center at Haifa, to be named after Pauline and Samuel Weinrott, of this city, will be established in Haifa under the auspices of Histadrut, the Israel labor federation, it was announced here.

The announcement culminated a dinner last night attended by some 500 civic and business leaders in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Weinrott. The center was conceived last summer during Mr. Weinrott's first visit to Israel as a member of a delegation of Philadelphia business leaders who studied the Histadrut welfare programs. Mr. Weinrott is a banker here.

RABBI JACOB SONDERLING, HERZL CC-WORKER, DEAD ON COAST AT 85

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 1. (JTA) -- Rabbi Jacob Sonderling, prominent educator and veteran Zionist, died here yesterday of a heart attack at the age of 85. He was one of the first co-workers of Theodor Herzl, the father of political Zionism.

Born in Germany, Rabbi Sonderling was ordained there and was one of the leading Zionists in that country. He came to the United States in 1923 and after serving in pulpits in various parts of the country, was spiritual leader of the Fairfax Temple here. He also served for a number of years as director of the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council. At the time of his death, he was professor of Jewish thought and homiletics at the California school of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.