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## Lindsay Proclaims 'Soviet Jewry Day'; Black Militant Says Blacks, USSR Jews Same

NEW YORK, March 30 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay proclaimed today "Soviet Jewry Day" in New York City and the occasion was used for a rally and press conference of white and black civil rights leaders on behalf of Jews in the Soviet Union. The rally took place at the Isaiah Wall near United Nations headquarters and was timed to coincide with the opening today of the 24th Soviet Communist Party Congress in Moscow. An appeal to the Congress urging human rights and emigration rights for Soviet Jews was presented at the rally by Eleanor Holmes Norton, chairman of New York City's Human Rights Commission. The appeal was signed, among others, by Rep. Herman Badillo, film producer Otto Preminger, civil rights leader Roy Wilkins, N.Y. Congresswoman Bella Abzug and Roy Innis, a militant black civil rights leader. The rally was organized by the Center for Russian Jewry and the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry. The groups are seeking signatures on a nationwide petition to be sent to the Communist Party Congress.

Some of the demonstrators picketed American Communist Party headquarters in New York today and returned to the Isaiah Wall to begin an "Exodus Vigil" for Soviet Jews which, they said, would be maintained until Passover eve, April 9. Innis, likened the situation of blacks in the United States to Jews in the Soviet Union. He said both countries were "the most repressive in the world" and "inheritors of the evils of the Pharaohs of the past." He accused many Jews of "failing to extend to blacks the right of ethnic identity" but said that black nationalists have come to realize the parallel that exists between the oppression of blacks and the oppression of Jews and the need for both groups to work together. The appeal to the Communist Party Congress urged the Soviet leadership to permit the emigration of Jews who seek to leave the Soviet Union; free imprisoned Jews and permit full religious and cultural expression for those who choose to remain. The appeal quoted the late civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who said at a Soviet Jewry Human Rights Day rally in 1966 that "The denial of human rights anywhere is a threat to the affirmation of human rights everywhere."

## Congressman Urges Enactment Of Legislation To Provide 30,000 Visas For Soviet Jews

WASHINGTON, March 30 (JTA)--Rep. F. Bradford Morse, Republican of Massachusetts, said today that the legislation to provide 30,000 special refugee visas for Soviet Jews was "a challenge to the Soviet Union to permit those Jews who wish to leave to do so and to show that the United States would welcome them here." Morse noted that while "many" Soviet Jews would prefer to go to Israel, "enactment of such legislation at this critical time will remain an act of American generosity and concern in a time of need." The 50-year-old Congressman, who this year began his second decade in the House, is a member of its Foreign Relations Committee and a co-sponsor of the visa legislation, originally introduced March 4 by Reps. Edward I. Koch, New York Democrat, and Gilbert Gude, Maryland Republican. That bill was subsequently withdrawn and amended to provide visas for ethnic or cultural associations or nationalities, thus widening the coverage of the measure. The proposed legislation has 47 co-sponsors to date.

Morse pointed out that Congress had in the past put through special legislation to aid refugees; as in the cases of Hungarians in 1956, Czechoslovakians in 1968 and Cubans since 1967. The Massachusetts Representative contended that even if the Soviets permitted Jewish emigration on a modest scale, the present American quota for Eastern Hemisphere refugees--10,200 a year--would be inadequate. He added that enactment of the visa bill might induce other nations to do likewise. Meanwhile, Senate Minority Leader Hugh Scott has inserted into the Congressional Record the text of the resolution adopted at the recent conference on Soviet Jewry in Brussels. The Pennsylvania Republican explained that "in view of the crucial period the Jews in the Soviet Union are facing, we are anxious to highlight any positive action taken which will help to alleviate this critical situation." The resolution, Scott said, indicates Soviet Jews' "deep concern and their heroic struggle for the safeguarding of their national identity at this time of crisis."

## Jewish Doctor Arrested In Ukraine; Four Jewish Prisoners Moved To Unknown Place

NEW YORK, March 30 (JTA)--Informed sources told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that a 48-year-old Jewish physician was arrested in Tzernowitz in the Ukraine two weeks ago after unsuccessfully applying for an exit visa. He was identified as Dr. Haim Renert, a gynecologist. The source said that four of the 30 Jews jailed after a protest last week at the offices of the chief Soviet prosecutor, Roman A. Rudenko, had been separated from their fellow prisoners. The four were identified by their last names only as Prestin, Zand, Slapak and Polsky. They had been sentenced to 15 day terms on charges of "hoolliganism." The source said their removal from the Moscow jail to an unknown place of detention was unusual considering the short sentences and was "ominous."

## Jewish Chaplains Endorse Compulsory Chapel Attendance In Service Academies

NEW YORK, March 30 (JTA)--In recognition of the sensitive and essential place that religious training commands in the moulding of future United States officers generally, and of Jewish officers, particularly, the Association of Jewish Chaplains in the Armed Forces endorsed the retention of compulsory chapel attendance at service academies, in a resolution passed at its 25th anniversary meeting, several days ago. The resolution stated, in part, that "Jews in the armed forces represent a scattered minority, whose spiritual needs cannot be adequately served by the limited number of Jewish chaplains, and every Jewish officer trained to assume such responsibilities with dignity and pride represents, therefore, a distinct asset to the armed forces and helps fill a fundamental need of the Jewish commu-

ity." It also noted that "the experiences at My Lai and elsewhere reflect the need for an intensification of spiritual training for the officers of our armed forces, not its dilution." The resolution also hailed the decision of a United States District Court for sustaining the constitutionality of the practice which had been challenged by 3 non-Jewish cadets in a court brief. The Chaplains Association termed the verdict "consistent with the best spiritual interests of the Armed Forces and the nation and in no way contradictory to the principle of separation of church and state." (The compulsory chapel regulation is not intended to promote or to establish a specific religion above others, but is spiritual training on priority with other required training for future officers.) The resolution was introduced by Rabbi Avraham Soltes, volunteer chaplain at West Point Academy, N.Y. "We need an intensification of Jewish training not a dilution," Rabbi Soltes urged, indicating "that for the next decade of their lives these young men will be isolated from contact with any Jewish community and that their values as Jews may be the only ones that will be encountered by the thousands of Jewish and non-Jewish men and officers that they will meet and work with."

### Lella Khaled Promises More Hijackings Soon By Terrorists

LONDON, March 30 (JTA)--According to reports reaching here from Beirut, Lella Khaled, the Arab commando implicated in last autumn's rash of hijackings, promised an audience in Kuwait that hijackings will be resumed by the terrorists. "We shall hijack planes time and time again, and you shall hear about this soon," she declared. Miss Khaled's attempt to hijack an El Al plane was foiled last September and she was imprisoned in London where she was subsequently released in return for the safety of the Jewish hostages held on the other planes.

### Latin American, South African Friends Of Hebrew U Sponsor New Student Facilities

JERUSALEM, March 30 (JTA)--The Hebrew University's Mt. Scopus campus was the scene these past two days of ground-breaking and dedication ceremonies inaugurating new student facilities sponsored by friends of the University in Latin America and South Africa. Ground was broken for two new student residences named in honor of Argentina and Uruguay. Each will accommodate 64 students and will be the first of a new dormitory complex to rise on French Hill. Ambassador Jorge Casal of Argentina and Uruguay's cultural attache, Zouza Baitler, joined Israeli officials and members of the University's board of governors at the ceremony. Avraham Harman, president of the Hebrew University, said the ground-breaking was an example of the growing connection between the friends of the Hebrew University in South America and the University. The University dedicated yesterday its new science center on Mt. Scopus, a gift from the South African Friends of the Hebrew University. The center contains a large entrance hall and four lecture halls seating a total of 1000. It will enable the University to concentrate its first year science courses on the Mt. Scopus campus.

### Tito Tells Pontiff Yugoslavia To Work For Mideast Peace; Presents Strong Arab Case

ROME, March 30 (JTA)--Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia referred to the Middle East situation during an audience with Pope Paul VI yesterday, it was reported today. Tito reportedly told the Pontiff that he considered the present Middle East crisis dangerous and that Yugoslavia was trying to help in the search for a peaceful settlement "so that the consequences of the war of aggression of June, 1967 can be eliminated and so that all people and countries of that region can live in peace and security." According to sources, Tito presented a strong case for the Arab cause.

### Another Large Group Of Soviet Jews Arrive In Israel; Report Several Jews Arrested

TEL AVIV, March 30 (JTA)--Another large group of Soviet Jews arrived here this morning, the third plane load to land since last Thursday. The newcomers, a large number of them children, youths and young couples, were from Moscow, Odessa, Riga, Minsk, Vilna, Tzernowitz and Oriel. Some of them told newsmen that while exit visas seemed easier to obtain, Soviet authorities were trying to discourage departures by breaking up families at the last minute and, in one case, removing a Jew from the bus that was to take him to the airport. Unrich Heyt, of Tzernowitz said he received exit permits five weeks ago for himself, his wife Rosa and their 22-year-old son, Michael, only to have the latter two revoked one day before their planned departure. He said the local authorities claimed his son had to serve in the Army although he is no longer a Soviet citizen. Heyt said the family decided that he should go to Israel alone and try from there to secure the departure of his wife and son.

Other Jews from Tzernowitz reported that about 15 more families in that town had received exit permits and may be expected in Israel shortly. They reported the arrest two months ago of one local Jew, Michael Reger, who was sentenced to five years' imprisonment for allegedly trying to bribe a clerk at the Ministry of Interior. Immigrants from Moscow reported that police arrested a Jew named Anatol Glod after he boarded a bus that was to take him to the airport for a flight to Vienna. Today's arrivals included 23-year-old Israel Rashal, a technician from Minsk, who wrote the words to the song "Blue and White" which has become the unofficial anthem of Russian Jews seeking to emigrate to Israel. They also included Karl Pusmann, an engineer from Oriel who was imprisoned from 1958-65 for "Zionist ideas." He said he had applied for exit papers six times and finally received his visa three weeks ago.

### Communist Party Office Bombed; JDL Denies Involvement, Applauds Action

NEW YORK, March 30 (JTA)--The national headquarters of the American Communist Party was rocked by a bomb blast early this morning, damaging the building's first floor windows and public entrance doorway. The blast was reported to the offices of United Press International and Associated Press by an unidentified caller who said: "The Communist Party building has just been bombed. Let the tools and lackeys who throw our brethren into jail know that they too are responsible for the actions of those who they support. Let our people go! Never Again! The slogan is associated with the Jewish Defense League. "We had no involvement in the bombing," said Lawrence Fine, executive director of the JDL, "although we do support the actions of those who have acted out their embitterment towards the Soviet Union. We applaud the action." No comment was immediately available from the Communist Party. A police spokesman told the JTA that there were no clues to the identity of the bombers.

## UAR Envoys Pleased With Latest Diplomatic Offensive By Cairo In Western Capitals

PARIS, March 30 (JTA)--Egyptian ambassadors' meeting here today with Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad, were reportedly pleased with the progress of Cairo's latest diplomatic offensive in Western capitals. Observers said they were noticeably cheered by the report of Dr. Ashraf Ghorbal, Egypt's chief diplomatic representative in Washington on his talks with Secretary of State William P. Rogers and Assistant Secretary Joseph J. Sisco last week. Dr. Ghorbal was reportedly promised that the United States would continue to seek to influence Israel to accept a Mideast settlement in line with the withdrawal principles of the Security Council's Resolution 242 but was told the U.S. needs more time to achieve that objective. Robert Anderson, the political counsel at the U.S. Embassy here, reportedly delivered a message to Foreign Minister Riad yesterday in which the U.S. reaffirmed its support of United Nations mediator Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring's Feb. 8 note asking Israel if it was prepared to commit itself to the principle of withdrawal. An Embassy spokesman described the note as "routine" but would make no further comment on it.

## Jewish Martyrs Honored; Arrangements For Passover Completed In Rumania

BUCHAREST, March 30 (JTA)--The 764 Jewish martyrs who lost their lives when the Struma, a Rumanian ship carrying illegal immigrants to Israel, sank in 1943, were honored here today at a memorial service held in Bucharest's Choral Synagogue. Chief Rabbi Dr. Moses Rosen delivered a memorial sermon, and members of the congregation said a collective kaddish in memory of the lost. Congregants then proceeded to the local Jewish cemetery where a memorial to the "Struma Martyrs" is erected. Meanwhile, it was announced here today to foreign newsmen, that arrangements for Passover have been completed by the Federation of Jewish Communities in Rumania. Both matzot and Israeli wines, it was disclosed, are being sold in a number of centers in Bucharest and the provinces, and kosher restaurants will be open for Passover, both to paying and non-paying guests. The Jewish Community Center in Bucharest, it was also learned, has on hand a supply of "Shemurah Matzot" for those who desire them, and Rabbi Rosen will conduct the two traditional public Sederim in Bucharest.

## Austrian Legislator On Tour Of The Netherlands Reveals He Was SS Officer

AMSTERDAM, March 30 (JTA)--An Austrian Parliamentarian, Friedrich Peter, who arrived here for a week's study-tour with a group of Austrian educators, disclosed today to newsmen that he had been an SS officer during World War II. Shock at the news reverberated through Dutch circles and headlines in the Dutch paper "De Telegraaf" declared: "Austria Sends Us Delegation Which Includes Nazis." The paper also accused the Austrian Education Minister, Dr. Leopold Gratz, a member of the delegation, of being a former Nazi. It was later revealed however to newsmen that the accusation was groundless since 41-year-old Gratz was only nine years old at the start of the war.

## More Soviet Military Aid Given To Egypt Than To Any Other Non-Communist Country

LONDON, March 30 (JTA)--"Never before (1970) had the Soviet Union injected anything like the quantity of sophisticated military equipment into a non-Communist country in such a short time" as it did into Egypt last year, according to the Institute for Strategic Studies. The Institute's annual report, published today, states that the USSR gave Egypt 200 pilots, 150 MIG jets and \$2.5 billion in military aid in 1970, with Soviet personnel there now totalling 12,000-15,000 missile experts and 4,000 "advisors" and the financial aid since 1967 totalling \$4.5 billion. The Institute contends that this massive aid buildup actually has given Egypt "if anything, even less independent authority" to withstand Israeli strikes. But at the same time, the report continues, the Soviet aid inflow gave Egypt what is considered to be a much-needed strategic shot-in-the-arm and caused Israel to be more careful in her attacks.

## Interfaith Delegation Marches To Soviet Embassy; Official, Three Clerics Confer

WASHINGTON, March 30 (JTA)--An interfaith delegation composed of 11 Protestant ministers, eight Catholic priests and eight rabbis marched to the Soviet Embassy today to protest the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union. The march was keyed to the opening in Moscow today of the 24th Congress of the Soviet Communist Party. Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin was in the USSR, however, and the Embassy would not accept a petition, but it did agree to meet with three of the clergymen. Msgr. Ralph Kuehner, urban affairs director of the Catholic Archdiocese; Bishop Stephen Spottswood of the African Methodist Zion Episcopal Church, chairman of the NAACP and Rabbi Sanford Jarashow of Temple Sholem, Silver Spring, Md., representing the Washington Board of Rabbis and the Soviet Jewry Committee of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, conferred for more than an hour with Embassy political counselor Igor Bubnov and press officer Alexander Yefstafyev. The other 24 members of the delegation, prevented by the police from massing within 500 feet of the Embassy, circled the block for the duration of the meeting. Msgr. Kuehner said he was asked why he was demonstrating on behalf of Jews, and that he replied: "Because I respect the basic rights of people."

## Peaceful Rally For Soviet Jews Pickets Red Army Chorus; Youths Begin Hunger Strike

LONDON, March 30 (JTA)--Demonstrations on behalf of Soviet Jewry, largely peaceful, took place here today. Members of the University Committee for Soviet Jewry picketed and handed out leaflets in front of the Golders Green Theater where the Red Army Chorus opened its London concert series. Police escorted six persons from the theater but a spokesman for the Universities Committee said they had no connection with the peaceful demonstrators outside. Two members of a Herut youth group began a hunger strike outside of the Soviet tourist office today to protest the treatment of Soviet Jews.

## Arab Terrorist Killed, Israeli Youth Wounded In Upper Galilee

TEL AVIV, March 30 (JTA)--An Arab terrorist was killed and an 11-year-old Israeli boy was wounded yesterday during an exchange of fire with an Israeli patrol near Margalioth settlement in Upper Galilee. One terrorist was wounded but managed to flee with his companions across the Lebanese border under pursuit by Israeli forces. There were no other Israeli casualties.

