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## Jewish, Catholic Groups To Use Facility Jointly; Milestone In Interfaith Cooperation

PHILADELPHIA, March 31 (JTA)--A 22-acre tract of land in Lower Merion Township, now occupied by the Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, has been purchased by the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia in an unusual agreement under which both groups will be able to serve their respective communities at the same location. At an historic meeting this week, officials of the FJA and The Country Day School at Overbrook Foundation signed papers providing for joint occupation of the facility. The agreement ensures the permanent continuation of the Catholic girls school at the site, and at the same time allows for the immediate establishment of a western branch of Jewish Ys and Centers on the property. The location is in the center of a large and growing Jewish population. The Federation of Jewish Agencies acquired the title to the property from The Institute of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart of the City of Philadelphia, owners of the property. Under the agreement, use of parts of the facility will be programmed for non-conflicting uses during the school day and JYC uses during evening, week-end and summer periods.

The "old" building in which the school currently operates its Montessori Division and Lower and Middle Schools will continue to be used primarily by the Catholic Institution. Part of the "new" building, actually a wing of the main building, will be used by the school to house its Upper School, while the other part will be utilized immediately by youth clubs, golden age groups, and other participants of JYC facilities. Kitchen and cafeteria facilities will be divided on a scheduled basis. Morris A. Kravitz, president of the Federation of Jewish Agencies, hailed the agreement as a "milestone" in interfaith cooperation. "To my knowledge," he said, "this concept pioneers joint operation of a valuable facility for people of two great faiths." William K. Davis, chairman of the board of directors of the Overbrook Foundation, pointed out that this is the culmination of a one-and-a-half-year relationship and said, "This is not an experiment, but the fruit of successful past cooperation between the two groups." Since population studies conducted by the Federation of Jewish Agencies indicate a growing Jewish population in Delaware and Montgomery Counties, the Federation has been seeking a location from which to serve the Jewish community. JYC has been involved in sponsoring programs in several locations in the area, using public school and synagogue facilities.

## USSR Expels U.S. Scientist For Collecting 'Slandorous Information' From 'Zionists'

WASHINGTON, March 31 (JTA)--An American scientist was expelled from the Soviet Union on March 24 for having "collected slanderous information from persons described as 'Zionists and other elements,'" the State Department disclosed today. Department spokesman Charles Bray identified the scientist as Dr. David Viglirchio, 45, a nematologist (specialist in parasitic worms) at the University of California at Davis, who had arrived in the Soviet Union last Nov. 24 for a six-month stay under the Soviet-American scientific exchange agreement. Bray could not confirm if Dr. Viglirchio is Jewish. He said the scientist and his wife were on their way back home to Madeira, Calif., by way of Teheran and Tokyo. Bray reported that Dr. Viglirchio claimed no knowledge of having made contact with Zionists while in Moscow working at the Academy of Sciences. Bray said that Valentin Kamenev, cultural counselor at the Soviet Embassy here, had been told by the State Department that the "absurd charges" against Dr. Viglirchio were "a crude attempt to discourage scientific contact between Soviet and Western scientists," and that "expulsion of exchanges on insubstantial grounds is detrimental to the program." There are nine American scientists remaining in the USSR, according to the State Department. Bray said Dr. Viglirchio was subjected to "a minute personal search" before leaving Moscow, but that it was not yet known if any materials were confiscated.

## 40,000 Montreal Jews Win Right To Vote In Protestant School Board Elections

MONTREAL, March 31 (JTA)--The Quebec National Assembly passed a bill last night giving 40,000 Montreal Jews the right to vote in Protestant school board elections for the first time in nearly half a century. The measure, adopted without dissent, was described by Quebec Education Minister Guy Cardinal as "just reparation for an historical injustice." It was hailed today by the Canadian Jewish Congress. The enfranchisement applies to the 40,000 Jewish taxpayers of Greater Montreal whose property taxes help support the Protestant schools which most of their children attend. It does not apply to the two other Quebec cities with Jewish residents--Quebec with about 100 Jewish families and Trois Rivières with about 40. The bill, introduced by the Quebec government earlier this month, had the support last night of Jean Jacques Bertrand, leader of the opposition Union National Party and Dr. Camille Laurin, leader of the separatist Parti Quebecais. Royal assent was promptly given by Lt. Gov. Hugh Lapointe. The measure became law when it was published in the official Gazette this morning. There are no non-sectarian schools in Quebec. Some Jewish children attend privately sponsored Jewish day schools but none attend Catholic sponsored schools. About 20,000 Jewish children, 75 percent of all Jewish children of school age, are enrolled in the Protestant sponsored schools.

## Report 90 Percent Of Visa Applications By Jews Rejected By Soviet Authorities

JERUSALEM, March 31 (JTA)--A very well informed Israeli source said today that over 90 percent of the visa applications submitted by Russian Jews are turned down by Soviet authorities. The source said that Jews seeking exit papers must undergo a long and arduous process which subjects them to public scorn and sometimes divides their families. Every Jew who receives an emigrant visa must pay 900 rubles, the equivalent of almost \$1,000, the source said. Visas are granted on the basis of "vzov"--a request that must be sent by relatives in Israel who undertake to look after the emigrant's welfare. Even after the "vzov" is received, the procedure is lengthy and difficult. The entire family must agree to leave the Soviet Union and the refusal of either spouse and often of children can result

in refusal to grant an exit permit, the source said. Applications for exit visas must be accompanied by character references from the applicants' employers. This subjects the would-be emigrant to censure from employer and colleagues for whom Israel is constantly depicted in the Soviet press as a puppet of American imperialism. The source agreed that Soviet Jewish emigration during the month of March was "very good" considering the circumstances and said April was also likely to be a "good" month. But thereafter it is not clear how matters will develop and there is fear here that Soviet authorities will again clamp severe restrictions on the departure of Jews. Many Israelis believe the relatively liberal policy of the past month was intended to create the impression of ongoing Jewish emigration and to prevent the sight of Jewish demonstrators on Moscow's streets during the Soviet Communist Party Congress which opened yesterday. According to Israeli sources, the recent French press agency report that the Soviets intend to permit 300,000 Jews to leave during the next few years was a deliberate "plant." The sources observed that most of the Jews now getting visas come from the big cities of the Baltic states and the Russian Republic where there are many Western newsmen and tourists. In contrast, hardly any visas are issued to Jews in the remote Georgian Republic who, from an economic standpoint, are more "expedient" to the Soviet Union.

### Upsurge Of Terrorist Activities Expected During Holidays Next Two Months

TEL AVIV, March 31 (JTA)--Israeli security forces are preparing for an upsurge of terrorist activities along the borders during the next two months, it was reported today. The concentration of guerrilla forces in southern Lebanon and Saturday's clash in the Jordan Valley in which three terrorists were killed and three captured, appeared to be precursors of things to come. Security circles pointed out that the terrorists usually time their activities to coincide with certain dates or events in Israel. Those include the upcoming Passover holiday with its large influx of tourists, the traditional three-day march starting next Monday in which thousands of Israelis walk to Jerusalem, and Israel Independence Day celebrated this year on April 28 according to the Hebrew calendar. Other dates when terrorist attacks can be expected are May 15, which is Israel Independence Day according to the general calendar, and June 5, the anniversary of the outbreak of the Six-Day War.

### Brezhnev: Middle East On His Mind, Egypt Under His Thumb

LONDON, March 31 (JTA)--Soviet Communist Party Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev called for the elimination of "the hotbeds of war in Southeast Asia and in the Middle East" and the promotion of "a political settlement in these areas on the basis of respect for the legitimate rights of states and peoples subject to aggression." Delivering his report to the 24th Soviet Communist Party Congress which opened yesterday in Moscow, Brezhnev reiterated the Soviet government's readiness "to join other powers who are permanent members of the Security Council in providing international guarantees for a political settlement in the Middle East." The Kremlin leader said Soviet foreign policy favored "an immediate and firm rebuff to any acts of aggression and international arbitrariness" and observed that full use must be made of the United Nations for that purpose. He said the Soviet Union favored a world disarmament conference and dismantling of foreign military bases.

Observers said there was no indication that Brezhnev was actually considering a Soviet moratorium on arms supplies to Egypt or the dismantling of Soviet military installations and the removal of its personnel from Egyptian territory. What Brezhnev actually had in mind, they said, was to spotlight American and Israeli "aggressions." His specific references to the Middle East followed a familiar line. He attributed the crisis in that region to "Israel's attack on the UAR, Syria and Jordan." He said the Soviet Union and other "fraternal socialist countries" had helped restore the defense potential of the Arab states and pledged that "the Soviet Union will continue its firm support of its Arab friends." Brezhnev made no reference to rising Jewish demands for human and emigration rights in the Soviet Union or to dissent generally within the borders of the USSR.

### Youth Invade Pro-Moscow Communist Party; Demand 'Let My People Go'

TEL AVIV, March 31 (JTA)--Police removed a group of militant youths who invaded the local office of the pro-Moscow Israeli Communist Party Rakach yesterday but released them without preferring charges. The youngsters, among them a 17-year-old girl who arrived from Russia only four days ago, wore the uniform of Betar, a militant Zionist youth organization. Their demonstration coincided with the opening of the Soviet Communist Party Congress in Moscow yesterday. They carried placards reading "Let My People Go." Other groups staged a torchlight demonstration in front of the Finnish Embassy last night to protest Soviet treatment of Jews. Finland represents Soviet interests in Israel. The demonstration appeared well organized and was peaceful. The crowd was addressed by Maj. Grisha Feigin, a recent emigre from Riga, who urged a continuing struggle on behalf of Soviet Jewry. (Six Jewish students chained themselves to a Soviet Embassy fence in Brussels today to protest the treatment of Jews in the USSR. Police cut them loose. No arrests were reported. Forty Jewish students began a hunger strike in Antwerp, organized by Herut youth. The Union of Jewish Students sent a telegram to the chairman of the Belgian Communist Party demanding that the Belgian delegation to the Moscow Communist Party Congress intercede for the release of 38 Jews reportedly awaiting trial in Leningrad and Riga.)

### Nahal Settlement Officially Established In Arava Region

TEL AVIV, March 31 (JTA)--Another Nahal--para-military settlement--was officially established in the Arava region of the Negev today about 20 miles north of Eilat and less than two miles west of the Jordanian border. Named Nahal Katora, it will produce early winter vegetables that thrive in the hot, dry climate. Agriculture Minister Chaim Gvati attended inauguration ceremonies.

### Volume Of Poems By Rumanian Yiddish Poet Published; Represents 50 Years' Work

BUCHAREST, March 31 (JTA)--A volume of poems by the renowned Rumanian Yiddish poet, Jacob Sternberg, has been issued here. The volume is titled, "As the Years Go By," and contains the lyrical poems written by Sternberg over a 50-year period.

## Jewish Scholar Killed; Matzoh Bakery Destroyed; Jewish Woman Charges Brutality

NEW YORK, March 31 (JTA)--A Jewish scholar was shot and killed four months ago in Minsk, the capital of Belorussia, by an anti-Semite, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today from Jewish sources. The professor, identified only as Michelson, was shot last Nov. 19 and died three days later. His assassin, whose name was not available, was arrested and reportedly declared mentally ill. More recently--within the past few days--Minsk Jews were given permission to bake matzoh for Passover, but the bakery was destroyed by fire, it was learned. Meanwhile, a Soviet Jew who had applied for emigration to Israel and was arrested in Odessa last Dec. 7 for "Zionist activities" is still being interrogated and is continuing to refuse to talk until her questioners cease what she calls their "brutality," according to Jewish sources. The woman, Reiza Palatnek, 35, is demanding that they abide by the Soviet law prohibiting brutal interrogation. She was sent to a mental home, but the doctors said she did not belong there.

## Allon Hints Government To Exercise Control Over What Is Taught In Universities

JERUSALEM, March 31 (JTA)--Education Minister Yigal Allon hinted today that the government intended to exercise some degree of control over what is taught in Israeli universities. Addressing the opening session of the Hebrew University Board of Governors' annual meeting, Allon said that State subsidies to universities would, in the future, be appropriated according to "objective criteria." He explained this meant that the government would take into account the number of students and their distribution among the various faculties when it decided on appropriations. He said the State wanted to make sure that the subjects taught reflected the needs of the State. Allon alluded to recent charges by Hebrew U. president Avraham Harman that Tel Aviv University was luring faculty away from the Jerusalem campus with offers of higher pay and better working conditions. Allon said the government favored "mobility" of professors but would act against "brain snatching" by means of higher pay offers. The Board of Governors' finance committee asked approval of a \$48,930 million budget for the 1971-72 fiscal year.

## Rustin: Jews, Blacks Victims Of Oppression; Should Work Jointly For Just Society

DETROIT, March 31 (JTA)--The National Council of Jewish Women ended their four-day biennial convention here tonight with the election of Mrs. Earl Marvin, of Woodmere, L.I. as national president, succeeding Mrs. Leonard Weiner. The organization's fourth annual John F. Kennedy Award was presented to Bayard Rustin, executive director of the A. Philip Randolph Institute. In accepting the honor, Rustin observed that the only way to build a just society was to bring together groups interested in such a society. He said blacks and Jews were two groups firmly committed to a just order and that their common experience as victims of persecution, discrimination and prejudice brought them together for common social and political action. Yesterday's session of the convention was devoted largely to one of the NCJW's main areas of concern--child care day centers. The organization has 53 integrated day care centers in operation and 50 more in planning stages in New York, Boston, Washington, D.C. and four other cities. The 700 convention delegates were addressed by Mrs. Mary D. Keyserling, former head of the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Dept. of Labor. Mrs. Keyserling headed an NCJW survey to evaluate existing day care facilities and forecast future needs. Hannah Stein, the Council's executive director, said "We have focused on day care as the most effective and acceptable way for our members to reach into the inner city to aid deprived children and mothers on welfare."

## 10-Day Fast On Behalf Of Soviet Jewry Begun By 50 Persons; Hope To Embarrass UN

NEW YORK, March 31 (JTA)--A local lawyer has gathered 50 other persons, including students for a 10-day round-the-clock vigil on behalf of Soviet Jewry at the Isaiah Wall opposite United Nations headquarters. The protestors, who are participating in rotation, arrived at the site yesterday afternoon. They will disband Friday afternoon and return Saturday night. The lawyer, Warren Moskowitz, 39, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency the group was seeking to "embarrass the UN," which he said has repeatedly declared the plight of Soviet Jewry to be an internal Soviet issue. That position, he said, was "a cop-out." Moskowitz said he hoped the group's continuous presence at the Isaiah Wall would ignite "massive international pressure" on the USSR by the UN, Secretary General Thant and delegates and diplomats to lower the barriers against Jewish emigration--especially before Passover--and to guarantee Jewish rights within the USSR and free Jewish political prisoners.

## Pontiff Tells AJCommittee Leaders Vatican Sees Special Link Between Christians, Jews

ROME, March 31 (JTA)--A 27 member delegation of American Jewish Committee leaders, enroute home after spending two weeks in Israel, had a special audience today with Pope Paul VI. In a statement, read in English, the Pontiff said the Vatican Council II laid the foundations for the improvement of relations between Catholics and the faithful of other religions and added that "a special link exists between Catholics and Jews." The Pope stated: "We want the directive of the Vatican Council to be put into practice so that through the development of a better understanding and a deeper respect between Christians and Jews, they may be able to work together in the task of serving the peace and well being of all mankind." In reply, AJCommittee president Bernard Abrams of West Hartford, Conn., said that the AJCommittee was "preoccupied with the recent apparent misinterpretations of the Vatican's position concerning Jerusalem and the Holy Places therein, and would hope for a clarification making the distinction between the safeguarding of the Holy Places and the status of the city as a whole."

## Bill Adopted To Create Ombudsman; Last Act By Knesset Before Passover Recess

JERUSALEM, March 31 (JTA)--The Knesset adjourned today until May 3 for its annual Passover recess. Before adjournment, it adopted a measure to create an official ombudsman to handle citizen's complaints. The post was assigned to Dr. Ernst Nebenzahl, State Controller for nearly 10 years. Dr. Nebenzahl, who has also served as a bank director, city councilor and Honorary Consul General of Sweden, has a reputation for being fair and independent. The new law provides that complaints by citizens, including prisoners may be made orally or in writing. The law prohibits the ombudsman from accepting complaints against government officials.

## Call Issued For National Emergency Conference On Jewish Education

BOSTON, March 31 (JTA)--Reaffirming its support "for the funding of all Jewish education by the American Jewish community without seeking or soliciting financial support in the public sector," the National Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress called today for the adoption of a "national voluntary tithe to create and fund an agency devoted entirely to Jewish education and culture" in the United States. The recommendation was contained in a resolution adopted at the closing session of the organization's biennial convention here. The resolution also called for a national emergency conference on Jewish education to which representatives of Jewish youth groups would be invited, to deal with "the crucial problems and concerns of Jewish education." The resolution said that the American Jewish community has "the obligation to challenge and examine the quality and content of our Jewish education curricula; analyze Jewish pedagogy and problems relating to teacher recruitment, training, placement and salaries." The resolution admonished Jewish groups seeking public support for Jewish education to "look to the responsibility of the Jewish community to adequately support its own educational institutions." Other resolutions adopted today called on the Nixon administration to continue to support Israel's right to negotiate "secure and defensible borders" with her neighbors and to intervene with Egypt, Syria and Iraq to end persecution of their Jewish citizens and allow those who so wish to leave. A similar resolution called on the Soviet Union to accord its Jewish citizens all religious, cultural and civil rights including the right to emigrate to countries of their choice.

## 80 Percent Of Nashville Jewish Youth Reported Involved In Drug Usage

NASHVILLE, Tenn. March 31 (JTA)--A Nashville Reform rabbi has asserted that as many as 80 percent of Jewish young people here "have had some personal experience with drug usage," from a "single experimental sampling to regular usage, from marijuana to LSD." The figure was given by Rabbi Randall M. Falk. In an editorial in the current issue of *The Observer*, the Jewish weekly in Nashville, He reported that the figures had been "corroborated by some of the young people themselves." He described as "one of the most hopeful signs, in an otherwise distressing and disturbing situation," recent evidence that "Nashville Jewry seems ready to come face to face with the reality of drug usage among the junior and senior high school and the college young people within our city." Among the steps he urged the adult community to consider in reacting to the problem was a recognition "that this widespread use of drugs by our Jewish young people is symptomatic of even more serious underlying problems."

Rabbi Falk said it was possible that the Jewish young drug users were "shouting, in the most dramatic way they know how, that they are deeply troubled" by "contradictory sets of values by the inconsistency and the hypocrisy of relationships between the generations, by the violence and corruption in their environment." He added that whatever the Jewish drug users "are trying to tell us needs to be heard and needs to be considered thoughtfully and sensitively by parents, educators, physicians and by the young people themselves." For all concerned, he declared, facing the problems of drug usage in the Nashville Jewish community, "as an integral part of the larger community's problem, and to deal with it on the most mature and the most meaningful level possible," is one of the greatest challenges we have yet faced together.

## SSSJ, Communists In Verbal Clash; CP Rejects Soviet Jewry Petition With 40,000 Names

NEW YORK, March 31, (JTA)--More than 100 members of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry confronted officials of the Communist Party U.S.A. yesterday in what Glenn Richter, SSSJ national coordinator, called "an hour-long shouting match." The students attempted to present the officials with petitions on behalf of Soviet Jewry signed by 40,000 Americans during the past three days. The petitions were refused by CP spokesman Claude Lightfoot, who a week ago today refused to discuss the issue with a delegation of Jewish leaders. Lightfoot again charged the demonstrators with being members of the Jewish Defense League and with ignoring the plight of Angela Davis, the incarcerated militant black American Marxist. "The issue," Richter told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "is not the JDL. The issue is not Angela Davis. The issue is Soviet Jews."

## Case Western Reserve U, Tel Aviv U, Establish \$20,000 Inter-School Exchange Program

CLEVELAND, March 31 (JTA)--A \$20,000 exchange relationship between Case Western Reserve University and Tel Aviv University was approved this week by the board of trustees, Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland. The allocation, to extend annually for a three-year period, will begin with the academic year 1971-72, according to Maurice Saltzman, president of Federation. Basic objectives of the inter-school exchange, according to Saltzman, will include the development of faculty through consultation, individual study, research and teaching; the development of cross-cultural research studies jointly and/or collaboratively sponsored; the enrichment of education opportunities for students; and the promotion of a better understanding of the respective cultures of the two countries. The basic exchange activities will include visiting professors and lecturers, faculty, advanced study and research and student exchanges. The exchange, believed to be a first in the field of Social Sciences, was recommended to the board by Federation's Endowment Fund Committee. William C. Treuhaft, board chairman stated: "With changing world conditions and continuing diverse demands in the field of international social welfare and social work education, it is increasingly apparent that the understanding of professional social workers must extend beyond the parochial boundaries of their own immediate regional or national environments."

## Polish Jewish Woman Honored By Authorities; Former Concentration Camp Inmate

WARSAW, March 31 (JTA)--Paula Strazinska, a member of the Jewish Social and Cultural Association, is among eight Polish women honored by the authorities with the medal of "Liberty and Victory." Mrs. Strazinska is a former inmate of a German concentration camp. She is a leading member of Zbawid (the Society for the Commemoration of the Liberation of Poland From the Nazis and for the Recording of the Nazi Era.)