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During World War II he was a member of the Danish underground. Caught by the Nazis and deemed too important to be killed, he was sent to Neugamme concentration camp, where he stayed until war's end in 1945. After the liberation Mr. Larsen was a Cabinet minister in Denmark's first

national coalition government. He visited Israel several times and made contact with its leading left-wing faction, Mapam, as well as with Histadrut, the labor federation. The Israeli Embassy here sent an official letter of condolence to Mr. Larsen's family and party today.

INDIAN ECONOMIC DELEGATION FAVORS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PACT WITH ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 10 (JTA)--Members of a non-governmental economic delegation from India said here that they would recommend that India sign a technical assistance agreement with Israel to benefit from this country's achievements in rendering arid zones arable. The delegation, sponsored by the Bharatiya Agro Industries Foundation, a public institution fostering India's agricultural development, returned to New Delhi Saturday night after a seven day visit in Israel.

Their stay here was largely unpublicized. But the delegates toured the country and met with Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and top officials of various other ministries, industries, scientific and agricultural institutions. India has no diplomatic relations with Israel. But the foundation which sponsored the tour is headed by India's Minister of Finance. An agreement such as suggested by the delegates would be between voluntary organizations rather than the two governments. According to one of the visitors, Mafatal Desai, it would require a green light from the New Delhi government.

WAYS SOUGHT TO BRING ORTHODOX JUDAISM INTO CLOSER HARMONY WITH MODERNITY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10 (JTA)--A world-wide meeting of Orthodox rabbis and laymen here is seeking ways to bring Orthodox Judaism into a closer relationship with the times. Dr. Norman Lamm, professor of Jewish philosophy at Yeshiva University in New York described the present condition of world Jewry as a "silent spiritual holocaust" and declared that Orthodox Jews must confront the problems of contemporary life and thought responsibly and forthrightly. Prof. Lamm spoke last night at the opening session of the second World Conference of Synagogues and Community Organizations. He said that all Jews must work toward "the sealing of a new covenant" as they did in Biblical days.

In another address to the 1,500 delegates, Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren of Tel Aviv called for the establishment of a special body of eminent rabbis to deal with the problems of a modern Jewish state in the light of halacha. He said solutions should be sought employing modern means of technology for applying halacha. Israel's two chief rabbis, Yitzhak Nissim and Isser Yehuda Untermann urged world Jewry to combat assimilation and to assist Israel in absorbing new immigrants.

SHECHITA SUIT TO BE FOUGHT

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (JTA)--Representatives of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) and the Synagogue Council of America (SCA) agreed today to "contest vigorously" a suit filed last week in Federal Court here challenging the constitutionality of shechita (Jewish ritual slaughter) laws. Following a two-hour "emergency meeting" here, the Jewish leaders agreed to create a law committee to advise the organizations on the best way to fight the suit. A NJCRAC spokesman said. He said he could not predict when the case would come to court. The suit, filed by Henry Mark Holzer, charged that "special" laws for shechita violate the church-state separation required by the First Amendment.

TWO JEWISH GROUPS OFFER TO PROVIDE RABBIS FROM NY TO MOSCOW SYNAGOGUE

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (JTA)--The Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry in conjunction with the New York Board of Rabbis today offered to provide rabbis from the New York area to the Grand Choral Synagogue in Moscow. The Moscow synagogue has been without a rabbi since the death of Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin on Nov. 17.

The two groups made the offer in a letter to Menasha Mikhailovich, president of the Moscow congregation. They said that they would send rabbis to fill the vacant post on an interim basis until a permanent replacement is selected. The passing of Rabbi Levin left only three ordained rabbis known to be practicing in the Soviet Union.

The announcement of the offer was made by Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, chairman of the Greater New York Conference, and a past president of the New York Board of Rabbis; and by Rabbi Harold Saperstein, Board president. They said they hoped that "Soviet authorities will see fit to allow these rabbis to minister to the religious needs of the 500,000 Jews in Moscow who are now left without any rabbinical leadership."

Rabbi Klaperman said that he was personally prepared to be the first to go to Moscow. Rabbi Saperstein said that "the issue is a humanitarian and not a political one." Malcolm Hoenlein, director of the Greater New York Conference, said that the Conference is prepared to raise whatever funds are necessary to defray the cost of the project.

LINDSAY: ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE IS NON-NEGOTIABLE

MIAMI BEACH, Jan. 10 (JTA)--New York's Mayor John V. Lindsay charged last night that American involvement in Southeast Asia was largely responsible for the administration's hesitation in answering Israel's requests for Phantom jet aircraft. "Our obsession with that senseless war (in Vietnam) turned our attention away from commitments this nation should never question," Lindsay told a meeting of the Zionist Organization of America's Miami Beach District. "As we sank in the mire of Southeast Asia, we sapped our strength to guarantee peace on Israel's borders."

Lindsay declared that the Soviet Union's buildup of Egyptian arms and training of Egyptian military personnel are "new realities" which "threaten Israel's survival. Yet our government weighs this threat and hesitates to act" by providing the 80 jets Israel has requested "as safeguards for her freedom," he said. Lindsay added that "the only guarantee of peace east of Suez is maintenance of Israel's strength" and "that above all else, Israel's existence is non-negotiable." The Mayor assailed politicians who still claim it is inconsistent to oppose the Vietnam War on the one hand and to "fight for Israel's freedom" on the other, despite what he called the "record of shame in Vietnam" and "the history of brotherhood with Israel."

ABBA KOVNER, WILNA RESISTANCE LEADER, HONORED BY FORMER VICTIMS OF NAZISM

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (JTA)--Abba Kovner, the underground partisan turned poet, was feted here last night by the World Federation of Bergen-Belsen Associations and given its sixth annual "Remembrance Award" of \$2,500 "for excellence and distinction in literature relating to the Holocaust and its legacy."

In making the presentation, Federation general secretary Sam E. Bloch said Kovner's poetry and prose "revive a nightmare of events...from which neither the poet nor the reader could or should escape." Bloch himself is a survivor of Bergen-Belsen.

Kovner's sixth and most recent collection of poems was "Little Sister of Mine." He has also won the Shlonsky Prize for Literature, the Cultural Prize of the World Jewish Congress and the Brenner Prize.

Acknowledging his latest citation, Kovner told the audience of 200 persons: "Of all the literary awards which I received, the Remembrance Award--which is given on behalf of those who died in the death camps--is of the most mighty significance, as if a prize is given to a man for being human. It is both self-evident and basically incomprehensible. For in this there is evidenced the ancient moral commandment of Jewish civilization: Keep and remember, keep and safeguard all that has to be sacred, and remember the day you came out from the house of slavery."

He added that for him, "poetry is not merely an esthetic experience but an enduring experience and attempt to turn the ashes into an eternal light." Kovner, 53, was a leader of the underground resistance in Wilna, Lithuania. Born in Sevastopol, Russia, he went to Israel in 1945.

ORTHODOX RABBI NAMED TO HIGH POST IN CITY'S HRA

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (JTA)--Rabbi Bernard Weinberger, consultant to the Williamsburg (Brooklyn) YM-YWHA, was named today as Assistant Administrator for Special Projects of the Human Resources Administration and liaison to the Mayor for community relations. He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he will be the only Jew among the HRA's top officials, other than Commissioner Jule M. Sugarman.

Rabbi Weinberger, 42, may also be the first Orthodox Jew in a top post at the HRA, which has been criticized for allegedly not meeting the needs of those minority poor, including Jews, outside the city's 26 designated poverty areas. Rabbi Weinberger will specialize in these non-designated areas and in welfare housing. He will be paid close to \$30,000, according to City Hall officials. The appointee, who was born in Poland, was national president of Agudath Israel Youth of America from 1949 to 1951.

PROF. HANOKH ALBECK, TALMUDIC AUTHORITY, DIES AT AGE 82

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10 (JTA)--Prof. Hanokh Albeck, a leading Talmudic authority, died here last night at age 82. His most famous and most popular work was the first complete edition of the Mishna with vocal signs, making it understandable to persons without a strong knowledge of Hebrew. Known as a "scholar's scholar," he had headed the Talmud Department at the Hebrew University for many years. Prof. Albeck was born in Lowicz, Poland, in 1890, and was ordained as a rabbi in 1907. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Vienna in 1921 and migrated to Palestine in 1936. His Talmudic professorship at Hebrew U. began in 1936.

KUWAIT PRESS ATTACKS TERRORISTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10 (JTA)--Newspapers in Kuwait, the oil-rich Persian Gulf state, broke a long silence today on the situation in Jordan to defend the Hussein regime and criticize the terrorist movement and the revolutionary Arab states such as Iraq, Syria and Egypt, which allegedly support it. The newspapers urged Saudi Arabia and Egypt to resume the efforts which they abandoned last month to mediate between Jordan and the Palestinian guerrillas. Meanwhile, Amman radio intensified attacks on the terrorists describing them as "criminal gangs."

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

ROME (JTA)--A commission of inquiry was established here Sunday to investigate how to save what is left of Jewish catacombs in Italy. Most of them are in a state of total neglect. Rome's Chief Rabbi Elia Toaff and government and technical experts will participate in the work of the commission. Their immediate problem is how to deal with Paragraph 33 of the concordat between the Italian State and the Vatican which gives the Vatican complete authority over all the catacombs which are the oldest in Europe. In the past, Vatican experts have often removed objects from the Jewish catacombs and kept them in the Holy See's private museums. In view of the current decay and the relative absence of valuables, it appears highly probably that a revision of Paragraph 33 might be drafted.

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HONG KONG (JTA)--The Jewish school here resumed its activities this weekend with an enrollment of more than 60 children, a slight increase over last year. The school, directed by Rabbi David Ben Ohion, organizes evening classes and Sunday morning lessons in Hebrew, Jewish history and the Bible. The school is part of the community center next to the city's synagogue. There are some 170 Jewish families residing permanently here. Most of the residents are from the US, Australia, South Africa, Israel and Western Europe. While most are businessmen there are a number of doctors, lawyers and teachers. The synagogue has 200 places but there were more than 500 worshippers during the high holidays.

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BONN (JTA)--The Bavarian chapter of the reputedly neo-Nazi National Democratic Party (NPD) held its first caucus of the new year Sunday in Munich. Its president, Siegfried Poehlmann, a lawyer, said he would stand for re-election only "if the atmosphere is favorable." The NPD was recently reported to be undergoing a trend toward moderation following the resignation of its national chairman, Adolf Von Thadden. The party suffered a crushing defeat in the last national elections and has since lost most of its seats in the various state legislatures. Poehlmann is regarded as one of the party's extremists and the Bavarian chapter is considered a stronghold of rightist, anti-parliamentarian sentiment.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--A group of 75 Jewish men and women have raised \$125,000 to dedicate a special project at the Truman Research Center at the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus. The project will honor Oskar Schindler, a German Roman Catholic, who saved 1,400 Jews from Nazi gas chambers. The 75 who gathered Thursday at the executive office of the American Friends of Hebrew University were part of the 1,400 Schindler saved by having them transferred to his labor camp at a time when they were scheduled to be sent to Auschwitz, Dachau and Bergen-Belsen. The project will be a floor of the Truman Center containing "A Book of Life" with the names of all those Schindler saved. Schindler resides in Frankfurt, West Germany, where he directs the offices of the German Friends of Hebrew University.

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MIAMI (JTA)--Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D., Me.) urged President Nixon Saturday to extend economic aid to Israel for the absorption of Jewish emigres from the Soviet Union in order not to let "economic disaster accomplish what war could not." The Democratic presidential aspirant who has entered the

Florida presidential primary March 14, said Nixon has the authority under the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962 to designate Soviet refugees as recipients of American aid. Speaking at a news conference here, Muskie welcomed the decision of Soviet officials to permit increased Jewish emigration but warned that it would impose a heavy burden on Israel. "A country the size of Israel with its heavy defense burdens cannot afford the several hundred million dollars that will be required for the anticipated influx of Soviet Jews," he said.

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WASHINGTON (JTA)--Harold Friedman, president of the United Hias Service, said here Friday that the Attorney General's parole authority will allow for an increased flow of Soviet Jews to the US. Hias, the world-wide Jewish migration service which helped arrange the emigration from the Soviet Union of Simeon Mordkovich Feldman, his wife, Emma, and their two children, Dina and Igor, under the Attorney General's parole authority, said that in 1971 some 300 Russian Jews came to the US, but he hoped to see 1,000 or more arrive in 1972. The Feldman family arrived in New York last week and was welcomed Friday by Attorney General John Mitchell who expressed delight "to have this opportunity to welcome the Feldman family to our shores to be united with other members of their family."

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--The Canadian Export Development Corp., sponsored by the Canadian government, will loan up to \$100 million to Israel to finance the sales of Canadian capital goods and services to this country, it was announced here several days ago. The announcement followed talks between Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and Jean-Luc Pepin, Canada's Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Their week-long talks reportedly included abolition of tariff barriers between the two countries, preferential trade agreements, investment guarantees and possible scientific cooperation between Israel and Canada.

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AXEL LARSEN, STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF ISRAEL, JEWS, DIES AT 74

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 10 (JTA)--Israel's oldest friend in the Danish Parliament, Axel Larsen, died today at 74, leaving a gap in the ranks of left-wing parliamentarians supporting Israel's position in the Middle East. Mr. Larsen, who represented the Social Folk Party, always backed Israel and the Jewish people, especially Danish Jews.

During World War II he was a member of the Danish underground. Caught by the Nazis and deemed too important to be killed, he was sent to Neugamme concentration camp, where he stayed until war's end in 1945. After the liberation Mr. Larsen was a Cabinet minister in Denmark's first

national coalition government. He visited Israel several times and made contact with its leading left-wing faction, Mapam, as well as with Histadrut, the labor federation. The Israeli Embassy here sent an official letter of condolence to Mr. Larsen's family and party today.

INDIAN ECONOMIC DELEGATION FAVORS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PACT WITH ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 10 (JTA)--Members of a non-governmental economic delegation from India said here that they would recommend that India sign a technical assistance agreement with Israel to benefit from this country's achievements in rendering arid zones arable. The delegation, sponsored by the Bharatiya Agro Industries Foundation, a public institution fostering India's agricultural development, returned to New Delhi Saturday night after a seven day visit in Israel.

Their stay here was largely unpublicized. But the delegates toured the country and met with Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and top officials of various other ministries, industries, scientific and agricultural institutions. India has no diplomatic relations with Israel. But the foundation which sponsored the tour is headed by India's Minister of Finance. An agreement such as suggested by the delegates would be between voluntary organizations rather than the two governments. According to one of the visitors, Mafatal Desai, it would require a green light from the New Delhi government.

WAYS SOUGHT TO BRING ORTHODOX JUDAISM INTO CLOSER HARMONY WITH MODERNITY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10 (JTA)--A world-wide meeting of Orthodox rabbis and laymen here is seeking ways to bring Orthodox Judaism into a closer relationship with the times. Dr. Norman Lamm, professor of Jewish philosophy at Yeshiva University in New York described the present condition of world Jewry as a "silent spiritual holocaust" and declared that Orthodox Jews must confront the problems of contemporary life and thought responsibly and forthrightly. Prof. Lamm spoke last night at the opening session of the second World Conference of Synagogues and Community Organizations. He said that all Jews must work toward "the sealing of a new covenant" as they did in Biblical days.

In another address to the 1,500 delegates, Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren of Tel Aviv called for the establishment of a special body of eminent rabbis to deal with the problems of a modern Jewish state in the light of halacha. He said solutions should be sought employing modern means of technology for applying halacha. Israel's two chief rabbis, Yitzhak Nissim and Isser Yehuda Untermann urged world Jewry to combat assimilation and to assist Israel in absorbing new immigrants.

SHECHITA SUIT TO BE FOUGHT

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (JTA)--Representatives of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) and the Synagogue Council of America (SCA) agreed today to "contest vigorously" a suit filed last week in Federal Court here challenging the constitutionality of shechita (Jewish ritual slaughter) laws. Following a two-hour "emergency meeting" here, the Jewish leaders agreed to create a law committee to advise the organizations on the best way to fight the suit. A NJCRAC spokesman said. He said he could not predict when the case would come to court. The suit, filed by Henry Mark Holzer, charged that "special" laws for shechita violate the church-state separation required by the First Amendment.

TWO JEWISH GROUPS OFFER TO PROVIDE RABBIS FROM NY TO MOSCOW SYNAGOGUE

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (JTA)--The Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry in conjunction with the New York Board of Rabbis today offered to provide rabbis from the New York area to the Grand Choral Synagogue in Moscow. The Moscow synagogue has been without a rabbi since the death of Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin on Nov. 17.

The two groups made the offer in a letter to Menasha Mikhailovich, president of the Moscow congregation. They said that they would send rabbis to fill the vacant post on an interim basis until a permanent replacement is selected. The passing of Rabbi Levin left only three ordained rabbis known to be practicing in the Soviet Union.

The announcement of the offer was made by Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, chairman of the Greater New York Conference, and a past president of the New York Board of Rabbis; and by Rabbi Harold Saperstein, Board president. They said they hoped that "Soviet authorities will see fit to allow these rabbis to minister to the religious needs of the 500,000 Jews in Moscow who are now left without any rabbinical leadership."

Rabbi Klaperman said that he was personally prepared to be the first to go to Moscow. Rabbi Saperstein said that "the issue is a humanitarian and not a political one." Malcolm Hoenlein, director of the Greater New York Conference, said that the Conference is prepared to raise whatever funds are necessary to defray the cost of the project.

LINDSAY: ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE IS NON-NEGOTIABLE

MIAMI BEACH, Jan. 10 (JTA)--New York's Mayor John V. Lindsay charged last night that American involvement in Southeast Asia was largely responsible for the administration's hesitation in answering Israel's requests for Phantom jet aircraft. "Our obsession with that senseless war (in Vietnam) turned our attention away from commitments this nation should never question," Lindsay told a meeting of the Zionist Organization of America's Miami Beach District. "As we sank in the mire of Southeast Asia, we sapped our strength to guarantee peace on Israel's borders."

Lindsay declared that the Soviet Union's buildup of Egyptian arms and training of Egyptian military personnel are "new realities" which "threaten Israel's survival. Yet our government weighs this threat and hesitates to act" by providing the 80 jets Israel has requested "as safeguards for her freedom," he said. Lindsay added that "the only guarantee of peace east of Suez is maintenance of Israel's strength" and "that above all else, Israel's existence is non-negotiable." The Mayor assailed politicians who still claim it is inconsistent to oppose the Vietnam War on the one hand and to "fight for Israel's freedom" on the other, despite what he called the "record of shame in Vietnam" and "the history of brotherhood with Israel."

ABBA KOVNER, WILNA RESISTANCE LEADER, HONORED BY FORMER VICTIMS OF NAZISM

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (JTA)--Abba Kovner, the underground partisan turned poet, was feted here last night by the World Federation of Bergen-Belsen Associations and given its sixth annual "Remembrance Award" of \$2,500 "for excellence and distinction in literature relating to the Holocaust and its legacy."

In making the presentation, Federation general secretary Sam E. Bloch said Kovner's poetry and prose "revive a nightmare of events...from which neither the poet nor the reader could or should escape." Bloch himself is a survivor of Bergen-Belsen.

Kovner's sixth and most recent collection of poems was "Little Sister of Mine." He has also won the Shlonsky Prize for Literature, the Cultural Prize of the World Jewish Congress and the Brenner Prize.

Acknowledging his latest citation, Kovner told the audience of 200 persons: "Of all the literary awards which I received, the Remembrance Award--which is given on behalf of those who died in the death camps--is of the most mighty significance, as if a prize is given to a man for being human. It is both self-evident and basically incomprehensible. For in this there is evidenced the ancient moral commandment of Jewish civilization: Keep and remember, keep and safeguard all that has to be sacred, and remember the day you came out from the house of slavery."

He added that for him, "poetry is not merely an esthetic experience but an enduring experience and attempt to turn the ashes into an eternal light." Kovner, 53, was a leader of the underground resistance in Wilna, Lithuania. Born in Sevastopol, Russia, he went to Israel in 1945.

ORTHODOX RABBI NAMED TO HIGH POST IN CITY'S HRA

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (JTA)--Rabbi Bernard Weinberger, consultant to the Williamsburg (Brooklyn) YM-YWHA, was named today as Assistant Administrator for Special Projects of the Human Resources Administration and liaison to the Mayor for community relations. He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he will be the only Jew among the HRA's top officials, other than Commissioner Jule M. Sugarman.

Rabbi Weinberger, 42, may also be the first Orthodox Jew in a top post at the HRA, which has been criticized for allegedly not meeting the needs of those minority poor, including Jews, outside the city's 26 designated poverty areas. Rabbi Weinberger will specialize in these non-designated areas and in welfare housing. He will be paid close to \$30,000, according to City Hall officials. The appointee, who was born in Poland, was national president of Agudath Israel Youth of America from 1949 to 1951.

PROF. HANOKH ALBECK, TALMUDIC AUTHORITY, DIES AT AGE 82

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10 (JTA)--Prof. Hanokh Albeck, a leading Talmudic authority, died here last night at age 82. His most famous and most popular work was the first complete edition of the Mishna with vocal signs, making it understandable to persons without a strong knowledge of Hebrew. Known as a "scholar's scholar," he had headed the Talmud Department at the Hebrew University for many years. Prof. Albeck was born in Lowicz, Poland, in 1890, and was ordained as a rabbi in 1907. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Vienna in 1921 and migrated to Palestine in 1936. His Talmudic professorship at Hebrew U. began in 1936.

KUWAIT PRESS ATTACKS TERRORISTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 10 (JTA)--Newspapers in Kuwait, the oil-rich Persian Gulf state, broke a long silence today on the situation in Jordan to defend the Hussein regime and criticize the terrorist movement and the revolutionary Arab states such as Iraq, Syria and Egypt, which allegedly support it. The newspapers urged Saudi Arabia and Egypt to resume the efforts which they abandoned last month to mediate between Jordan and the Palestinian guerrillas. Meanwhile, Amman radio intensified attacks on the terrorists describing them as "criminal gangs."

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

ROME (JTA)--A commission of inquiry was established here Sunday to investigate how to save what is left of Jewish catacombs in Italy. Most of them are in a state of total neglect. Rome's Chief Rabbi Elia Toaff and government and technical experts will participate in the work of the commission. Their immediate problem is how to deal with Paragraph 33 of the concordat between the Italian State and the Vatican which gives the Vatican complete authority over all the catacombs which are the oldest in Europe. In the past, Vatican experts have often removed objects from the Jewish catacombs and kept them in the Holy See's private museums. In view of the current decay and the relative absence of valuables, it appears highly probably that a revision of Paragraph 33 might be drafted.

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HONG KONG (JTA)--The Jewish school here resumed its activities this weekend with an enrollment of more than 60 children, a slight increase over last year. The school, directed by Rabbi David Ben Ohion, organizes evening classes and Sunday morning lessons in Hebrew, Jewish history and the Bible. The school is part of the community center next to the city's synagogue. There are some 170 Jewish families residing permanently here. Most of the residents are from the US, Australia, South Africa, Israel and Western Europe. While most are businessmen there are a number of doctors, lawyers and teachers. The synagogue has 200 places but there were more than 500 worshippers during the high holidays.

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BONN (JTA)--The Bavarian chapter of the reputedly neo-Nazi National Democratic Party (NPD) held its first caucus of the new year Sunday in Munich. Its president, Siegfried Poehlmann, a lawyer, said he would stand for re-election only "if the atmosphere is favorable." The NPD was recently reported to be undergoing a trend toward moderation following the resignation of its national chairman, Adolf Von Thadden. The party suffered a crushing defeat in the last national elections and has since lost most of its seats in the various state legislatures. Poehlmann is regarded as one of the party's extremists and the Bavarian chapter is considered a stronghold of rightist, anti-parliamentarian sentiment.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--A group of 75 Jewish men and women have raised \$125,000 to dedicate a special project at the Truman Research Center at the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus. The project will honor Oskar Schindler, a German Roman Catholic, who saved 1,400 Jews from Nazi gas chambers. The 75 who gathered Thursday at the executive office of the American Friends of Hebrew University were part of the 1,400 Schindler saved by having them transferred to his labor camp at a time when they were scheduled to be sent to Auschwitz, Dachau and Bergen-Belsen. The project will be a floor of the Truman Center containing "A Book of Life" with the names of all those Schindler saved. Schindler resides in Frankfurt, West Germany, where he directs the offices of the German Friends of Hebrew University.

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MIAMI (JTA)--Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D., Me.) urged President Nixon Saturday to extend economic aid to Israel for the absorption of Jewish emigres from the Soviet Union in order not to let "economic disaster accomplish what war could not." The Democratic presidential aspirant who has entered the

Florida presidential primary March 14, said Nixon has the authority under the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962 to designate Soviet refugees as recipients of American aid. Speaking at a news conference here, Muskie welcomed the decision of Soviet officials to permit increased Jewish emigration but warned that it would impose a heavy burden on Israel. "A country the size of Israel with its heavy defense burdens cannot afford the several hundred million dollars that will be required for the anticipated influx of Soviet Jews," he said.

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LONDON (JTA)--Menachem Beigin, leader of the Gahal bloc in Israel's Knesset and former chief of the underground Irgun Zvai Leumi, arrived here Sunday for his first visit to London. Prior to his arrival envoys of eight Arab governments announced they were going to ask Britain for the extradition of Beigin as a "war criminal" for his "complicity" in the Deir Yassin massacre. Ahmed Anis, director of the London office of the Arab League, said the envoys had decided "on a course of action which I am not at liberty to disclose." Beigin ridiculed the demand for his extradition and trial as a "war criminal" and said jokingly, "I would love to visit an Arab country. We have been hankering for direct negotiations with the Arabs for a long time."

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WASHINGTON (JTA)--Harold Friedman, president of the United Hias Service, said here Friday that the Attorney General's parole authority will allow for an increased flow of Soviet Jews to the US. Hias, the world-wide Jewish migration service which helped arrange the emigration from the Soviet Union of Simeon Mordkovich Feldman, his wife, Emma, and their two children, Dina and Igor, under the Attorney General's parole authority, said that in 1971 some 300 Russian Jews came to the US, but he hoped to see 1,000 or more arrive in 1972. The Feldman family arrived in New York last week and was welcomed Friday by Attorney General John Mitchell who expressed delight "to have this opportunity to welcome the Feldman family to our shores to be united with other members of their family."

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--The Canadian Export Development Corp., sponsored by the Canadian government, will loan up to \$100 million to Israel to finance the sales of Canadian capital goods and services to this country, it was announced here several days ago. The announcement followed talks between Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and Jean-Luc Pepin, Canada's Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Their week-long talks reportedly included abolition of tariff barriers between the two countries, preferential trade agreements, investment guarantees and possible scientific cooperation between Israel and Canada.

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ROME (JTA)--An Israeli artist will for the first time play a central role in the "Two Worlds Festival" held annually at Spoleto which is considered one of the major events in the international world of the arts. Danny Karavan, a sculptor, has been commissioned to design the sets for the Gian Carlo Menotti opera "The Consul" to be performed at the festival.