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Two weeks ago the UZ-R announced it would boycott the elections. At that time the UZ-R accused the AZF of violating the Court's ruling on the distribution of 45 percent of the delegate seats from the US and that a new formula had been devised by the AZF "which equates the larger Revisionist movement with groups one-half and even one-fifth its size."

In his statement today, Prof. Adelson said that "no adequate inspection" of lists of voters was provided and that "no effective means" for challenging "numerous irregularities" were given. He stated further that "an enormous quantity" of hallots was sent out to persons not entitled to vote, who were not members of any participating Zionist organization, that "numerous" duplications in voting were not screened or eliminated and that the safeguards ordered by the Court for the proper conduct of the elections "were brazenly disregarded."

Prof. Adelson said the UZ-R appeal will be heard Sunday in Jerusalem by the Congress Court. He said the specifics of his charges will be dis-

closed at that time,

AMMAN CONTINUES TO OBJECT TO WEST BANK ELECTIONS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12 (JTA)—Jordanian authorities denied today that Amman has withdrawn its objections to the municipal elections scheduled to be held in at least ten West Bank towns under the auspices of the Israeli military government and Interior Ministry. Information Minister Adnan Abu Uda declared that Jordan's call to West Bankers to boyott the elections still stands.

According to reports appearing in Western newspapers today, King Hussein allegedly rescinded his boycott order on grounds that it would be observed only by his supporters and would permit opponents of his regime to win election by default. The reports were attributed to prominent West Bank Arabs who returned from visits to Amman over the weekend.

They reportedly said that threats of economic sanctions against any participants in the elections to be held next spring were withdrawn, at least for the time being. The decision was said to have been made by Hussein himself. The elections, which will be held according to Jordanian law, will be the first on the West Bank since 1963. Voters will select town councilment to replace incumbents, many of whose terms expired several years

INTELLECTUALS ACCUSE GOVERNMENT OF FAILING TO PURSUE PEACE WITH ARABS Mrs. Meir Flunks Critics On Facts

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12 (JTA).—The Prime Minister's office today released an exchange of messages between Premier Golda Meir and a group of professors and other individuals who accused her government of not doing enough to achieve peace with the Arabs, Mrs. Meir refused to meet with the group for an exchange of views. But she was willing to meet with another group of five professors who support the government's policies.

Criticism of her policies was contained in a telegram signed by 32 professors from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv University and others including Yasoov Arnon, former director general of the Finance Ministry; Reserve Maj, Gen, Matityahu Peled; former State Comptroller Slegfried Moses, and several writers and actors. Their telegram, which was released to the press on the same day it was sent to the Premier, appealed to the government to put forward proposals which "without harming Israel's security could serve as a realistic base for possible negotiations with Eyph."

Mrs. Meir's reply expressed regret that the critics falled to get the "correct facts" from her or from "competent elements" before making public charges. She said there were no grounds for the charge that the government was not doing enough for peace and said it had in fact already made propasls similar to those suggested by the petitioners for both an overall settlement and a partial settle-

Not All Professors Defeatists

Prof. Don Pathikin of the Hebrew University who replied for the critics, said they were not an organized group but simply individuals who shared the concern expressed in their telegram. He asked for an opportunity to meet with the Premier, "to explain our views...and to hear your opinions on this question."

Mrs. Meir replied that she saw no point in such a meeting, inasmuch as she had already accepted an invitation to address the social sciences faculty at Hebrew University. She offered to meet privately with Prof. Patinkin. The latter said he regarded her reply as negative and added that he didn't know if his group would pursue the matter.

But Mrs. Meir agreed to see a group of five professors leaded by Tel Aviv U president Yuval Neeman who sent her a telegram requesting "an urgent meeting...in view of the attempt by a group of intellectuals to influence the government to change its stand and accept the Rogers plan and the Jarring dictate" (Feb. 8 memo).

Prof. Haim Hanani of Tel Aviv, one of the government's supporters, said their message to Mrs. Meir was intended to correct the impression that the nation's professors are a "defeatist group" ready to give up all of larael's political and military gains. He claimed that most teachers and students believe that Israel's security depends on holding the Suez Canal line and other secure frontiers.

JEWISH LEADERS OUTSIDE ISRAEL URGE SPIRITUAL INDEPENDENCE, RESTRAIN ALIYA

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12 (JTA).—Jewish community leaders from outside Israel made a determined stand to maintain their spiritual independence and some measures to restrain allya of rabbis were discussed during the four days of the second World Conference of Synagogues and Community Organizations which ended here tonight. Of the 1,500 delregates -1,000 from Israel - about 20 Chief Rabbis and heads of large organizations, as well as community presidents, participated.

Rabbi Joseph Karastok, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, who headed the largest delegation to the conference, said that while "proudly identifying themselves with Israel, the communities outside it nevertheless insist that they must extend a major effort to safeguard their spiritual viability and independence and must expand their educational efforts to secure the perpetuity of Jewish learning and Jewish traditions. They cannot see their role exhausted as Jews merely as supporters and dependents of Israel."

Some delegates had advocated stringent measures to avoid spiritual drain resulting from aliya:

a rabbi, shochet or mohel should not be allowed to leave for Israel unless he had found a replacement. Dr. Maurice Jaffe, president of Israel's Union of Synagogues, proposed that an exchange service be established for sending out rabbis and other religious functionaries from the larger communities abroad for fixed periods of time such as three years. The technicalities of this idea and of other ideas involving exchanges will be worked out between the organizations that participated.

One resolution adopted by the conference called upon every Jew to become a member of an Israeli synagogue and thus establish a personal link with the Holy Land. Another resolution called on the government of Israel to adhere to halacha in all matters pertaining to personal status including conversion (the law gives some latitude of interpretation in the latter by not mentioning that conversion must be performed in accordance with halacha).

The spiritual needs of new immigrants—a clear reference to the controversy surrounding Georgian Jews—should be taken into greater account, a resolution stated. Among the other resolutions was one deploring and totally opposing all moves or proposals to change the present status of Jerusalem as the heart and capital of Israel. A message of congratulations was sent to Kurt Waldheim on his election as UN Secretary General.

MRS. MEIR DEPLORES LOSS OF YIDDISHKEIT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir warned today that the quality known as "Yiddiskkeit" may have been irretrievably lost in the decimation of East European Jewry in World War II and subsequent isoreasing assimilation everywhere. "A large part of Judaism--and not only six million Jews--were lost in the Nazi holocaust," she said. It was a sai fact, she noted, that most of the younger Jewish generation today speaks neither Rebrew nor Yiddish, and Yiddishkeit cannot exist in translation.

Mrs. Meir spoke for an hour—in Yiddish—at the opening of a four-day parley of Jewish journalists from nearly two dozen non-Communist countries. Around 100 newsmen—half of them foreigners, half Israelis—are discussing problems of information, education and culture and the role of information, education and culture and the role of the Jewish press in solving them. Louis A. Pinous, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, stressed the role of the Jewish Press in the dissemination of Jewish news, the strengthening of Zionism and the support of Israel.

In an allusion to Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, Premier Meir said that when a wise man made a blunder it was often a big one. She made the remark in the course of endorsing emigration as the overriding need of Soviet Jewry. Mrs. Meir also observed that mixed marriages were a real and growing problem in the diaspora, but not in Jewish-majority Israel.

TEKOAH, JARRING TO MEET

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 12 (JTA)—Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekosh and Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, the special Middle East emissary, are scheduled to confer tomorrow morning in an attempt to get the stalled Jarring mission rolling again. The aim of the meeting; according to sources, will be to find out if a compromise formula can be found that will be acceptable to Jarring, thus enabling him to resume his mission. The major impediment, so far as Israel is concerned, is Dr. Jarring's Feb. 8 memo demanding that Israel agree to withdraw to the former international frontier with Egypt.

RELIGIOUS ZIONIST MOVEMENT CLAIMS IT WAS REAL VICTOR IN ZIONIST ELECTION Cites Decline Of Others Since 1968

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (JTA).—The Religious Zionett Movement, which ran fourth in the election of American delegates to the 28th World Zionist Congress, claimed today that it was in fact the "victor" and that the results, announced yesterday by the American Zionist Federation, "indicated the growth of Religious Zionist strength and the decline of all other American Zionist parties," The RZM, including the Mizrachi Women and Hapoel Hamtzrachi Women, received 22,648 votes and will send 25 delegates to the Congress which opens in Jerusalem next week.

According to Rabbi Bernard A. Poupko, president of the Religious Zionists of America, "The results of the Zionist Congress elections, when properly evaluated and appraised, will reveal that the Religious Zionist Movement was the real victor." He cited an analysis of the election figures by Dr. Stanley M. Wagner, RZA executive vice-president, which noted that the Religious Zionists received 25 mandates in the 1972 elections compared to 19 at the 1968 World Zionists received 25 mandates in the 1972 elections compared to 19 at the 1968 World Zionist Congress to which no elections were held in the

US, a 32 percent increase.

The analysis pointed out that the Labor Zionist Movement which sent 34 delegates to Jerusalem in 1968, now has only 28 delegates, and that the representation of the Zionist Organization of America dropped from 30 delegates in 1968 to 26 in 1972. The United Non-Party slate comprising Hadassah, Bnai Zion and the American Jewish League for Israel topped the balloting this year with 55,867 votes and will have 66 of the 152 American delegates at the Zionist Congress.

But according to Dr. Wagner's analysis, that "Sweep" was misleading. "According to membership figures, the slate possessed almost 50 percent of the Zionist electorate....Having received only 42 percent of the votes and only 66 mandates, the United Party Zionist slate suffered a defeat," he claimed.

AJCONGRESS CRITICAL OF EDITOR WHO DEFENDED RITUAL MURDER ARTICLE

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (JTA)—The American Jew-ish Corgress this week rejected as "astonishing" an editor's defense of an article in the N.Y. State Journal of Medicine suggesting that a 12th-century homicide may have been a ritual murder by Jews. The defense of the article—and the Congress' rejection of it—came in the wake of a protest by Joseph B, Robison, general counsel of the Congress, that the author had restated the "monstrous accusation" that Jews may have been guilty of ritual murder. The article, entitled "The Strange Murder of

william of Norwich, 1144," appeared under the byline of Dr. William D, Sharpe, director of laboratortes at Columbus Hospital in New York. The journal is published by the New York State Medical Society. In his original protest, Robison had stated:

"Dr. Sharpe apparently starts with the assumption that the practice (of ritual murder) existed. He even goes to the trouble of supplying citations of reports of other instances. Then, on the basts of a thousand-year-old record of the flimatest kind of evidence, he comes to the solemn conclusion that maybe it happened. How long is the Jewish community to put up with this monstrous accusation? Library shelves have been filled with volumes refuting the libel, case by case. No pretense of objectivity or neutrality can possibly justify treating this as an open question."

In response to the Congress' protest, Dr. William Hammond, editor of the Journal, wrote to Mr. Robison: "The author quite plainly absolves the Jewish community of any orime of murder, ritual or otherwise. You have read an intent into the article which does not exist and could not possibly exist."

In reply to Dr. Hammond this week, Robison wrote: "I fail to see how you can regard the article as absolving the Jewish community. It comes to the firm conclusion that the Jewish community leaders engaged in bribery and 'were at least sacessories after the fact' to some kind of murder." The Journal article by Dr. Sharpe represents his "medicolegal analysis" of an account by Thomas of Monmouth of the murder of a 12-or-13-year-old Christian boy, William, during Holy Week of 1144 in the Jewish quarter of Norwich.

DAVID H, WHITE, EDITOR, PUBLISHER OF JEWISH HERALD-VOICE, DIES AT 68

HOUSTON, Jan. 12 (JTA).—Services will be held tomorrow at Beth Yeshurun for David H. White, editor and publisher of the Jewish Herald-Voice for the past 38 years, who died early this morning at the age of 68, a week after undergoing an operation for cancer. Mr. White was a foreign correspondent for the Jewish Pleigraphic Agency in the 1930s, and since 1935 had been publisher of the Jewish Digest.

At his death, Mr. White was in his ninth year as a vice-president of the National Jewish Welfare Board and was on the board of the JTA, He was a past president of the Jewish Community Council, the Jewish Community Center, Congregation Emanu-El, the Southern region of the JWB, the Southern region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, and Bhai Brith District 7. He also served as a trustee of the Houston Community Chest, and was a past international vice-president of Bhai Brith.

Mr. White was born in European Russia. His parents came to the United States while he was an infant and settled in Denver, Colo. He graduated from the University of Denver and sarned a Ph.D. at Columbia University, New York. In 1865 he was one of several newsmen sent to Vietnam by President Johnson to report on American troop morale. The visit led to a series of nationally published articles by Mr. White that generally concluded that morale was good.

Mr. White campaigned in the Jewish Herald-Volce, the South's oldest American-Jewish weekly, established in 1908, for a cooperative effort on funding Jewish education. One of his editorial targets was the Jewish Defense League. He led a drive, opposed by rabbinical elements, to have the local community center open Saturdays; the new policy took effect last Saturday.

GREENE PREPARING FOR CAIRO POST

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (JTA) -- Although Donald C. Bergus, the chief United States representative in Cairo the past four years, left the Egyptian capital yesterday to return to Washington, it will be a few weeks before his successor, Joseph N. Greene Jr., arrives there to replace him. State Department official explained here today that Greene must first study "voluminous material" on the Middle East and consult with Washington officials, and this will take "at least two weeks."The sources said Greene, 51, was involved peripherally in Mideast matters in previous posts, especially in London in the late 1960s. He has left the campus of Brandels University, where he was diplomat-in-residence, and is based in Washington for his Mideast crash course. Greene has adhered to administration policy and is not connected with State Department "Arabists."



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NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (JTA)--Prof. Howard L. Adelson, president of the United Zionists-Revisionists

of America, said today that his organization is lodging an appeal with the Congress Court of the World Zionist Organization claiming that the election of delegates to the 28th Zionist Congress was conducted by the American Zionist Federation in violation of the Court ruliar last Nov.

Two weeks ago the UZ-R announced it would boycott the elections. At that time the UZ-R accused the AZF of violating the Court's ruling on the distribution of 45 percent of the delegate seats from the US and that a new formula had been devised by the AZF "which equates the larger Revisionist movement with groups one-half and even one-fifth its size."

In his statement today, Prof. Adelson said that "no adequate inspection" of lists of voters was provided and that "no effective means" for challenging "numerous irregularities" were given. He stated further that "an enormous quantity" of hallots was sent out to persons not entitled to vote, who were not members of any participating Zionist organization, that "numerous" duplications in voting were not screened or eliminated and that the safeguards ordered by the Court for the proper conduct of the elections "were brazenly disregarded."

Prof. Adelson said the UZ-R appeal will be heard Sunday in Jerusalem by the Congress Court. He said the specifics of his charges will be dis-

closed at that time,

AMMAN CONTINUES TO OBJECT TO WEST BANK ELECTIONS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12 (JTA)—Jordanian authorities denied today that Amman has withdrawn its objections to the municipal elections scheduled to be held in at least ten West Bank towns under the auspices of the Israeli military government and Interior Ministry. Information Minister Adnan Abu Uda declared that Jordan's call to West Bankers to boyott the elections still stands.

According to reports appearing in Western newspapers today, King Hussein allegedly rescinded his boycott order on grounds that it would be observed only by his supporters and would permit opponents of his regime to win election by default. The reports were attributed to prominent West Bank Arabs who returned from visits to Amman over the weekend.

They reportedly said that threats of economic sanctions against any participants in the elections to be held next spring were withdrawn, at least for the time being. The decision was said to have been made by Hussein himself. The elections, which will be held according to Jordanian law, will be the first on the West Bank since 1963. Voters will select town councilment to replace incumbents, many of whose terms expired several years

INTELLECTUALS ACCUSE GOVERNMENT OF FAILING TO PURSUE PEACE WITH ARABS Mrs. Meir Flunks Critics On Facts

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12 (JTA).—The Prime Minister's office today released an exchange of messages between Premier Golda Meir and a group of professors and other individuals who accused her government of not doing enough to achieve peace with the Arabs, Mrs. Meir refused to meet with the group for an exchange of views. But she was willing to meet with another group of five professors who support the government's policies.

Criticism of her policies was contained in a telegram signed by 32 professors from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv University and others including Yasoov Arnon, former director general of the Finance Ministry; Reserve Maj, Gen, Matityahu Peled; former State Comptroller Slegfried Moses, and several writers and actors. Their telegram, which was released to the press on the same day it was sent to the Premier, appealed to the government to put forward proposals which "without harming Israel's security could serve as a realistic base for possible negotiations with Eyph."

Mrs. Meir's reply expressed regret that the critics falled to get the "correct facts" from her or from "competent elements" before making public charges. She said there were no grounds for the charge that the government was not doing enough for peace and said it had in fact already made propasls similar to those suggested by the petitioners for both an overall settlement and a partial settle-

Not All Professors Defeatists

Prof. Don Pathikin of the Hebrew University who replied for the critics, said they were not an organized group but simply individuals who shared the concern expressed in their telegram. He asked for an opportunity to meet with the Premier, "to explain our views...and to hear your opinions on this question."

Mrs. Meir replied that she saw no point in such a meeting, inasmuch as she had already accepted an invitation to address the social sciences faculty at Hebrew University. She offered to meet privately with Prof. Patinkin. The latter said he regarded her reply as negative and added that he didn't know if his group would pursue the matter.

But Mrs. Meir agreed to see a group of five professors leaded by Tel Aviv U president Yuval Neeman who sent her a telegram requesting "an urgent meeting...in view of the attempt by a group of intellectuals to influence the government to change its stand and accept the Rogers plan and the Jarring dictate" (Feb. 8 memo).

Prof. Haim Hanani of Tel Aviv, one of the government's supporters, said their message to Mrs. Meir was intended to correct the impression that the nation's professors are a "defeatist group" ready to give up all of larael's political and military gains. He claimed that most teachers and students believe that Israel's security depends on holding the Suez Canal line and other secure frontiers.

JEWISH LEADERS OUTSIDE ISRAEL URGE SPIRITUAL INDEPENDENCE, RESTRAIN ALIYA

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12 (JTA).—Jewish community leaders from outside Israel made a determined stand to maintain their spiritual independence and some measures to restrain allya of rabbis were discussed during the four days of the second World Conference of Synagogues and Community Organizations which ended here tonight. Of the 1,500 delregates -1,000 from Israel - about 20 Chief Rabbis and heads of large organizations, as well as community presidents, participated.

Rabbi Joseph Karastok, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, who headed the largest delegation to the conference, said that while "proudly identifying themselves with Israel, the communities outside it nevertheless insist that they must extend a major effort to safeguard their spiritual viability and independence and must expand their educational efforts to secure the perpetuity of Jewish learning and Jewish traditions. They cannot see their role exhausted as Jews merely as supporters and dependents of Israel."

Some delegates had advocated stringent measures to avoid spiritual drain resulting from aliya:

a rabbi, shochet or mohel should not be allowed to leave for Israel unless he had found a replacement. Dr. Maurice Jaffe, president of Israel's Union of Synagogues, proposed that an exchange service be established for sending out rabbis and other religious functionaries from the larger communities abroad for fixed periods of time such as three years. The technicalities of this idea and of other ideas involving exchanges will be worked out between the organizations that participated.

One resolution adopted by the conference called upon every Jew to become a member of an Israeli synagogue and thus establish a personal link with the Holy Land. Another resolution called on the government of Israel to adhere to halacha in all matters pertaining to personal status including conversion (the law gives some latitude of interpretation in the latter by not mentioning that conversion must be performed in accordance with halacha).

The spiritual needs of new immigrants—a clear reference to the controversy surrounding Georgian Jews—should be taken into greater account, a resolution stated. Among the other resolutions was one deploring and totally opposing all moves or proposals to change the present status of Jerusalem as the heart and capital of Israel. A message of congratulations was sent to Kurt Waldheim on his election as UN Secretary General.

MRS. MEIR DEPLORES LOSS OF YIDDISHKEIT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 12 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir warned today that the quality known as "Yiddiskkeit" may have been irretrievably lost in the decimation of East European Jewry in World War II and subsequent isoreasing assimilation everywhere. "A large part of Judaism--and not only six million Jews--were lost in the Nazi holocaust," she said. It was a sai fact, she noted, that most of the younger Jewish generation today speaks neither Rebrew nor Yiddish, and Yiddishkeit cannot exist in translation.

Mrs. Meir spoke for an hour—in Yiddish—at the opening of a four-day parley of Jewish journalists from nearly two dozen non-Communist countries. Around 100 newsmen—half of them foreigners, half Israelis—are discussing problems of information, education and culture and the role of information, education and culture and the role of the Jewish press in solving them. Louis A. Pinous, chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive, stressed the role of the Jewish Press in the dissemination of Jewish news, the strengthening of Zionism and the support of Israel.

In an allusion to Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, Premier Meir said that when a wise man made a blunder it was often a big one. She made the remark in the course of endorsing emigration as the overriding need of Soviet Jewry. Mrs. Meir also observed that mixed marriages were a real and growing problem in the diaspora, but not in Jewish-majority Israel.

TEKOAH, JARRING TO MEET

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 12 (JTA)—Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekosh and Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring, the special Middle East emissary, are scheduled to confer tomorrow morning in an attempt to get the stalled Jarring mission rolling again. The aim of the meeting; according to sources, will be to find out if a compromise formula can be found that will be acceptable to Jarring, thus enabling him to resume his mission. The major impediment, so far as Israel is concerned, is Dr. Jarring's Feb. 8 memo demanding that Israel agree to withdraw to the former international frontier with Egypt.

RELIGIOUS ZIONIST MOVEMENT CLAIMS IT WAS REAL VICTOR IN ZIONIST ELECTION Cites Decline Of Others Since 1968

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (JTA).—The Religious Zionett Movement, which ran fourth in the election of American delegates to the 28th World Zionist Congress, claimed today that it was in fact the "victor" and that the results, announced yesterday by the American Zionist Federation, "indicated the growth of Religious Zionist strength and the decline of all other American Zionist parties," The RZM, including the Mizrachi Women and Hapoel Hamtzrachi Women, received 22,648 votes and will send 25 delegates to the Congress which opens in Jerusalem next week.

According to Rabbi Bernard A. Poupko, president of the Religious Zionists of America, "The results of the Zionist Congress elections, when properly evaluated and appraised, will reveal that the Religious Zionist Movement was the real victor." He cited an analysis of the election figures by Dr. Stanley M. Wagner, RZA executive vice-president, which noted that the Religious Zionists received 25 mandates in the 1972 elections compared to 19 at the 1968 World Zionists received 25 mandates in the 1972 elections compared to 19 at the 1968 World Zionist Congress to which no elections were held in the

US, a 32 percent increase.

The analysis pointed out that the Labor Zionist Movement which sent 34 delegates to Jerusalem in 1968, now has only 28 delegates, and that the representation of the Zionist Organization of America dropped from 30 delegates in 1968 to 26 in 1972. The United Non-Party slate comprising Hadassah, Bnai Zion and the American Jewish League for Israel topped the balloting this year with 55,867 votes and will have 66 of the 152 American delegates at the Zionist Congress.

But according to Dr. Wagner's analysis, that "Sweep" was misleading. "According to membership figures, the slate possessed almost 50 percent of the Zionist electorate....Having received only 42 percent of the votes and only 66 mandates, the United Party Zionist slate suffered a defeat," he claimed.

AJCONGRESS CRITICAL OF EDITOR WHO DEFENDED RITUAL MURDER ARTICLE

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (JTA)—The American Jew-ish Corgress this week rejected as "astonishing" an editor's defense of an article in the N.Y. State Journal of Medicine suggesting that a 12th-century homicide may have been a ritual murder by Jews. The defense of the article—and the Congress' rejection of it—came in the wake of a protest by Joseph B, Robison, general counsel of the Congress, that the author had restated the "monstrous accusation" that Jews may have been guilty of ritual murder. The article, entitled "The Strange Murder of

william of Norwich, 1144," appeared under the byline of Dr. William D, Sharpe, director of laboratortes at Columbus Hospital in New York. The journal is published by the New York State Medical Society. In his original protest, Robison had stated:

"Dr. Sharpe apparently starts with the assumption that the practice (of ritual murder) existed. He even goes to the trouble of supplying citations of reports of other instances. Then, on the basts of a thousand-year-old record of the flimatest kind of evidence, he comes to the solemn conclusion that maybe it happened. How long is the Jewish community to put up with this monstrous accusation? Library shelves have been filled with volumes refuting the libel, case by case. No pretense of objectivity or neutrality can possibly justify treating this as an open question."

In response to the Congress' protest, Dr. William Hammond, editor of the Journal, wrote to Mr. Robison: "The author quite plainly absolves the Jewish community of any orime of murder, ritual or otherwise. You have read an intent into the article which does not exist and could not possibly exist."

In reply to Dr. Hammond this week, Robison wrote: "I fail to see how you can regard the article as absolving the Jewish community. It comes to the firm conclusion that the Jewish community leaders engaged in bribery and 'were at least sacessories after the fact' to some kind of murder." The Journal article by Dr. Sharpe represents his "medicolegal analysis" of an account by Thomas of Monmouth of the murder of a 12-or-13-year-old Christian boy, William, during Holy Week of 1144 in the Jewish quarter of Norwich.

DAVID H, WHITE, EDITOR, PUBLISHER OF JEWISH HERALD-VOICE, DIES AT 68

HOUSTON, Jan. 12 (JTA).—Services will be held tomorrow at Beth Yeshurun for David H. White, editor and publisher of the Jewish Herald-Voice for the past 38 years, who died early this morning at the age of 68, a week after undergoing an operation for cancer. Mr. White was a foreign correspondent for the Jewish Pleigraphic Agency in the 1930s, and since 1935 had been publisher of the Jewish Digest.

At his death, Mr. White was in his ninth year as a vice-president of the National Jewish Welfare Board and was on the board of the JTA, He was a past president of the Jewish Community Council, the Jewish Community Center, Congregation Emanu-El, the Southern region of the JWB, the Southern region of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, and Bhai Brith District 7. He also served as a trustee of the Houston Community Chest, and was a past international vice-president of Bhai Brith.

Mr. White was born in European Russia. His parents came to the United States while he was an infant and settled in Denver, Colo. He graduated from the University of Denver and sarned a Ph.D. at Columbia University, New York. In 1865 he was one of several newsmen sent to Vietnam by President Johnson to report on American troop morale. The visit led to a series of nationally published articles by Mr. White that generally concluded that morale was good.

Mr. White campaigned in the Jewish Herald-Volce, the South's oldest American-Jewish weekly, established in 1908, for a cooperative effort on funding Jewish education. One of his editorial targets was the Jewish Defense League. He led a drive, opposed by rabbinical elements, to have the local community center open Saturdays; the new policy took effect last Saturday.

GREENE PREPARING FOR CAIRO POST

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (JTA) -- Although Donald C. Bergus, the chief United States representative in Cairo the past four years, left the Egyptian capital yesterday to return to Washington, it will be a few weeks before his successor, Joseph N. Greene Jr., arrives there to replace him. State Department official explained here today that Greene must first study "voluminous material" on the Middle East and consult with Washington officials, and this will take "at least two weeks."The sources said Greene, 51, was involved peripherally in Mideast matters in previous posts, especially in London in the late 1960s. He has left the campus of Brandels University, where he was diplomat-in-residence, and is based in Washington for his Mideast crash course. Greene has adhered to administration policy and is not connected with State Department "Arabists."