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"We must make a supreme effort to influence Jewish leaders in the diaspora to put Jewish education at the top of their list of priorities, and not be satisfied with crumbs from the public table to support it," Finkelstein declared. "They must return to the tradition which prevailed before the second World War when the various Jewish communities took upon themselves the lion's share of the cost of education," he said.

Finkelstein contended that education was the main hope to stem Jewish assimilation. He claimed that the Jewish people have lost more adherents through assimilation than through all the wars of this century and the Nazi holocaust combined. "Recent surveys showed that we could have numbered 140-150 million souls instead of 13 million but for assimilation," Finkelstein claimed.

Moshe Krone, head of the WZO's Torah education department denounced the extreme anti-Zionist atmosphere that he said exists in some Orthodox yeshivot. He stressed the need to increase information about Zionism in the rabbinical world in order to insure Zionist hegemony among the yeshivot. He also criticized the idea that there can be a parallel Jewish center outside Israel. "This optimistic viewpoint is no longer shared by those who are aware of what is going on," he contended.

#### 10% Of Israel's Families Poor

In other Congress developments, Dr. Israel Katz, director of the National Insurance Institute, proposed the creation of a central authority to direct efforts to solve the problem of Israel's social and economic gap. He said that statistics collected by the Institute indicated that some 10 percent of Israeli families are living in relative deprivation despite the steady rise in the general standard of living in Israel during the past two years.

Premier Golda Meir told a Congress session Thursday night that she agreed with the Orthodox contention that "there is no difference between the Jewish religion and Jewish nationality." Menachem Beigin, leader of the right-wing Herut opposition drew wild cheers from the Orthodox Mizrahi delegates when he claimed that "there can be no separation between religion and identity" and added that the conversion of Jews must be strictly in accordance with halacha, religious law.

Yaacov Hazan, leader of Mapam was heckled by Herut youngsters when he said that Israel eventually would have to withdraw from the occupied Arab territories. The Mapam leader also expressed concern over the "almost purely white collar" character of the current immigration. He said great satisfaction was to be derived from direct participation in manual labor to help build Israel.

Soviet Emigres Satisfied

Hillel Ashkenazi, director general of the Absorption Ministry disclosed that a recent survey showed that 50 percent of the immigrants from the Soviet Union found permanent housing within two months of their arrival compared to 35 percent of the immigrants from other countries. He said 80 percent of the Russian emigres reported satisfaction with their accommodations and that 70 percent reported after two months in the country that they were satisfied with their social integration.

Ashkenazi said that 58 percent of those seeking jobs found employment within two months but only 57 percent said they were satisfied with their jobs. Among the Jews from Russia there is a much higher percentage of dissatisfied workers than among other immigrants, he said.

Yitzhak Levitan, a Russian immigrant who was imprisoned in the USSR for 15 years because of his Zionist activities, castigated world Jewry for not exerting enough pressure to get the release of Jewish political prisoners. He also claimed that it was false to state that Russian Jews became Zionists only after the Six-Day War. According to Levitan, "prisoners of Zion filled the jails, work camps and concentration camps in the 20s, 30s and 40s and until the present day."

ORT TO CONSTRUCT NEW TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN JERUSALEM TO PROVIDE TECHNICIANS, ENGINEERS FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (JTA)--Construction is about to begin in Jerusalem on a new technical college designed to provide technicians and engineers for Israel's economy. It was reported here by Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation. The new college will be erected by ORT on the campus of the Hebrew University. The announcement was made last night at a dinner here celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the American ORT Federation.

Calling the new technical college "an educational breakthrough of great potential impact," Dr. Haber told some 1,000 delegates attending the dinner that the college "aims to fill a gap, not only in Israel's educational system but in the economy of the country." Continuing, he said, "The fact is that a lack of middle-level manpower, particularly technician-engineers, is substantially hobbling both Israel's current productivity and its rate of economic growth. Israeli leaders have consistently told us that overcoming the shortage of skilled manpower is crucial to Israel's economic development."

Dr. Haber, who is a former dean of the University of Michigan, reported "that eventually some 1,300 students will be studying electronic, chemical, mechanical and nuclear engineering, and receive industrial training at the ORT Technical College."

Referring to the founding of the American ORT Federation in 1922, Dr. Haber said that "the very name--ORT Technical College--indicates how far ORT has advanced from the traditional trade courses which were the sum total of its curriculum 50 years ago. From the very beginning, our perspective has been to prepare young people for work in newly-developing fields," and to keep them abreast of modern industry and modern technology. The ORT Technical College at the Hebrew University is the "embodiment, therefore, of ORT's philosophy," Dr. Haber declared. "We are not concerned only with yesterday's trades, but much more with tomorrow's careers."

Nixon Lauds ORT Program

Dr. Haber noted that more than 42,500 of ORT's students are in Israel. The largest proportion is

enrolled in three-four-or five year high schools. ORT expenditures in Israel alone during 1971, he noted, totalled \$13 million. "The truth is," Dr. Haber declared, "that ORT's training of skilled manpower for Israel began in many cases before the students had ever seen Israel, and in some cases before there even was an Israel." Immediately after World War II ended, at the insistence of Jewish survivors of the Nazi era, ORT classes and courses were established right in the displaced persons camps. "I saw these programs spread to every DP camp in Europe," he recalled.

Dr. Haber was adviser on Jewish affairs to Gen. Lucius Clay in the American zone of Germany. "As a result of this training," the ORT leader commented, "many of those former DP's took with them valuable skills when they later emigrated to Israel, as well as to the United States and other countries." Greetings for the ORT 50th anniversary celebration were received from President Nixon, Israeli Premier Golda Meir and former Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion.

Nixon's message declared that "More than one million refugees and disadvantaged persons have found hope in the programs of the organization for rehabilitation through training (ORT), as well as the means to a new life. By teaching deprived individuals the skills required for earning their livelihood and participating productively in the programs of their communities, you have helped reduce poverty and raised living standards throughout the world." Dinner guests heard an address by Yitzhak Rabin, Israel Ambassador to the US, Louis B. Hollander, secretary-treasurer of the New York State AFL-CIO and a vice-president of the American ORT Federation, was honored as one of the organization's founders.

QUEBEC SEPARATIST LEADER APOLOGIZES FOR DEFENDING USSR AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

MONTREAL, Jan. 23 (JTA)--Rene Levesque, leader of the separatist Parti Quebecois, has apologized publicly for having recently defended the Soviet Union against charges of anti-Semitism. Levesque, who writes a daily column in the French-language Journal De Montreal, had written during Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin's visit to Canada last Nov. 17 that "Jews are slandering the Soviet Union if they dare compare the situation of Jews in the Soviet Union with that under the Nazis."

In his column several days ago, titled, "Star of David--An Apology," the Quebec leader said, "The Jewish question in the USSR exists and is welding dangerously together ancient prejudices to the most explosive complications of today."

He said that he owed his change of views to documentation provided by Alan Rose, national director of the Canadian Jewish Congress. He said that the documentation made him "aware that Moscow has allowed the purist anti-Semitism to surface." Continuing, Levesque wrote: "There is no school in Russia with the Yiddish language as the language of instruction. For three million Russian Jews there are only 90 synagogues for worship."

He also noted that "With the new assurances coming from Israel, Jews in Russia refuse to let themselves be assimilated by force. They want in greater numbers, if not in majority, to enjoy the rights of cultural redemption as they have always been recognized as one of the country's nationalities since the Revolution."

AUSCHWITZ EXHIBIT PLANNED

BONN, Jan. 23 (JTA)--An exhibition, "Polish Documents on Auschwitz," will be held next Sept. in the Steglitz quarter of Berlin, the municipality announced.

## ORT CONFERENCE ADOPTS BUDGET OF \$23,116,800 FOR 1972

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (JTA)--The American ORT Federation voted today a budget of \$23,116,800 to finance the largest non-governmental vocational training network in the world in 1972. Meeting at the Hotel Americana, 1,000 delegates to the organization's 50th Anniversary Conference approved this sum for the operation of the network of ORT vocational and educational service in Israel and other Jewish communities that is now operating 740 technical schools for 65,000 students.

In adopting the budget, the delegates noted that the more than \$23 million was a deficit budget, more than \$500,000 short, listing them as "unmet needs." Funds for ORT's overseas programs are provided by its membership, and by the United Jewish Appeal through an agreement with the Joint Distribution Committee. Despite this fiscal uncertainty, Max A. Braude, Director-General, declared that "We will go ahead because we are so obligated. We will have to make possible during 1972 the education of an additional 5,000 students bringing the ORT enrollment by the end of this year to about 70,000."

### ORT Is Passport For Survival

The skills taught in the ORT schools will increasingly reflect a career rather than a trade in line with the new occupations, Braude stated, adding: "ORT educators will stress avionics, automation, nuclear, plasma, laser and computer technologies--will undoubtedly be extended to even more sophisticated technologies and sciences, which already rest on someone's drafting board." Braude cited the increasing number of ORT technical colleges, the most recent of which is planned for construction on the campus of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The vote on the overseas expenditure budget followed a report by Dr. William Haber, who was re-elected president. A former Dean of the University of Michigan, Dr. Haber told the Conference that "supporting these services is not a matter of choice, but rather of necessity. 'ORT training is first and foremost an economic passport for survival. But it goes beyond--and above--survival,' he added. 'We help the individual not only to survive, but to live with dignity.'"

Of the 65,000 students currently enrolled, Dr. Haber reported that some 42,500--about 66 percent--are in Israel. "Their distribution reflects the 'changing Jewish demography,'" he indicated, "with increases in Israel, France, Latin America and a declining enrollment in Morocco. Many of the ORT students in France are Jewish refugees from Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and other areas of North Africa."

### SPECIAL PRAYERS HELD FOR SYRIAN JEWS

MONTREAL, Jan. 23 (JTA)--Special prayer services for the salvation of 4,000 Jews still in Syria were held yesterday in all Montreal synagogues. The services and advertisements in all local dailies were part of a campaign organized by Rabbi Morris Halpern, president of the Jewish Board of Rabbis of Greater Montreal, to alert the Canadian public to the plight of Jews in Syria. The Canadian Jewish Congress and the Board of Jewish Ministers, representing the Conservative, Orthodox and Reform branches, indicated today that they will make new representations to the Canadian government to intervene with Syrian authorities to permit Jews to emigrate from that country and to release Syrian Jews held in prison.

### LINDSAY HAILS ZIONIST CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay sent greetings today to the 28th World Zionist Con-

gress in Jerusalem and wished it success in its deliberations. In his telegram to the Congress, Lindsay stated that the Zionist movement "can take justifiable pride in the fact that it has been the generative force in this movement of national renaissance." Continuing, Lindsay stated that in the 75 years since the first Zionist Congress was held, "the age-old dream of the Jewish people has found fulfillment in the establishment of the modern state of Israel as a free, sovereign nation, respected member of the family of nations."

### KISHINEV AUTHORITIES ENCOURAGE ANTI-JEWISH FEELINGS AMONG MOLDAVIANS

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (JTA)--The National Conference on Soviet Jewry has learned that the Kishinev authorities are trying to win over the local populace and are therefore encouraging the ultra-nationalist feelings of the Moldavians. Moldavians are getting all the government positions and it is difficult for Jews to get jobs. Even Jews with professional degrees are having a difficult time in finding employment and, when they do succeed, it is invariably jobs of lower rank.

Jewish students, the Conference reported, are having difficulty entering institutions of higher education and they often have to give bribes to be admitted. It was once easier to be admitted to evening classes but now that, too, is difficult. The anti-Semitic atmosphere is also felt in kindergartens. When punishing a Jewish child, a teacher will say "Jew boy." If he doesn't behave, he will be put in a corner, according to the Conference. In stores and markets, one can often hear: "Go buy meat (or anything else) in Palestine."

The Conference also reported that half of a Jewish cemetery on Kalbyshchev Street in Kishinev was turned into a public park. People walk on the tombstones. The portion which is still a cemetery is not being properly kept up.

### COHEN NAMED BASKETBALL CHAIRMAN OF U.S. DELEGATION TO MACCABIAH GAMES

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (JTA)--Nat Holman, president of the United States Committee Sports for Israel, today announced the appointment of Haskell Cohen of New York City, as basketball chairman of the US delegation to the 1973 Maccabiah Games in Israel.

Cohen, who was Director of Public Relations for the National Basketball Association for 19 years until his retirement two seasons ago, was basketball chairman for the Gold Medal teams at the Maccabiah Games in 1949, 1953, 1957, 1961 and 1965. He relinquished the capacity in 1969 when the US team lost to Israel in the finals.

Cohen is currently the sports columnist for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

### NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE URGES NIXON TO SUPPORT USSR JEWS RIGHT TO EMIGRATE

OMAHA, Jan. 23 (JTA)--The Nebraska Legislature, by a vote of 36-0, has urged President Nixon to support the right of Soviet Jews to emigrate, "as affirmed by the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights." The resolution--introduced by State Senators Sam Klaver, Eugene Maloney and Terry Carpenter--charged that the Soviet government was "persecuting" the country's minorities and "discriminating" against them in cultural, educational and religious areas. Less than 1 percent of Nebraska's population is Jewish.





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#### ZIONISTS URGED TO MAKE JEWISH EDUCATION TOP PRIORITY MATTER Only Way To Stem Assimilation

JERUSALEM, Jan. 23 (JTA)--Haim Finkelstein, head of the World Zionist Organization's education department, told a plenary session of the 28th World Zionist Congress today that its four year program to further Jewish education in the diaspora would come to naught unless the Jewish communities abroad provide the necessary financial means.

"We must make a supreme effort to influence Jewish leaders in the diaspora to put Jewish education at the top of their list of priorities, and not be satisfied with crumbs from the public table to support it," Finkelstein declared. "They must return to the tradition which prevailed before the second World War when the various Jewish communities took upon themselves the lion's share of the cost of education," he said.

Finkelstein contended that education was the main hope to stem Jewish assimilation. He claimed that the Jewish people have lost more adherents through assimilation than through all the wars of this century and the Nazi holocaust combined. "Recent surveys showed that we could have numbered 140-150 million souls instead of 13 million but for assimilation," Finkelstein claimed.

Moshe Krone, head of the WZO's Torah education department denounced the extreme anti-Zionist atmosphere that he said exists in some Orthodox yeshivot. He stressed the need to increase information about Zionism in the rabbinical world in order to insure Zionist hegemony among the yeshivot. He also criticized the idea that there can be a parallel Jewish center outside Israel. "This optimistic viewpoint is no longer shared by those who are aware of what is going on," he contended.

#### 10% Of Israel's Families Poor

In other Congress developments, Dr. Israel Katz, director of the National Insurance Institute, proposed the creation of a central authority to direct efforts to solve the problem of Israel's social and economic gap. He said that statistics collected by the Institute indicated that some 10 percent of Israeli families are living in relative deprivation despite the steady rise in the general standard of living in Israel during the past two years.

Premier Golda Meir told a Congress session Thursday night that she agreed with the Orthodox contention that "there is no difference between the Jewish religion and Jewish nationality." Menachem Beigin, leader of the right-wing Herut opposition drew wild cheers from the Orthodox Mizrahi delegates when he claimed that "there can be no separation between religion and identity" and added that the conversion of Jews must be strictly in accordance with halacha, religious law.

Yaacov Hazan, leader of Mapam was heckled by Herut youngsters when he said that Israel eventually would have to withdraw from the occupied Arab territories. The Mapam leader also expressed concern over the "almost purely white collar" character of the current immigration. He said great satisfaction was to be derived from direct participation in manual labor to help build Israel.

Soviet Emigres Satisfied

Hillel Ashkenazi, director general of the Absorption Ministry disclosed that a recent survey showed that 50 percent of the immigrants from the Soviet Union found permanent housing within two months of their arrival compared to 35 percent of the immigrants from other countries. He said 80 percent of the Russian emigres reported satisfaction with their accommodations and that 70 percent reported after two months in the country that they were satisfied with their social integration.

Ashkenazi said that 58 percent of those seeking jobs found employment within two months but only 57 percent said they were satisfied with their jobs. Among the Jews from Russia there is a much higher percentage of dissatisfied workers than among other immigrants, he said.

Yitzhak Levitan, a Russian immigrant who was imprisoned in the USSR for 15 years because of his Zionist activities, castigated world Jewry for not exerting enough pressure to get the release of Jewish political prisoners. He also claimed that it was false to state that Russian Jews became Zionists only after the Six-Day War. According to Levitan, "prisoners of Zion filled the jails, work camps and concentration camps in the 20s, 30s and 40s and until the present day."

ORT TO CONSTRUCT NEW TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN JERUSALEM TO PROVIDE TECHNICIANS, ENGINEERS FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (JTA)--Construction is about to begin in Jerusalem on a new technical college designed to provide technicians and engineers for Israel's economy. It was reported here by Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation. The new college will be erected by ORT on the campus of the Hebrew University. The announcement was made last night at a dinner here celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the American ORT Federation.

Calling the new technical college "an educational breakthrough of great potential impact," Dr. Haber told some 1,000 delegates attending the dinner that the college "aims to fill a gap, not only in Israel's educational system but in the economy of the country." Continuing, he said, "The fact is that a lack of middle-level manpower, particularly technician-engineers, is substantially hobbling both Israel's current productivity and its rate of economic growth. Israeli leaders have consistently told us that overcoming the shortage of skilled manpower is crucial to Israel's economic development."

Dr. Haber, who is a former dean of the University of Michigan, reported "that eventually some 1,300 students will be studying electronic, chemical, mechanical and nuclear engineering, and receive industrial training at the ORT Technical College."

Referring to the founding of the American ORT Federation in 1922, Dr. Haber said that "the very name--ORT Technical College--indicates how far ORT has advanced from the traditional trade courses which were the sum total of its curriculum 50 years ago. From the very beginning, our perspective has been to prepare young people for work in newly-developing fields," and to keep them abreast of modern industry and modern technology. The ORT Technical College at the Hebrew University is the "embodiment, therefore, of ORT's philosophy," Dr. Haber declared. "We are not concerned only with yesterday's trades, but much more with tomorrow's careers."

Nixon Lauds ORT Program

Dr. Haber noted that more than 42,500 of ORT's students are in Israel. The largest proportion is

enrolled in three-four-or five year high schools. ORT expenditures in Israel alone during 1971, he noted, totalled \$13 million. "The truth is," Dr. Haber declared, "that ORT's training of skilled manpower for Israel began in many cases before the students had ever seen Israel, and in some cases before there even was an Israel." Immediately after World War II ended, at the insistence of Jewish survivors of the Nazi era, ORT classes and courses were established right in the displaced persons camps. "I saw these programs spread to every DP camp in Europe," he recalled.

Dr. Haber was adviser on Jewish affairs to Gen. Lucius Clay in the American zone of Germany. "As a result of this training," the ORT leader commented, "many of those former DP's took with them valuable skills when they later emigrated to Israel, as well as to the United States and other countries." Greetings for the ORT 50th anniversary celebration were received from President Nixon, Israeli Premier Golda Meir and former Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion.

Nixon's message declared that "More than one million refugees and disadvantaged persons have found hope in the programs of the organization for rehabilitation through training (ORT), as well as the means to a new life. By teaching deprived individuals the skills required for earning their livelihood and participating productively in the programs of their communities, you have helped reduce poverty and raised living standards throughout the world." Dinner guests heard an address by Yitzhak Rabin, Israel Ambassador to the US, Louis B. Hollander, secretary-treasurer of the New York State AFL-CIO and a vice-president of the American ORT Federation, was honored as one of the organization's founders.

QUEBEC SEPARATIST LEADER APOLOGIZES FOR DEFENDING USSR AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

MONTREAL, Jan. 23 (JTA)--Rene Levesque, leader of the separatist Parti Quebecois, has apologized publicly for having recently defended the Soviet Union against charges of anti-Semitism. Levesque, who writes a daily column in the French-language Journal De Montreal, had written during Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin's visit to Canada last Nov. 17 that "Jews are slandering the Soviet Union if they dare compare the situation of Jews in the Soviet Union with that under the Nazis."

In his column several days ago, titled, "Star of David--An Apology," the Quebec leader said, "The Jewish question in the USSR exists and is welding dangerously together ancient prejudices to the most explosive complications of today."

He said that he owed his change of views to documentation provided by Alan Rose, national director of the Canadian Jewish Congress. He said that the documentation made him "aware that Moscow has allowed the purist anti-Semitism to surface." Continuing, Levesque wrote: "There is no school in Russia with the Yiddish language as the language of instruction. For three million Russian Jews there are only 90 synagogues for worship."

He also noted that "With the new assurances coming from Israel, Jews in Russia refuse to let themselves be assimilated by force. They want in greater numbers, if not in majority, to enjoy the rights of cultural redemption as they have always been recognized as one of the country's nationalities since the Revolution."

AUSCHWITZ EXHIBIT PLANNED

BONN, Jan. 23 (JTA)--An exhibition, "Polish Documents on Auschwitz," will be held next Sept. in the Steglitz quarter of Berlin, the municipality announced.

## ORT CONFERENCE ADOPTS BUDGET OF \$23,116,800 FOR 1972

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (JTA)--The American ORT Federation voted today a budget of \$23,116,800 to finance the largest non-governmental vocational training network in the world in 1972. Meeting at the Hotel Americana, 1,000 delegates to the organization's 50th Anniversary Conference approved this sum for the operation of the network of ORT vocational and educational service in Israel and other Jewish communities that is now operating 740 technical schools for 65,000 students.

In adopting the budget, the delegates noted that the more than \$23 million was a deficit budget, more than \$500,000 short, listing them as "unmet needs." Funds for ORT's overseas programs are provided by its membership, and by the United Jewish Appeal through an agreement with the Joint Distribution Committee. Despite this fiscal uncertainty, Max A. Braude, Director-General, declared that "We will go ahead because we are so obligated. We will have to make possible during 1972 the education of an additional 5,000 students bringing the ORT enrollment by the end of this year to about 70,000."

## ORT Is Passport For Survival

The skills taught in the ORT schools will increasingly reflect a career rather than a trade in line with the new occupations, Braude stated, adding: "ORT educators will stress avionics, automation, nuclear, plasma, laser and computer technologies--will undoubtedly be extended to even more sophisticated technologies and sciences, which already rest on someone's drafting board." Braude cited the increasing number of ORT technical colleges, the most recent of which is planned for construction on the campus of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

The vote on the overseas expenditure budget followed a report by Dr. William Haber, who was re-elected president. A former Dean of the University of Michigan, Dr. Haber told the Conference that "supporting these services is not a matter of choice, but rather of necessity. 'ORT training is first and foremost an economic passport for survival. But it goes beyond--and above--survival," he added. "We help the individual not only to survive, but to live with dignity."

Of the 65,000 students currently enrolled, Dr. Haber reported that some 42,500--about 66 percent--are in Israel. "Their distribution reflects the 'changing Jewish demography,'" he indicated, "with increases in Israel, France, Latin America and a declining enrollment in Morocco. Many of the ORT students in France are Jewish refugees from Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia and other areas of North Africa."

## SPECIAL PRAYERS HELD FOR SYRIAN JEWS

MONTREAL, Jan. 23 (JTA)--Special prayer services for the salvation of 4,000 Jews still in Syria were held yesterday in all Montreal synagogues. The services and advertisements in all local dailies were part of a campaign organized by Rabbi Morris Halpern, president of the Jewish Board of Rabbis of Greater Montreal, to alert the Canadian public to the plight of Jews in Syria. The Canadian Jewish Congress and the Board of Jewish Ministers, representing the Conservative, Orthodox and Reform branches, indicated today that they will make new representations to the Canadian government to intervene with Syrian authorities to permit Jews to emigrate from that country and to release Syrian Jews held in prison.

## LINDSAY HAILS ZIONIST CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay sent greetings today to the 28th World Zionist Con-

gress in Jerusalem and wished it success in its deliberations. In his telegram to the Congress, Lindsay stated that the Zionist movement "can take justifiable pride in the fact that it has been the generative force in this movement of national renaissance." Continuing, Lindsay stated that in the 75 years since the first Zionist Congress was held, "the age-old dream of the Jewish people has found fulfillment in the establishment of the modern state of Israel as a free, sovereign nation, respected member of the family of nations."

## KISHINEV AUTHORITIES ENCOURAGE ANTI-JEWISH FEELINGS AMONG MOLDAVIANS

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (JTA)--The National Conference on Soviet Jewry has learned that the Kishinev authorities are trying to win over the local populace and are therefore encouraging the ultra-nationalist feelings of the Moldavians. Moldavians are getting all the government positions and it is difficult for Jews to get jobs. Even Jews with professional degrees are having a difficult time in finding employment and, when they do succeed, it is invariably jobs of lower rank.

Jewish students, the Conference reported, are having difficulty entering institutions of higher education and they often have to give bribes to be admitted. It was once easier to be admitted to evening classes but now that, too, is difficult. The anti-Semitic atmosphere is also felt in kindergartens. When punishing a Jewish child, a teacher will say "Jew boy." If he doesn't behave, he will be put in a corner, according to the Conference. In stores and markets, one can often hear: "Go buy meat (or anything else) in Palestine."

The Conference also reported that half of a Jewish cemetery on Kalbyshchev Street in Kishinev was turned into a public park. People walk on the tombstones. The portion which is still a cemetery is not being properly kept up.

## COHEN NAMED BASKETBALL CHAIRMAN OF U.S. DELEGATION TO MACCABIAH GAMES

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 (JTA)--Nat Holman, president of the United States Committee Sports for Israel, today announced the appointment of Haskell Cohen of New York City, as basketball chairman of the US delegation to the 1973 Maccabiah Games in Israel.

Cohen, who was Director of Public Relations for the National Basketball Association for 19 years until his retirement two seasons ago, was basketball chairman for the Gold Medal teams at the Maccabiah Games in 1949, 1953, 1957, 1961 and 1965. He relinquished the capacity in 1969 when the US team lost to Israel in the finals.

Cohen is currently the sports columnist for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

## NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE URGES NIXON TO SUPPORT USSR JEWS RIGHT TO EMIGRATE

OMAHA, Jan. 23 (JTA)--The Nebraska Legislature, by a vote of 36-0, has urged President Nixon to support the right of Soviet Jews to emigrate, "as affirmed by the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights." The resolution--introduced by State Senators Sam Klaver, Eugene Maloney and Terry Carpenter--charged that the Soviet government was "persecuting" the country's minorities and "discriminating" against them in cultural, educational and religious areas. Less than 1 percent of Nebraska's population is Jewish.