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The resolution states that "No Zionist who fails to impart a Jewish and Zionist education to his children can serve in any office in the Zionist Movement," It was backed by the Labor faction at the initiative of its younger members. Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson of the World Confederation of General Zionists, a past president of Hadassah and a member of the WZO Executive in the US, declared that the resolution was unconstitutional in her view because it imposed sanctions on members of a voluntary body.

Louis Pinous, WZO Executive chairman and Congress President, replied that the Congress would adopt the resolution and leave it up to the lawyers to pronounce on its constitutionality. Thus, for the moment, Zionist leaders are obliged to send

their children to Zionist schools. Observers here said whether or not they will obey is another matter. A resolution spelling out the WZO's relationship to other international Jewish bodies was unanimously adopted today. It instructs the incoming Zionist Executive to seek closer coordination and cooperation with internationally active Jewish bodies "in every sphere of Zionist interest."

Mrs. Jacobson told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "Our (Hadassah's) aliya record is as good as that of any bloc in this hall, but putting it in the rules is no way of encouraging aliya." Mrs. Faye Schenk, Hadassah national president, argued against the proposal in the debate. Arguing for it was Jean Simon, a 24-year-old Laborite student from Paris.

## SABBATH OBSERVERS NOT DEPRIVED OF LIVELIHOOD

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27 (JTA)--Labor Minister Joseph Almogi told the Knesset yesterday that nobody in Israel is deprived of a livelihood for refusing to work on the Sabbath. He asserted that of 750,000 workers in the country only 8,500 were required to work on Saturdays. Almogi was replying to Dr. Yehuda Ben Meir of the National Religious Party who had placed on the Knesset agenda the question of whether or not a Sabbath observer should be deprived of a livelihood. The issue was brought up as a result of a recent report that a Jewish immigrant from Soviet Georgia had lost his job at Lydda Airport for refusing to work on Saturdays. Histadrut which investigated the charge found there was no basis for the worker's claim.

#### TRANS-CARPATHIAN JEWS PROTEST DELAYS IN APPLICATIONS FOR EXIT VISAS TO ISRAEL

LONDON, Jan. 27 (JTA)—Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today the first protest to Soviet authorities ever made by Jews in the Trans-Carpathia region of the Ukraine, a territory ceded to the Soviet Union after World War II. According to the sources, 20 Jews of the region have written to President Nikolai Podgorny and Premier Aleksei Kosygin protesting against delays in processing their applications for exit visas to go to Israel.

They wrote, "The Department of the Interior of the Trans-Carpathian region of Uzhgorod as well as other authorities of the Soviet Ukrainian Republic had our applications for exit visas for a long time. For decades and centuries, we Jews were brought up in the spirit of our religion and tradition. We were taught our language, history, the Bible and the Talmud in Jewish schools. We should have disappeared as Jews without our faith and without our language. This is why we want to go to the land of our forefathers."

#### RABBI SAMUEL BERLIANT DIES AT 67

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held today for Rabbi Samuel Berliant, founder and former president of the Rabbinical Council of America, who died yesterday after a short illness. He was 67 years old. Rabbi Berliant was the rabbi of Congregation Tifereth Israel in Jackson Heights, New York, for 38 years. Born in Richmond, Va., he studied at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University and was ordained there in 1929. In 1968 Yeshiva University awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

During the late 1930's, Rabbi Berliant was one of a small group who organized the Rabbinical

Council of America. He served in various offices and was national president from 1950 to 1952. He served as chairman of its Chaplaincy Procurement Committee and was also a member of the Chaplaincy Commission of the National Jewish Welfare Board. He is credited with having organized the voluntary draft of chaplains, which was adopted by all major Orthodox seminaries in this country during the Korean War.

## CITY FORMALLY APPROVES \$1.5M PROJECT TO ASSIST ELDERLY IN JEWISH NEIGHBORHOODS Project Will Be Under Supervision Of JASA

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (JTA)—Mayor John V. Lind-say formally announced today his administration's approval of a non-sectarian \$1.5 million project to assist elderly, needy, and physically or mentally impaired persons in largely Jewish neighborhoods in Brooklyn, the Bronx and Queens, under the supervision of the Jewish Association for Services for the Aged (JASA). The money will be used to build nine permanent multi-purpose community centers—three borough-wide, four additional in Brooklyn and two additional in the Bronx.

JASA's annual caseload, now totalling 18,000 elderly and their families, is expected to double with the addition of the conveniently located new centers, which will dispense advice on Medicaid, Medicare, old-age aid and related programs; homemaker and housekeeper assistance; hospitals and clinical facilities; rehabilitation guidance; housing, social clubs, recreation, mutual aid societies, legal counsel and citizenship grants for food, clothing and shelter.

The \$1.5 million program, approved by the New York State Department of Social Services, will be funded 12.5 percent by the city, which initiated the plan; 75 percent by the federal government, and 12.5 percent by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies (the latter making up the portion approved but not funded by the state government).

#### Culmination Of A Year's Drive

In ceremonies at City Hall, where Lindsay made the announcement, the Mayor called the project an "important effort at strengthening services to the needy elderly (that) brings us closer to the goal of seeing that no senior citizen suffers the hardships of dire poverty, poor housing, the lack of health and welfare services and facilities, and the breakdown of family relations in our highly mobile society."

He welcomed JASA's "willingness to undertake this challenging responsibility" and said he believed "this new venture will demonstrate the desirability of a partnership between the government and the private sector."

Human Resources Administrator Jule Sugarman said the new JASA centers "will reach hidden populations of older people who are now isolated from contact with the programs and services that could help them." This was believed to be an allusion to the thousands of needy Jews here who miss out on aid because they do not live withindesignated poverty areas.

Commenting on the grant, Lawrence B. Butten-wieser, president of Federation, said the project was the culmination of a year's drive to launch such services. "Through this joint effort," he said, we will be able to implement vastly more effective programs to serve both the Jewish elderly of our city and those of other faiths." Federation set up JASA three years ago as a city-wide voluntary agency. The association now aids 12,000 aged persons.

#### ISRAELI INCOME TAX FOR GOLAN HEIGHTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27 (JTA)—Israeli income tax will be levied on the Israeli-administered Golan Heights. The decision was made recently by the government but was made public only this week by the Finance Ministry. It will make the Heights the only area other than Israel proper and East Jerusalem to be governed by Israeli law instead of that of its pre-Six-Day War government. After the war, Israel announced that Egyptian law would continue to be applied in the Gaza Strip and Jordanian law on the West Bank.

But the Golan Heights was deserted by almost its entire population during the war, and now has a Jewish majority and a Druze, not an Arab, minority, with Israeli law having been applied in stages. Foreign Minister Abba Eban explained two weeks ago that Syria has failed to accept Security Council Resolution 242 of Nov. 22, 1967, dealing with the negotiation of agreed boundaries and the establishment of peace. Therefore, he said, the Israeli position regarding the Heights differs from that on territories formerly governed by Egypt and Jordan, which have accepted the resolution.

### GREEK ORTHODOX-JEWISH COLLOQUIUM TERMED AN HISTORIC GATHERING

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (JTA)—The first Greek Orthodox Christian—Jewish National Colloquium was held here for two days under the joint auspices of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America and the American Jewish Committee. The co-chairmen of the colloquium, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of the AJCommittee's department of interreligious affairs, and the Rev. Dr. Robert Stephanopoulos, director of the interchurch office of the Archdiocese, hailed the event which concluded yesterday as a serious, systematic and organized way to "join forces to meet their common problems."

Both religious leaders stressed that the meeting was of historic importance in a "new effort of understanding" between the two communities that are the hearers "of imposing classic religious and cultural traditions that have decisively shaped Western civilization." They also noted that both communities in this country "face common problems as they seek to perpetuate rich foreignlanguage traditions into the next generation and are faced by strong forces of assimilation which threaten to erode their respective distinctive heritages."

Rabbi Tanenbaum told the meeting at its closing session yesterday that the Greek Orthodox Church has a notable record of helping to save Jewish lives under the Nazis. He and the Rev. Stephanopoulos agreed that "especially in these anxious times. Greek Orthodox and Jews, drawing upon their spiritual resources, could figure prominently as catalysts who can play a reconciling role leading to peace for the welfare of all people."

#### DUTCH LEFTISTS ALLY THEMSELVES WITH VIEWS OF EGYPTIAN STUDENTS

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 27 (JTA) -- A group of leftist political organizations here published a statement yesterday identifying themselves with Egypt's
students against the policies of President Anwar
Sadat. The statement expressed agreement with
the Egyptian students' rejection of the UN Security
Council Resolution 242 and US Secretary of State
William P. Rogers' peace initiative. The statement,
signed by the "Palestine Committee," expresses
support for all Palestinian liberation movements.

#### U.S. JEWISH LEADERS, KAHANE, ROGERS SAY FIREBOMBING REPREHENSIBLE

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (JTA)--American Jewish leaders today denounced as "senseless," "shameful" and a setback to the cause of Soviet Jewry the firebombings yesterday of the offices of impressario Sol Hurok and of Columbia Artists Managen\_ent, Inc. One woman was killed and 13 other persons were injured in the fire in Hurok's office. Secretary of State William P. Rogers condemned the incident as "reprehensible and harmful to our national interest." In Jerusalem, Rabbi Meir Kahane, chairman of the Jewish Defense League, said the perpetrators had to be "insane" and denied that anyone connected with the JDL could have done this.

Rogers, speaking at a State Department forum for editors and broadcasters, said that the violence of the kind witnessed in the firebombing was "very serious indeed," He noted that Soviet diplomats are "greatly concerned" by violence, which included the shooting into a Soviet official's apartment at the Soviet Mission in New York several

monilies ago.

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, president of the American Jewish Congress, said he was "appalled" at the "abominable attack" and added that "the senseless brutality terribly damages and compromises the fight for Soviet Jews." Rabbi Lelyveld, calling upon the police to "do everything possible to find those guilty of this atrocity," declared: "Whoever did this thing, no matter what his motive, must be found and made accountable under our system of law."

Philip E. Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee, noting that it was not known who had committed the "despicable crimes," said that until further evidence develops "it must be assumed that these crimes could have been perpetrated by irrational, anti-social elements in the community-fanatics, hooligans, provocateurs," He contended that "the case of Soviet Jewry is placed in jeopardy

by such actions."

David M. Blumberg, president of B'nai B'rith, denounced the apparent bombings as "shameful and senseless" and asserted that "insane violence in the name of Soviet Jews is a cruel disservice to their struggle." Rabbi Oscar Groner, assistant national director of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, said college youths who are militant on behalf of Soviet Jewry were "outraged by such tactics that are undermining to a humanitarian cause."

Jacob Stein, vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, declared: "We denounce without reservations this senseless act of violence. We cannot accept this as a legal form of protest--if it was a protest. We hope that the perpetrators will be caught speedily and punished to the fullest extent of the law." Rabbi Seymour Siegal, professor of ethics at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, strongly condemned the "out-

rageous criminal acts."

The condemnation of the blasts by Bertram Zweibon, national vice chairman of the Jewish Defense League, was repeated later yesterday afternoon in Jerusalem by Rabbi Meir Kahane, who said: "Anyone can say 'never again,' '' the JDL slogan that was used by anonymous phone callers to the news media just before the blast. "In the past, too, there have been several cases in which crimes have been committed and then someone phoned newspapers and said 'Never again,' '' Kahane stated.

#### DISCOTHEQUE ENDANGERS COALITION

TEL AVIV, Jan. 27 (JTA) -- The municipal coalition in Ramat Gen, the residential suburb of Tel Aviv. is in danger of dissolution because of a discotheque. The municipality's Education, Culture and Youth Department, faced with an increasing problem of providing sufficient entertainment for youths to deter them from idleness and hooliganism. turned an empty air raid sheiter in the center of town into a discotheque with up-to-date sound equipment. All went well for several days, with teenagers entering on tickets distributed at secondary schools.

But when the night spot opened last Friday night, the National Religious Party's councilors threatened to quit the coalition unless the place was immediately ordered to stay closed on the

Sabbath,

Since Friday night is "the" night for discothequing, with no school the next morning, the Youth Department decided to keep the place open Friday nights to keep the kids occupied. But the NRP officials consider the decision a breach of the religious status quo. Discussions within the coalition are being held in an effort to head off a crisis between the forces of halacha and those of hard rock.

#### GEORGIAN JEWS TO BE SETTLED IN GALILEE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27 (JTA)--One thousand Jewish immigrant families from Soviet Georgia are to be settled in the Galilee under a plan worked out by the Jewish Agency settlement department and presented to the Zionist Congress last night by the department's director, Dr. Raanan Weitz. According to the plan, some 400 families will settle in a special quarter of the development town of Carmiel, and 600 in two neighboring rural settlements. The immigrants will work mainly in industry.

#### FIVE POTMA PRISONERS THANK JEWS OF THE WORLD FOR THEIR SUPPORT

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (JTA) -- Five Jewish political prisoners in the Potma labor camp in Soviet Mordovia have smuggled out a letter to 'Jews of the world, our brothers and sisters" thanking them for their support. "We know of the unending struggle day after day you are conducting for us," they wrote. "We are grateful to you and are convinced that the struggle will end in victory. We believe that this will be another victory of the united Jewish people." The letter was signed by Leib G. Khanokh, Lassal Kaminsky, Arkady Shpilberg, Arkady Voloshin and Josef Mishner.

Separately, 32 Moscow Jews--including such prominent activists as Aleksander Lerner and his son, Vladimir; Gavriel Shapiro, and Vladimir Slepak--have written to United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to protest that the Soviet authorities "illegally refuse exit permits." The writers said they hoped Waldheim "will not forget that among the great problems facing the United Nations there is also the problem of Soviet Jews who wish to go to Israel, and that you will do all in your power to see that this right will be realized and that justice will be done." Both letters were reported by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.

#### DEMONSTRATORS ARRESTED DURING PROTEST ON BEHALF OF IRAQIJEWS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (JTA)--Eight adults and six juveniles, self-described members of the Jewish Dafense League, were arrested yesterday after they chained themselves to a mock gallows in front of the Iraqi Embassy in observance of the third anniversary of the execution of 14 persons in Baghdad in 1969. Nine of the 14 were Jews. The JDLers were charged with demonstrating within 500 feet of an Embassy. The adults were released on bail and the juveniles in custody of their parents



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The resolution was brought to the floor with the recommendation of the Congress' Committee on Education and Culture. A dissenting resolution backed by General Zionist and Hadassah committee members was defeated by a vote of 168-114.

The resolution states that "No Zionist who fails to impart a Jewish and Zionist education to his children can serve in any office in the Zionist Movement," It was backed by the Labor faction at the initiative of its younger members. Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson of the World Confederation of General Zionists, a past president of Hadassah and a member of the WZO Executive in the US, declared that the resolution was unconstitutional in her view because it imposed sanctions on members of a voluntary body.

Louis Pinous, WZO Executive chairman and Congress President, replied that the Congress would adopt the resolution and leave it up to the lawyers to pronounce on its constitutionality. Thus, for the moment, Zionist leaders are obliged to send

their children to Zionist schools. Observers here said whether or not they will obey is another matter. A resolution spelling out the WZO's relationship to other international Jewish bodies was unanimously adopted today. It instructs the incoming Zionist Executive to seek closer coordination and cooperation with internationally active Jewish bodies "in every sphere of Zionist interest."

Mrs. Jacobson told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "Our (Hadassah's) aliya record is as good as that of any bloc in this hall, but putting it in the rules is no way of encouraging aliya." Mrs. Faye Schenk, Hadassah national president, argued against the proposal in the debate. Arguing for it was Jean Simon, a 24-year-old Laborite student from Paris.

## SABBATH OBSERVERS NOT DEPRIVED OF LIVELIHOOD

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27 (JTA)--Labor Minister Joseph Almogi told the Knesset yesterday that nobody in Israel is deprived of a livelihood for refusing to work on the Sabbath. He asserted that of 750,000 workers in the country only 8,500 were required to work on Saturdays. Almogi was replying to Dr. Yehuda Ben Meir of the National Religious Party who had placed on the Knesset agenda the question of whether or not a Sabbath observer should be deprived of a livelihood. The issue was brought up as a result of a recent report that a Jewish immigrant from Soviet Georgia had lost his job at Lydda Airport for refusing to work on Saturdays. Histadrut which investigated the charge found there was no basis for the worker's claim.

#### TRANS-CARPATHIAN JEWS PROTEST DELAYS IN APPLICATIONS FOR EXIT VISAS TO ISRAEL

LONDON, Jan. 27 (JTA)—Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today the first protest to Soviet authorities ever made by Jews in the Trans-Carpathia region of the Ukraine, a territory ceded to the Soviet Union after World War II. According to the sources, 20 Jews of the region have written to President Nikolai Podgorny and Premier Aleksei Kosygin protesting against delays in processing their applications for exit visas to go to Israel.

They wrote, "The Department of the Interior of the Trans-Carpathian region of Uzhgorod as well as other authorities of the Soviet Ukrainian Republic had our applications for exit visas for a long time. For decades and centuries, we Jews were brought up in the spirit of our religion and tradition. We were taught our language, history, the Bible and the Talmud in Jewish schools. We should have disappeared as Jews without our faith and without our language. This is why we want to go to the land of our forefathers."

#### RABBI SAMUEL BERLIANT DIES AT 67

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (JTA) -- Funeral services were held today for Rabbi Samuel Berliant, founder and former president of the Rabbinical Council of America, who died yesterday after a short illness. He was 67 years old. Rabbi Berliant was the rabbi of Congregation Tifereth Israel in Jackson Heights, New York, for 38 years. Born in Richmond, Va., he studied at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University and was ordained there in 1929. In 1968 Yeshiva University awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

During the late 1930's, Rabbi Berliant was one of a small group who organized the Rabbinical

Council of America. He served in various offices and was national president from 1950 to 1952. He served as chairman of its Chaplaincy Procurement Committee and was also a member of the Chaplaincy Commission of the National Jewish Welfare Board. He is credited with having organized the voluntary draft of chaplains, which was adopted by all major Orthodox seminaries in this country during the Korean War.

## CITY FORMALLY APPROVES \$1.5M PROJECT TO ASSIST ELDERLY IN JEWISH NEIGHBORHOODS Project Will Be Under Supervision Of JASA

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (JTA)—Mayor John V. Lind-say formally announced today his administration's approval of a non-sectarian \$1.5 million project to assist elderly, needy, and physically or mentally impaired persons in largely Jewish neighborhoods in Brooklyn, the Bronx and Queens, under the supervision of the Jewish Association for Services for the Aged (JASA). The money will be used to build nine permanent multi-purpose community centers—three borough-wide, four additional in Brooklyn and two additional in the Bronx.

JASA's annual caseload, now totalling 18,000 elderly and their families, is expected to double with the addition of the conveniently located new centers, which will dispense advice on Medicaid, Medicare, old-age aid and related programs; homemaker and housekeeper assistance; hospitals and clinical facilities; rehabilitation guidance; housing, social clubs, recreation, mutual aid societies, legal counsel and citizenship grants for food, clothing and shelter.

The \$1.5 million program, approved by the New York State Department of Social Services, will be funded 12.5 percent by the city, which initiated the plan; 75 percent by the federal government, and 12.5 percent by the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies (the latter making up the portion approved but not funded by the state government).

#### Culmination Of A Year's Drive

In ceremonies at City Hall, where Lindsay made the announcement, the Mayor called the project an "important effort at strengthening services to the needy elderly (that) brings us closer to the goal of seeing that no senior citizen suffers the hardships of dire poverty, poor housing, the lack of health and welfare services and facilities, and the breakdown of family relations in our highly mobile society."

He welcomed JASA's "willingness to undertake this challenging responsibility" and said he believed "this new venture will demonstrate the desirability of a partnership between the government and the private sector."

Human Resources Administrator Jule Sugarman said the new JASA centers "will reach hidden populations of older people who are now isolated from contact with the programs and services that could help them." This was believed to be an allusion to the thousands of needy Jews here who miss out on aid because they do not live withindesignated poverty areas.

Commenting on the grant, Lawrence B. Butten-wieser, president of Federation, said the project was the culmination of a year's drive to launch such services. "Through this joint effort," he said, we will be able to implement vastly more effective programs to serve both the Jewish elderly of our city and those of other faiths." Federation set up JASA three years ago as a city-wide voluntary agency. The association now aids 12,000 aged persons.

#### ISRAELI INCOME TAX FOR GOLAN HEIGHTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27 (JTA)—Israeli income tax will be levied on the Israeli-administered Golan Heights. The decision was made recently by the government but was made public only this week by the Finance Ministry. It will make the Heights the only area other than Israel proper and East Jerusalem to be governed by Israeli law instead of that of its pre-Six-Day War government. After the war, Israel announced that Egyptian law would continue to be applied in the Gaza Strip and Jordanian law on the West Bank.

But the Golan Heights was deserted by almost its entire population during the war, and now has a Jewish majority and a Druze, not an Arab, minority, with Israeli law having been applied in stages. Foreign Minister Abba Eban explained two weeks ago that Syria has failed to accept Security Council Resolution 242 of Nov. 22, 1967, dealing with the negotiation of agreed boundaries and the establishment of peace. Therefore, he said, the Israeli position regarding the Heights differs from that on territories formerly governed by Egypt and Jordan, which have accepted the resolution.

### GREEK ORTHODOX-JEWISH COLLOQUIUM TERMED AN HISTORIC GATHERING

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (JTA)—The first Greek Orthodox Christian—Jewish National Colloquium was held here for two days under the joint auspices of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America and the American Jewish Committee. The co-chairmen of the colloquium, Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of the AJCommittee's department of interreligious affairs, and the Rev. Dr. Robert Stephanopoulos, director of the interchurch office of the Archdiocese, hailed the event which concluded yesterday as a serious, systematic and organized way to "join forces to meet their common problems."

Both religious leaders stressed that the meeting was of historic importance in a "new effort of understanding" between the two communities that are the hearers "of imposing classic religious and cultural traditions that have decisively shaped Western civilization." They also noted that both communities in this country "face common problems as they seek to perpetuate rich foreign-language traditions into the next generation and are faced by strong forces of assimilation which threaten to erode their respective distinctive heritages."

Rabbi Tanenbaum told the meeting at its closing session yesterday that the Greek Orthodox Church has a notable record of helping to save Jewish lives under the Nazis. He and the Rev. Stephanopoulos agreed that "especially in these anxious times. Greek Orthodox and Jews, drawing upon their spiritual resources, could figure prominently as catalysts who can play a reconciling role leading to peace for the welfare of all people."

#### DUTCH LEFTISTS ALLY THEMSELVES WITH VIEWS OF EGYPTIAN STUDENTS

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 27 (JTA)—A group of leftist political organizations here published a statement yesterday identifying themselves with Egypt's
students against the policies of President Anwar
Sadat. The statement expressed agreement with
the Egyptian students' rejection of the UN Security
Council Resolution 242 and US Secretary of State
William P. Rogers' peace initiative. The statement,
signed by the 'Palestine Committee,' expresses
support for all Palestinian liberation movements.

#### U.S. JEWISH LEADERS, KAHANE, ROGERS SAY FIREBOMBING REPREHENSIBLE

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (JTA)--American Jewish leaders today denounced as "senseless," "shameful" and a setback to the cause of Soviet Jewry the firebombings yesterday of the offices of impressario Sol Hurok and of Columbia Artists Managen\_ent, Inc. One woman was killed and 13 other persons were injured in the fire in Hurok's office. Secretary of State William P. Rogers condemned the incident as "reprehensible and harmful to our national interest." In Jerusalem, Rabbi Meir Kahane, chairman of the Jewish Defense League, said the perpetrators had to be "insane" and denied that anyone connected with the JDL could have done this.

Rogers, speaking at a State Department forum for editors and broadcasters, said that the violence of the kind witnessed in the firebombing was "very serious indeed," He noted that Soviet diplomats are "greatly concerned" by violence, which included the shooting into a Soviet official's apartment at the Soviet Mission in New York several monilies ago.

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, president of the American Jewish Congress, said he was "appalled" at the "abominable attack" and added that "the senseless brutality terribly damages and compromises the fight for Soviet Jews." Rabbi Lelyveld, calling upon the police to "do everything possible to find those guilty of this atrocity," declared: "Whoever did this thing, no matter what his motive, must be found and made accountable under our system of law."

Philip E. Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee, noting that it was not known who had committed the "despicable crimes," said that until further evidence develops "it must be assumed that these crimes could have been perpetrated by irrational, anti-social elements in the community-fanatics, hooligans, provocateurs," He contended that "the case of Soviet Jewry is placed in jeopardy

by such actions."

David M. Blumberg, president of B'nai B'rith, denounced the apparent bombings as "shameful and senseless" and asserted that "insane violence in the name of Soviet Jews is a cruel disservice to their struggle." Rabbi Oscar Groner, assistant national director of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, said college youths who are militant on behalf of Soviet Jewry were "outraged by such tactics that are undermining to a humanitarian cause."

Jacob Stein, vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, declared: "We denounce without reservations this senseless act of violence. We cannot accept this as a legal form of protest--if it was a protest. We hope that the perpetrators will be caught speedily and punished to the fullest extent of the law." Rabbi Seymour Siegal, professor of ethics at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, strongly condemned the "out-

rageous criminal acts."

The condemnation of the blasts by Bertram Zweibon, national vice chairman of the Jewish Defense League, was repeated later yesterday afternoon in Jerusalem by Rabbi Meir Kahane, who said: "Anyone can say 'never again,' '' the JDL slogan that was used by anonymous phone callers to the news media just before the blast. "In the past, too, there have been several cases in which crimes have been committed and then someone phoned newspapers and said 'Never again,' '' Kahane stated.

#### DISCOTHEQUE ENDANGERS COALITION

TEL AVIV, Jan. 27 (JTA) -- The municipal coalition in Ramat Gen, the residential suburb of Tel Aviv. is in danger of dissolution because of a discotheque. The municipality's Education, Culture and Youth Department, faced with an increasing problem of providing sufficient entertainment for youths to deter them from idleness and hooliganism. turned an empty air raid sheiter in the center of town into a discotheque with up-to-date sound equipment. All went well for several days, with teenagers entering on tickets distributed at secondary schools.

But when the night spot opened last Friday night, the National Religious Party's councilors threatened to quit the coalition unless the place was immediately ordered to stay closed on the

Sabbath,

Since Friday night is "the" night for discothequing, with no school the next morning, the Youth Department decided to keep the place open Friday nights to keep the kids occupied. But the NRP officials consider the decision a breach of the religious status quo. Discussions within the coalition are being held in an effort to head off a crisis between the forces of halacha and those of hard rock.

#### GEORGIAN JEWS TO BE SETTLED IN GALILEE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 27 (JTA)--One thousand Jewish immigrant families from Soviet Georgia are to be settled in the Galilee under a plan worked out by the Jewish Agency settlement department and presented to the Zionist Congress last night by the department's director, Dr. Raanan Weitz. According to the plan, some 400 families will settle in a special quarter of the development town of Carmiel, and 600 in two neighboring rural settlements. The immigrants will work mainly in industry.

#### FIVE POTMA PRISONERS THANK JEWS OF THE WORLD FOR THEIR SUPPORT

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (JTA) -- Five Jewish political prisoners in the Potma labor camp in Soviet Mordovia have smuggled out a letter to 'Jews of the world, our brothers and sisters" thanking them for their support. "We know of the unending struggle day after day you are conducting for us," they wrote. "We are grateful to you and are convinced that the struggle will end in victory. We believe that this will be another victory of the united Jewish people." The letter was signed by Leib G. Khanokh, Lassal Kaminsky, Arkady Shpilberg, Arkady Voloshin and Josef Mishner.

Separately, 32 Moscow Jews--including such prominent activists as Aleksander Lerner and his son, Vladimir; Gavriel Shapiro, and Vladimir Slepak--have written to United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to protest that the Soviet authorities "illegally refuse exit permits." The writers said they hoped Waldheim "will not forget that among the great problems facing the United Nations there is also the problem of Soviet Jews who wish to go to Israel, and that you will do all in your power to see that this right will be realized and that justice will be done." Both letters were reported by the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.

#### DEMONSTRATORS ARRESTED DURING PROTEST ON BEHALF OF IRAQIJEWS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (JTA)--Eight adults and six juveniles, self-described members of the Jewish Dafense League, were arrested yesterday after they chained themselves to a mock gallows in front of the Iraqi Embassy in observance of the third anniversary of the execution of 14 persons in Baghdad in 1969. Nine of the 14 were Jews. The JDLers were charged with demonstrating within 500 feet of an Embassy. The adults were released on bail and the juveniles in custody of their parents