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The points under negotiation cover the rate of interest France will pay Israel for the planes that were embargoed by the late President Charles De Gaulle on the eve of the 1967 Six-Day War and whether the reimbursement will be in cash or in credits for Israeli purchases in

French francs. If credits are agreed to, the two sides will have to decide the term of the credit and what products Israel will buy.

Joel Le Theule, a Gaullist Deputy and rapporteur of the French Parliament's defense committee said today that he understood from his sources that France will pay Israel slightly under \$68 million to buy back the supersonic jets at six percent interest. French banks now pay eight percent. The JTA learned from reliable sources that those figures were well below the amount agreed to by the French negotiators. (Israeli newspapers reported yesterday that according to Treasury circles in Jerusalem, France agreed to pay \$75 million at four percent.)

The JTA learned that contrary to earlier expectations, the agreement will deal exclusively with "technical arrangements" and will not cover general political and economic matters outstanding between France and Israel.

#### CRIME STATISTICS FOR 1971: 31 MURDERS, 197 CASES OF RAPE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Thirty-one murders were committed in Israel during 1971 and 25 of them have been solved to date, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel told the Knesset last night. He said that 34 persons have been charged with murder or complicity in murder and five have been convicted so far. Relating further crime statistics, Hillel said there were 197 cases of rape last year of which 147 have been solved. He said that in most of the cases more than one man was involved and that 221 persons have been charged. Hillel did not go into details. Records show that many of the rape cases involved criminal gangs trying to press girls into prostitution.

#### JEWISH COMMUNITY SUFFERS PRIVATIONS, DISCRIMINATION, BY SYRIAN AUTHORITIES

LONDON, Feb. 3 (JTA)--A community of 350 Jews in the town of Kamisheli on the Turkey-Syria border is virtually imprisoned by Syrian authorities. Discrimination against them is severe and they are deprived from earning all but the most meagre livelihood. Most of them are dependent on whatever support the community receives from abroad. This information was disclosed here today by the World Union of Jewish Students' action committee for Arab Jewry.

According to WUJS, Kamisheli's Jews are restricted to a limited area of the town even in daylight and at night are confined to the Jewish ghetto. They are not permitted to leave the town without a special permit that can take as long as a month to obtain. Six of the families own grocery or other shops and are the only Jews earning a reasonable living. The others barely support themselves as laborers, servants or peddlers.

They are forbidden to join trade unions, are paid lower wages than non-Jews and can be dismissed without notice or compensation. A majority of the families live in a single room, the report said. There is no Jewish school in the town. Jewish children attend the government school. Only six are enrolled in high school. Part of Kamisheli's only synagogue was taken over by the Syrian Army. Complaints from the Jewish congregants were ignored by the local authorities, the report said.

#### EDWARD TREPPER BEGINS HUNGER STRIKE TO DRAMATIZE PLIGHT OF HIS PARENTS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Edward Trepper, the 35-year-old son of one of the master spies of World War II, began a hunger strike at the Walling Wall today to dramatize his efforts to get

Polish authorities to allow his ailing parents to come to Israel. He told newsmen that he would fast "as long as my strength holds out." His father, Leopold Trepper, headed the Soviet espionage network known as the "Red Orchestra" in Western Europe during the war in one of the most successful wartime intelligence gathering operations on record. Now 68, the elder Trepper and his wife, Luba, live in Warsaw and are reportedly in failing health.

Trepper, whose work on behalf of Soviet intelligence was rewarded by Stalin with a ten year term without trial at the notorious Lubianka prison after World War II, was cleared in 1955. According to his son, he was permitted to visit Israel in 1964 but had to leave his wife behind as a hostage for his return. The Treppers have been trying to leave Poland since the 1967 Six-Day War.

His son, who has been in Israel for seven months, said here that his parents told him there was no substance to the official claim by Polish officials that Leopold Trepper's knowledge of the workings of Soviet espionage during World War II came within the province of sensitive security information and made it undesirable that he leave Poland. Edward said he believes the Warsaw authorities are refusing his parents the right to emigrate because they fear their prestige will suffer if a man of Trepper's Communist background chooses to leave Poland for Israel.

#### LEGISLATION INTRODUCED FOR APPROPRIATION OF \$250M TO ASSIST ISRAEL IN RECEIVING, RESETTLING JEWS FROM THE SOVIET UNION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.) today introduced legislation calling for the appropriation of \$250 million to assist Israel in receiving and resettling "persecuted Jews of the Soviet Union." In a floor speech, Jackson asked Congress to provide \$100 million for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, and an additional \$150 million in fiscal 1973, which begins July 1.

The legislation "authorizes and directs" the President to establish a program of financial aid and other assistance to Israel and other countries for the "movement of Jewish refugees from the Soviet Union and/or resettlement and support of such refugees." The legislation requires the consent of both houses of Congress on both authorization and appropriation and approval of the President before it becomes law.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed today by sources close to Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D., Maine) that he will also present a bill on Monday urging assistance for Soviet Jews. The measure, they said, will authorize the State Department to expend \$85 million in fiscal 1973 for Soviet refugees residing in Israel. He had earlier urged such legislation during a news conference in Miami on Jan. 8. President Nixon's budget for fiscal 1973, presented last week to Congress, asked only \$8.212 million for "migration and refugee assistance."

In his floor speech, Jackson said: "A new bill is needed if we are to move effectively to help relieve the inhuman suffering of the Russian Jews. Amending existing legislation just won't do the job.... The right to free emigration is basic and fundamental to human liberty. Without this right national borders become prison walls in pursuit of freedom, the least we can do is offer material aid to assist in their resettlement."

#### PINCUS ANSWERS FIDLER ON GOLDMANN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive has disputed the contention by Michael Fidler, chairman of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, that no pertinent passages were deleted from the

transcript of a controversial speech by Dr. Nahum Goldmann in London last Dec. 19 and released subsequently by the World Jewish Congress.

In a letter published in the Jerusalem Post, Pincus contended that a "nasty joke" related by Dr. Goldmann did indeed set the tone for his remarks on Soviet Jewry which caused the WZO Executive to withdraw its invitation to Dr. Goldmann to address the recent 28th World Zionist Congress.

Pincus stated in his letter that he would let the readers judge the story he said was related by Dr. Goldmann: "A Soviet diplomat once on the joking side said to me (Dr. Goldmann), 'You know our policy in Stalin's day--we would have shot these people, they would not have opened their mouths,' which is true, they didn't. 'In Khrushchev's days we would have sent them to Siberia. Today we sent them to so-called sanatoria, what you call insane asylums. For us Israel is an insane asylum. Let them go there.'"

Pincus claimed in his letter that this deleted portion was a "repulsive and scandalous story... which cut savagely into the sinews of our people in the Soviet Union who are engaged in a daily struggle for freedom as they see it, joining their people in their historic homeland."

Fidler, who attended the Congress as an observer, was sharply critical at the time of the WZO's treatment of Dr. Goldmann. He claimed in a letter published in the Jerusalem Post Jan. 26 that only incidental and anecdotal material was deleted from the transcript of Dr. Goldmann's speech and claimed that the speech as a whole reflected the position on Soviet Jews taken by the World Conference on Soviet Jewry held in Brussels in Feb. 1971.

(Responding to Pincus' letter, Fidler, who is back in London, said: "I regret that the chairman of the Executive has found it necessary to give wide currency to what seemed to the listeners an insignificant joke in parenthesis. But I think it is time to conclude this debate and get on to other things. All I would like to say is that the impact of the Goldmannesque anecdotes was not what Mr. Pincus makes it out to have been.")

#### HEBRON JEWS DEMAND MUNICIPAL STATUS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3 (JTA)--A dispute flared today between the government and the Jewish community in Hebron which is demanding separate municipal status. The government so far has rejected the demand. The Hebron settlers sent a sharp letter to Premier Golda Meir demanding that the government implement its master plan for building a separate Jewish quarter in Hebron which has Cabinet approval.

Last year the government agreed to establish a modern Jewish quarter within the environs of Hebron but, according to the settlers, the promises of additional construction, industrial development and preparation for self-government have not been kept.

#### BOOK PUBLISHERS FACE DIFFICULTIES

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Israeli reading habits are creating serious difficulties for book publishers, according to Eliezer Pari, Israel book publishers association chairman. He said that only 25 percent of the population knows Hebrew sufficiently well to read a Hebrew book and that local publishers were suffering from competition of foreign language paperbacks which are widely sold in Israel at a quarter of the price of Hebrew books. Pari urged passage of a bill pending in the Knesset which would require municipalities to maintain free public libraries.

## AJCOMMITTEE CHARGES GOVERNMENT RETREATS ON BIAS GUIDELINES

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (JTA)--The American Jewish Committee charged today that the new Federal "Guidelines on Discrimination Because of Religion or National Origin" represent "a substantial retreat on the part of the government" in its efforts to end religious discrimination by companies with Federal contracts. The complaint was made in a letter from Philip E. Hoffman, president of the AJCommittee, and Harold S. Bigler, chairman of its National Business and Industry Committee to John L. Wilks, director of the US Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance.

The letter claimed that the new guidelines "would cancel out essential provisions" contained in the guidelines issued on May 20, 1971 and urged that the former guidelines be reinstated. Hoffman and Bigler charged that the new guidelines relied on voluntary rather than compulsory actions by employers to eliminate religious discrimination against Jews and Catholics, particularly in management level jobs and removed the requirement for making "reasonable job accommodations of religious needs and observances."

They said further, that by extending the guidelines to all employers, however small, enforcement was made more difficult and the emphasis was removed from "executive suite" jobs, "the area where it was most needed." The AJCommittee noted that the proposed guidelines eliminated the requirement that government contractors "be aware of the religious minorities in their work force, identify employment problems related to religion, and institute programs to eliminate all vestiges of religious discrimination."

## ADL ANNOUNCES PLAN TO SEND MATZOT TO SOVIET JEWS

NEWARK, Feb. 3 (JTA)--A project to have every one of New Jersey's 400,000 Jews and their non-Jewish friends each mail on March 17 a one-pound box of matzoh to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin in Washington for distribution to Soviet Jews has been announced by the New Jersey Regional Advisory Board of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Regional Director Robert C. Kohler told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "We've accepted this Jewish symbol of freedom to give an indication of our solidarity with the plight of Soviet Jews--the ones that are in jail as well as those who are prisoners and captives in that they are not permitted to emigrate to Israel."

Kohler said that if Dobrynin refused to accept the matzot, in order not to waste food, "we've arranged for New Jersey truckers to deliver the matzot to orphanages, old age homes and hospitals in the Washington-Baltimore area." He added that if the Soviet Union is willing to accept the matzot but does not have the means to deliver it to Soviet Jews before the seders, "I am sure we can arrange for distribution by jet aircraft marked 'Free the prisoners--Let my people go.'"

## BERL LOCKER, VETERAN ZIONIST, DIES AT 84

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Berl Locker, one of the most prominent Zionist Labor Movement leaders, died here yesterday after a long illness. He would have been 85 on April 27. Funeral services will be held tomorrow. Mr. Locker, who was born in Galicia, was a close aide to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first President, and after the establishment of the State became chairman of the Zionist Executive Committee.

At the age of 18, Mr. Locker was an organizer of the illegal student-Zionist group, Sereth, in Bucovina. The next year he participated in the provincial convention of Poale Zion; during 1920-28 he was secretary of the Poale Zion World Union, and during 1928-31 secretary of Poale Zion in the United States. Subsequently he became a member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine (1931-35), a political advisor to the Executive (1938-45), a member of the London Executive (1945-48), and chairman of the Jerusalem Executive (1948-56). He was also a member of the Executive of Ihud Olami Poale Zion-Hatachduth during 1931-56.

Mr. Locker served as a Mapai member of the Knesset from 1955 to 1959. His books include "The Jewish Labor Movement" (1920), "Palestine and the Jewish Future" (1942) and "A Stiff-Necked People" (1946). He was also a specialist in Jewish history.

## CJC URGES HUMAN RIGHTS CODE TO ASSURE LINGUISTIC EQUALITY IN QUEBEC SCHOOLS

MONTREAL, Feb. 3 (JTA)--The Canadian Jewish Congress has asked the Quebec government to enact a Human Rights Code to forestall moves by nationalist elements that would install the French language as the only language of instruction in the province's schools. A CJC delegation, headed by Murray Spiegel, chairman of the Congress' eastern region met with Premier Robert Bourassa and Dr. Victor Goldbloom, Minister of State for Environment, to discuss this issue.

They asked for a Human Rights Code that would "entrench the linguistic rights of all residents of the Province of Quebec and the establishment of a Human Rights Commission to assist victims of discrimination and receive complaints through conciliatory action as well as enforcement procedures." The memorandum presented to the Quebec Premier expressed the anxiety of the Jewish community that pressures exerted by French-Canadian nationalists here might force the government to repeal Bill 13 which guarantees freedom of choice for parents regarding the language of instruction for their children.

The memo refuted the suggestion that the French language can survive by the suppression of the linguistic rights of those who are Anglophile. "History has taught us that injustice starts where equality of citizenship ends, where differentiations are made between different classes of people and where quota systems are introduced," the memo said.

## SAPIR DUE IN U.S. FOR TWO-WEEK VISIT

TEL AVIV, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir left this morning for a two-week visit to the United States which will include meetings with Nixon administration leaders on "standing economic problems between Israel and the US." Asked if his discussions would include credits for military purchases, Sapir told newsmen that such arrangements have already been made or are included in the new US budget now before Congress. He said that Israel's military needs have already been submitted to the US in a memorandum but observed that talks on these matters are in an early stage. "I might be going back to the US for that purpose," he said.

## RABBI LEVIN ELECTED HEAD OF AGUDA EXEC.

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The points under negotiation cover the rate of interest France will pay Israel for the planes that were embargoed by the late President Charles De Gaulle on the eve of the 1967 Six-Day War and whether the reimbursement will be in cash or in credits for Israeli purchases in

French francs. If credits are agreed to, the two sides will have to decide the term of the credit and what products Israel will buy.

Joel Le Theule, a Gaullist Deputy and rapporteur of the French Parliament's defense committee said today that he understood from his sources that France will pay Israel slightly under \$68 million to buy back the supersonic jets at six percent interest. French banks now pay eight percent. The JTA learned from reliable sources that those figures were well below the amount agreed to by the French negotiators. (Israeli newspapers reported yesterday that according to Treasury circles in Jerusalem, France agreed to pay \$75 million at four percent.)

The JTA learned that contrary to earlier expectations, the agreement will deal exclusively with "technical arrangements" and will not cover general political and economic matters outstanding between France and Israel.

#### CRIME STATISTICS FOR 1971: 31 MURDERS, 197 CASES OF RAPE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Thirty-one murders were committed in Israel during 1971 and 25 of them have been solved to date, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel told the Knesset last night. He said that 34 persons have been charged with murder or complicity in murder and five have been convicted so far. Relating further crime statistics, Hillel said there were 197 cases of rape last year of which 147 have been solved. He said that in most of the cases more than one man was involved and that 221 persons have been charged. Hillel did not go into details. Records show that many of the rape cases involved criminal gangs trying to press girls into prostitution.

#### JEWISH COMMUNITY SUFFERS PRIVATIONS, DISCRIMINATION, BY SYRIAN AUTHORITIES

LONDON, Feb. 3 (JTA)--A community of 350 Jews in the town of Kamisheli on the Turkey-Syria border is virtually imprisoned by Syrian authorities. Discrimination against them is severe and they are deprived from earning all but the most meagre livelihood. Most of them are dependent on whatever support the community receives from abroad. This information was disclosed here today by the World Union of Jewish Students' action committee for Arab Jewry.

According to WUJS, Kamisheli's Jews are restricted to a limited area of the town even in daylight and at night are confined to the Jewish ghetto. They are not permitted to leave the town without a special permit that can take as long as a month to obtain. Six of the families own grocery or other shops and are the only Jews earning a reasonable living. The others barely support themselves as laborers, servants or peddlers.

They are forbidden to join trade unions, are paid lower wages than non-Jews and can be dismissed without notice or compensation. A majority of the families live in a single room, the report said. There is no Jewish school in the town. Jewish children attend the government school. Only six are enrolled in high school. Part of Kamisheli's only synagogue was taken over by the Syrian Army. Complaints from the Jewish congregants were ignored by the local authorities, the report said.

#### EDWARD TREPPER BEGINS HUNGER STRIKE TO DRAMATIZE PLIGHT OF HIS PARENTS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Edward Trepper, the 35-year-old son of one of the master spies of World War II, began a hunger strike at the Walling Wall today to dramatize his efforts to get

Polish authorities to allow his ailing parents to come to Israel. He told newsmen that he would fast "as long as my strength holds out." His father, Leopold Trepper, headed the Soviet espionage network known as the "Red Orchestra" in Western Europe during the war in one of the most successful wartime intelligence gathering operations on record. Now 68, the elder Trepper and his wife, Luba, live in Warsaw and are reportedly in failing health.

Trepper, whose work on behalf of Soviet intelligence was rewarded by Stalin with a ten year term without trial at the notorious Lubianka prison after World War II, was cleared in 1955. According to his son, he was permitted to visit Israel in 1964 but had to leave his wife behind as a hostage for his return. The Treppers have been trying to leave Poland since the 1967 Six-Day War.

His son, who has been in Israel for seven months, said here that his parents told him there was no substance to the official claim by Polish officials that Leopold Trepper's knowledge of the workings of Soviet espionage during World War II came within the province of sensitive security information and made it undesirable that he leave Poland. Edward said he believes the Warsaw authorities are refusing his parents the right to emigrate because they fear their prestige will suffer if a man of Trepper's Communist background chooses to leave Poland for Israel.

#### LEGISLATION INTRODUCED FOR APPROPRIATION OF \$250M TO ASSIST ISRAEL IN RECEIVING, RESETTLING JEWS FROM THE SOVIET UNION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.) today introduced legislation calling for the appropriation of \$250 million to assist Israel in receiving and resettling "persecuted Jews of the Soviet Union." In a floor speech, Jackson asked Congress to provide \$100 million for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, and an additional \$150 million in fiscal 1973, which begins July 1.

The legislation "authorizes and directs" the President to establish a program of financial aid and other assistance to Israel and other countries for the "movement of Jewish refugees from the Soviet Union and/or resettlement and support of such refugees." The legislation requires the consent of both houses of Congress on both authorization and appropriation and approval of the President before it becomes law.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed today by sources close to Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D., Maine) that he will also present a bill on Monday urging assistance for Soviet Jews. The measure, they said, will authorize the State Department to expend \$85 million in fiscal 1973 for Soviet refugees residing in Israel. He had earlier urged such legislation during a news conference in Miami on Jan. 8. President Nixon's budget for fiscal 1973, presented last week to Congress, asked only \$8.212 million for "migration and refugee assistance."

In his floor speech, Jackson said: "A new bill is needed if we are to move effectively to help relieve the inhuman suffering of the Russian Jews. Amending existing legislation just won't do the job.... The right to free emigration is basic and fundamental to human liberty. Without this right national borders become prison walls in pursuit of freedom, the least we can do is offer material aid to assist in their resettlement."

#### PINCUS ANSWERS FIDLER ON GOLDMANN

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive has disputed the contention by Michael Fidler, chairman of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, that no pertinent passages were deleted from the

transcript of a controversial speech by Dr. Nahum Goldmann in London last Dec. 19 and released subsequently by the World Jewish Congress.

In a letter published in the Jerusalem Post, Pincus contended that a "nasty joke" related by Dr. Goldmann did indeed set the tone for his remarks on Soviet Jewry which caused the WZO Executive to withdraw its invitation to Dr. Goldmann to address the recent 28th World Zionist Congress.

Pincus stated in his letter that he would let the readers judge the story he said was related by Dr. Goldmann: "A Soviet diplomat once on the joking side said to me (Dr. Goldmann), 'You know our policy in Stalin's day--we would have shot these people, they would not have opened their mouths,' which is true, they didn't. 'In Khrushchev's days we would have sent them to Siberia. Today we sent them to so-called sanatoria, what you call insane asylums. For us Israel is an insane asylum. Let them go there.'"

Pincus claimed in his letter that this deleted portion was a "repulsive and scandalous story... which cut savagely into the sinews of our people in the Soviet Union who are engaged in a daily struggle for freedom as they see it, joining their people in their historic homeland."

Fidler, who attended the Congress as an observer, was sharply critical at the time of the WZO's treatment of Dr. Goldmann. He claimed in a letter published in the Jerusalem Post Jan. 26 that only incidental and anecdotal material was deleted from the transcript of Dr. Goldmann's speech and claimed that the speech as a whole reflected the position on Soviet Jews taken by the World Conference on Soviet Jewry held in Brussels in Feb. 1971.

(Responding to Pincus' letter, Fidler, who is back in London, said: "I regret that the chairman of the Executive has found it necessary to give wide currency to what seemed to the listeners an insignificant joke in parenthesis. But I think it is time to conclude this debate and get on to other things. All I would like to say is that the impact of the Goldmannesque anecdotes was not what Mr. Pincus makes it out to have been.")

#### HEBRON JEWS DEMAND MUNICIPAL STATUS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3 (JTA)--A dispute flared today between the government and the Jewish community in Hebron which is demanding separate municipal status. The government so far has rejected the demand. The Hebron settlers sent a sharp letter to Premier Golda Meir demanding that the government implement its master plan for building a separate Jewish quarter in Hebron which has Cabinet approval.

Last year the government agreed to establish a modern Jewish quarter within the environs of Hebron but, according to the settlers, the promises of additional construction, industrial development and preparation for self-government have not been kept.

#### BOOK PUBLISHERS FACE DIFFICULTIES

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Israeli reading habits are creating serious difficulties for book publishers, according to Eliezer Pari, Israel book publishers association chairman. He said that only 25 percent of the population knows Hebrew sufficiently well to read a Hebrew book and that local publishers were suffering from competition of foreign language paperbacks which are widely sold in Israel at a quarter of the price of Hebrew books. Pari urged passage of a bill pending in the Knesset which would require municipalities to maintain free public libraries.

## AJCOMMITTEE CHARGES GOVERNMENT RETREATS ON BIAS GUIDELINES

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (JTA)--The American Jewish Committee charged today that the new Federal "Guidelines on Discrimination Because of Religion or National Origin" represent "a substantial retreat on the part of the government" in its efforts to end religious discrimination by companies with Federal contracts. The complaint was made in a letter from Philip E. Hoffman, president of the AJCommittee, and Harold S. Bigler, chairman of its National Business and Industry Committee to John L. Wilks, director of the US Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance.

The letter claimed that the new guidelines "would cancel out essential provisions" contained in the guidelines issued on May 20, 1971 and urged that the former guidelines be reinstated. Hoffman and Bigler charged that the new guidelines relied on voluntary rather than compulsory actions by employers to eliminate religious discrimination against Jews and Catholics, particularly in management level jobs and removed the requirement for making "reasonable job accommodations of religious needs and observances."

They said further, that by extending the guidelines to all employers, however small, enforcement was made more difficult and the emphasis was removed from "executive suite" jobs, "the area where it was most needed." The AJCommittee noted that the proposed guidelines eliminated the requirement that government contractors "be aware of the religious minorities in their work force, identify employment problems related to religion, and institute programs to eliminate all vestiges of religious discrimination."

## ADL ANNOUNCES PLAN TO SEND MATZOT TO SOVIET JEWS

NEWARK, Feb. 3 (JTA)--A project to have every one of New Jersey's 400,000 Jews and their non-Jewish friends each mail on March 17 a one-pound box of matzoh to Soviet Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin in Washington for distribution to Soviet Jews has been announced by the New Jersey Regional Advisory Board of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Regional Director Robert C. Kohler told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "We've accepted this Jewish symbol of freedom to give an indication of our solidarity with the plight of Soviet Jews--the ones that are in jail as well as those who are prisoners and captives in that they are not permitted to emigrate to Israel."

Kohler said that if Dobrynin refused to accept the matzot, in order not to waste food, "we've arranged for New Jersey truckers to deliver the matzot to orphanages, old age homes and hospitals in the Washington-Baltimore area." He added that if the Soviet Union is willing to accept the matzot but does not have the means to deliver it to Soviet Jews before the seders, "I am sure we can arrange for distribution by jet aircraft marked 'Free the prisoners--Let my people go.'"

## BERL LOCKER, VETERAN ZIONIST, DIES AT 84

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Berl Locker, one of the most prominent Zionist Labor Movement leaders, died here yesterday after a long illness. He would have been 85 on April 27. Funeral services will be held tomorrow. Mr. Locker, who was born in Galicia, was a close aide to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first President, and after the establishment of the State became chairman of the Zionist Executive Committee.

At the age of 18, Mr. Locker was an organizer of the illegal student-Zionist group, Sereth, in Bucovina. The next year he participated in the provincial convention of Poale Zion; during 1920-28 he was secretary of the Poale Zion World Union, and during 1928-31 secretary of Poale Zion in the United States. Subsequently he became a member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine (1931-35), a political advisor to the Executive (1938-45), a member of the London Executive (1945-48), and chairman of the Jerusalem Executive (1948-56). He was also a member of the Executive of Ihud Olami Poale Zion-Hatachduth during 1931-56.

Mr. Locker served as a Mapai member of the Knesset from 1955 to 1959. His books include "The Jewish Labor Movement" (1920), "Palestine and the Jewish Future" (1942) and "A Stiff-Necked People" (1946). He was also a specialist in Jewish history.

## CJC URGES HUMAN RIGHTS CODE TO ASSURE LINGUISTIC EQUALITY IN QUEBEC SCHOOLS

MONTREAL, Feb. 3 (JTA)--The Canadian Jewish Congress has asked the Quebec government to enact a Human Rights Code to forestall moves by nationalist elements that would install the French language as the only language of instruction in the province's schools. A CJC delegation, headed by Murray Spiegel, chairman of the Congress' eastern region met with Premier Robert Bourassa and Dr. Victor Goldbloom, Minister of State for Environment, to discuss this issue.

They asked for a Human Rights Code that would "entrench the linguistic rights of all residents of the Province of Quebec and the establishment of a Human Rights Commission to assist victims of discrimination and receive complaints through conciliatory action as well as enforcement procedures." The memorandum presented to the Quebec Premier expressed the anxiety of the Jewish community that pressures exerted by French-Canadian nationalists here might force the government to repeal Bill 13 which guarantees freedom of choice for parents regarding the language of instruction for their children.

The memo refuted the suggestion that the French language can survive by the suppression of the linguistic rights of those who are Anglophile. "History has taught us that injustice starts where equality of citizenship ends, where differentiations are made between different classes of people and where quota systems are introduced," the memo said.

## SAPIR DUE IN U.S. FOR TWO-WEEK VISIT

TEL AVIV, Feb. 3 (JTA)--Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir left this morning for a two-week visit to the United States which will include meetings with Nixon administration leaders on "standing economic problems between Israel and the US." Asked if his discussions would include credits for military purchases, Sapir told newsmen that such arrangements have already been made or are included in the new US budget now before Congress. He said that Israel's military needs have already been submitted to the US in a memorandum but observed that talks on these matters are in an early stage. "I might be going back to the US for that purpose," he said.

## RABBI LEVIN ELECTED HEAD OF AGUDA EXEC.

JERUSALEM, Feb. 2 (JTA)--Rabbi Pinhas Levin has been elected chairman of the Aguda Israel World Executive, succeeding his brother, Rabbi Yitzhak Meir Levin, who died last year.