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(In New York today, Mrs. Faye L. Schenk, national president of Hadassah, expressed "dis-may" over the ZOA's withdrawal from the AZF. "This action," she said, "is incomprehensible coming at a time when unity in Zionist ranks is imperative if we are to achieve the goals we have voluntarily assumed: To help Israel absorb the heroic olim from the Soviet Union; to educate a new generation; to interpret Israel's position to our fellow Americans; and to promote aliya.")

(Mrs. Schenk's statement continued: "The action of the ZOA will perforce dissipate our energies in unworthy inter-organizational competition, confusing the public, rendering a dis-service to Israel and hindering rather than furthering Zionist objectives. United as an American Zionist Federation in accordance with the decisions of the World Zionist Congress, we have the opportunity to function as a creative force in every major area in the life of the Jewish people today.")

CORRECTION

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (JTA)--A resolution recently adopted by the Columbia University Senate requests university officials to avoid conflicts between all Jewish holidays and academic affairs such as examinations, registration and convocations, and it requires that adequate alternative arrangements be made by the university in the event that unavoidable conflicts arise. But, contrary to a report in yesterday's issue of the Daily News Bulletin, classes may still be scheduled on Jewish religious holidays, though students missing classes on such days will not be penalized and instructors will be allowed to re-schedule classes that interfere with their observance of the holidays.

SEN. SMITH ALSO REPUDIATES TIMES' AD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (JTA)--Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R., Me.) has complained to the New York Times against the use of her name in an anti-Israel advertisement placed in the Times Tuesday by Alfred M. Lillenthal, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed today. An aide to Sen. Smith told the JTA that she was not given prior notice that her name would appear nor did she give consent for the use of her name.

Sen. Smith was one of 14 Senators cited by Lillenthal for "courage and foresight" in voting against the Jackson amendment to last year's military sales act providing \$500 million in military credits for Israel. The aide said her vote against the Jackson amendment was a vote on procedure, not on the issue of aid to Israel. Sen. Smith has always voted for aid to Israel, he said.

NIXON PAYS TRIBUTE TO CECIL ROTH

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (JTA)--In a personal letter to Mrs. Cecil Roth, dispatched by President Nixon just before his China visit, he pays tribute to her late husband, the noted Oxford historian who was editor-in-chief of the new 16-volume Encyclopaedia Judaica. President Nixon wrote: "I was honored to receive this impres-

sive study, and can well understand the pride both you and Dr. Roth's associates have in the completion of this Jewish literary work - the culmination of many years of intensive research and editing. It is indeed a fitting tribute to Dr. Roth's memory."

HOFSTRA U. ORDER STUDENT NOT TO FLY NAZI FLAG

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y., Feb. 24 (JTA)--The administration of Hofstra University has reversed itself and ordered one of its students not to fly a Nazi flag from his dormitory window. But the student, 20-year-old sophomore David Kerr, was permitted to place a sign from his window advocating freedom of speech for Nazis during a visit Tuesday to the campus by Jewish Defense League leader Rabbi Meir Kahane.

A university spokesman, Gene Boneker, explained that university officials, whose initial decision last week not to force the removal of the flag was upheld by the school's board of trustees, were moved to change their position because of indications that violence might erupt on the campus as a result of the involvement of people outside the university in the flag controversy.

Consequently, last Friday evening, the administration asked--not ordered--Kerr to remove the flag which he first flew on Sunday Feb. 13, and Kerr complied with the request. Over the weekend, however, Kerr indicated publicly that he would put it up once again on Tuesday when Rabbi Kahane was scheduled to speak. But on Monday night, the university's president, Clifford Lord, met with Kerr in the student's 11th floor dorm room and issued the directive forbidding him to fly the flag anymore.

Subsequently, permission to place a sign reading "Free Speech for Nazis" was granted. Kerr told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency during a phone interview yesterday that he kept it in his window until midnight Tuesday. "I didn't want anybody to think that I was afraid or giving in to all the threats," he said.

A number of major Jewish organizations had protested the school's decision not to insist that the flag be removed, and on Monday, the Protestant and Catholic chaplains joined Hofstra's Hillel director Rabbi Leon Wolf, in expressing concern to the administration over the situation. But Rabbi Kahane's speaking engagement, which he reportedly used to tell about 1,000 people that "there is a quick and efficient method of dealing with David Keirs," had been scheduled before Kerr started flying the flag. Rabbi Kahane is said to have suggested indirectly that the method he referred to is a physical one.

Outsiders Sparked Problems

Boneker noted that the campus itself remained "very calm" at first, and though many people opposed what Kerr was doing, he added, they "laughed it off" with the attitude that it's "one guy and he's just a nut anyway." But, Boneker said, the situation changed when "outsiders got involved." Publicity aroused the emotions of people outside the university, he observed, and by the end of last week it was feared that campus peace and order was endangered.

On the one hand, representatives of a local motorcycle gang had offered their support to Kerr, Boneker said, and on the other, Kerr had received phone threats that were upsetting his roommate Richard Salvo, a sophomore who, Boneker says, does not agree with Kerr's political views.

In addition, a bomb threat was made against the student newspaper "The Chronicle" which had published two advertisements placed by Kerr to recruit members for the National Socialist White People's Party of Arlington, Va., with which Kerr has been

associated for several years. The party was formerly the American Nazi Party.

Orders From Arlington

Kerr said he had placed the ads in the paper on "orders from headquarters" in Arlington. It was his own idea to display the flag, which he said he hoped would reinforce the ads and encourage students who might be interested in joining the party to approach him. Kerr said he was converted to Nazi politics six years ago after reading an article by the late American Nazi leader George Lincoln Rockwell. He was born a Protestant, but he no longer believes in "organized religion," he said, though he does believe in God.

His parents "don't like my politics," according to Kerr, and his sister, two years his junior, is a liberal and also disagrees with him. Asked how his fellow students have reacted to the whole affair, he said that they are generally "just curious and they defend my right to free speech, but they don't agree with my politics."

The flag episode is now "over," Hofstra spokesman Boneker said. "It sort of just died and we're no longer concerned about it." But the school's Catholic chaplain, Father Robert Smith, asserted that "the question of principle" --namely, whether or not Nazis propagating their political views are protected by the Constitution's First Amendment--has still not been resolved. That, he said, is "a matter for the courts."

SLEPAK THREATENED WITH PRISON TERM

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (JTA)--The National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported today that Vladimir Slepak, a scientist and a leading Jewish activist in Moscow, has been threatened with a prison term if he refuses to accept a mental job in a concrete construction factory. Slepak, 44, a physicist and electronics engineer who was graduated from the Aviation Institute, lost his job at the Geophysics Trust and the Institute of Organic Chemistry of the Russian Academy after he applied for visas for himself and his family to go to Israel in March, 1970, the NCSJ said. He has been unemployed since Sept. 1971.

The NCSJ learned in a telephone conversation with Moscow that Slepak was threatened with trial on charges of "parasitism" which carries a penalty of up to one year in jail, unless he accepts the job. The law on parasitism went into effect in the 1960s and was originally intended to be used against alcoholics and other social "undesirables." It has been invoked against non-Jewish dissidents in the Soviet Union, but as far as is known, Slepak is the first Jewish dissident to be so threatened, the NCSJ said.

According to the telephone information, Slepak was summoned without warning to a special meeting yesterday of the executive council of the Frunze district in Moscow and was accused of being a parasite. He was ordered to go to work at the concrete plant in any job the plant manager chose to assign him. When Slepak refused, he was given five days to reconsider and told that if he did not accept the work his case would be turned over to the courts. Slepak has a wife and two children.

Jerry Goodman, executive director of the NCSJ, branded the action against Slepak "part of what appears to be an ominous trend by the Soviet authorities to move against Jewish activists in Moscow."

NY YESHIVOS RECEIVE \$750,000 FROM STATE

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (JTA)--More than \$750,000 in grants were received by the yeshivos in New York State this week as the first half of the annual allocations from the state's Mandated Services Act of 1970. This amount was estimated by Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of Agudath Israel of America.

This is the second year in which the nonpublic schools in the state are receiving reimbursement for their expenditures in maintaining attendance and health records and for student testing, on the basis of \$27 per pupil up to the sixth grade and \$45 per pupil from the seventh through the twelfth grades.

The mandated services program faces a court test. Meanwhile, the Department of Education is free to distribute the money. Another private school aid program which would have provided the schools with \$33 million a year, was ruled invalid last Dec. by a federal court. Rabbi Sherer expressed confidence that the constitutionality of the Mandated Services Act will be upheld in the federal court, where it is being challenged by the Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL). He also commended the state administration for continuing the payments despite the legal battle launched by the opponents of this law.

RABBI CALLS FOR CREATIVE DIASPORA

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (JTA)--Pointing out that Jewry has "the need for a creative diaspora" and that American Jewry has "come of age during the past twenty years," Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly, took an extremely optimistic picture of current synagogal life in the United States in an address before the national board of the Women's League of the United Synagogue.

Expressing strong disagreement with the viewpoint held by some, that the synagogue is dying, Rabbi Kelman said: "American religious life has reached a point of consolidation; the period of synagogal growth is over. But this does not mean that the synagogue or Judaism in America is dead or dying. The apathy of American Jews towards their Judaism no longer exists; our Jews are no longer indifferent to their religious heritage. Instead, there is a hunger for Jewish understanding and education that, while different from that of the past, is nevertheless significant and valid today."

The executive head of the 1,000-member organization of Conservative rabbis noted that now, for the first time, America is meeting its own rabbinic and synagogal needs and producing "our own quota of rabbis and synagogue functionaries." This was not true 25 years ago, Rabbi Kelman said. "The fact that we are meeting our own rabbinic needs today is an indication that our community has matured; for no religious community can truly call itself a community until it produces its own rabbis and scholars, as we are doing currently in our American seminaries."

SIDNEY HOLLANDER, INDUSTRIALIST, COMMUNAL LEADER, DIES AT 90

BALTIMORE, Feb. 24 (JTA)--Sidney Hollander, an industrialist and communal leader for several decades, died here yesterday at the age of 90. Mr. Hollander was a former head of the American Jewish Congress chapter here, and also served for years with the American Jewish Committee, the National Urban League, the National Community Relations Advisory Council and the Travelers Aid Association.

Mr. Hollander was national president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds during 1939-46 and of the National Social Welfare Assembly during 1955-56, becoming head of the National Citizens Committee on Careers in Social Work in 1957. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 1902 with a pharmaceutical degree, and later became president of the Maryland Pharmaceutical Company and the REM Company.

NEW YIDDISH WEEKLY LAUNCHED

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (JTA)--A new Yiddish-language weekly newspaper, "Der Algemeiner Journal," published its first issue of 20,000 copies yesterday, according to its editor Gershon Jacobson. Jacobson, who was city editor of the Day Jewish Journal, which ceased publication last Dec. 28, said he intended to attract most of the former readers of the defunct daily.

Participants in the first issue of Der Algemeiner Journal include former editors and staff writers of the Day Journal such as B. Z. Goldberg; D. L. Meckler, former chief editor; Dr. Hillel Seidman who wrote the weekly Torah portion; and A. Alperin, former managing editor. Der Algemeiner Journal, said Jacobson, will cover all news in depth and give particular emphasis to Jewish communal developments, on political, social, religious and cultural events, and will project a politically independent editorial policy.

The ten-page paper is published by Der Algemeiner Journal Corporation whose president is N. Seldis, a New York businessman, and sells for twenty-five cents. According to Jacobson, the corporation was established by a group of well-to-do businessmen interested in promoting the idea of Jewish identity and information among the wide masses of American Jewry. Jacobson said that if the weekly venture is successful, it will be expanded into a bi-weekly (Fridays and Sundays) and eventually, perhaps into a daily.

LINDSAY ISSUES PURIM GREETINGS

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay has issued Purim greetings to the city's Jewish population. The Mayor hailed the "wonderful story" of the holiday, adding that "of course it is more than a story." He elaborated: "Its message of deliverance and redemption has been a source of moral and spiritual strength to the Jewish people in the dark chapters of their history--and not only ancient history."

He cited the Nazi holocaust, "a tragic chapter that has perhaps no parallel in Jewish history," and the situation today of Jews in the Soviet Union and in Arab lands, who "face perils to themselves as individuals and as members of the Jewish community."

But Lindsay noted that "The same age that has suffered the holocaust has seen the glory of the creation of the State of Israel and, we hope, will see Jews everywhere accorded the right which is the right of all free men--to live their lives according to their faith and their values and to have the right to emigrate to Israel and other democratic lands of the free world." The holiday of Purim, Lindsay added, "despite its ancient lineage, is very relevant to our own day, as contemporary as the daily headlines." Purim this year begins at sundown Feb. 28.

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(In New York today, Mrs. Faye L. Schenk, national president of Hadassah, expressed "dis-may" over the ZOA's withdrawal from the AZF. "This action," she said, "is incomprehensible coming at a time when unity in Zionist ranks is imperative if we are to achieve the goals we have voluntarily assumed: To help Israel absorb the heroic olim from the Soviet Union; to educate a new generation; to interpret Israel's position to our fellow Americans; and to promote aliya.")

(Mrs. Schenk's statement continued: "The action of the ZOA will perforce dissipate our energies in unworthy inter-organizational competition, confusing the public, rendering a dis-service to Israel and hindering rather than furthering Zionist objectives. United as an American Zionist Federation in accordance with the decisions of the World Zionist Congress, we have the opportunity to function as a creative force in every major area in the life of the Jewish people today.")

CORRECTION

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (JTA)--A resolution recently adopted by the Columbia University Senate requests university officials to avoid conflicts between all Jewish holidays and academic affairs such as examinations, registration and convocations, and it requires that adequate alternative arrangements be made by the university in the event that unavoidable conflicts arise. But, contrary to a report in yesterday's issue of the Daily News Bulletin, classes may still be scheduled on Jewish religious holidays, though students missing classes on such days will not be penalized and instructors will be allowed to re-schedule classes that interfere with their observance of the holidays.

SEN. SMITH ALSO REPUDIATES TIMES' AD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (JTA)--Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R., Me.) has complained to the New York Times against the use of her name in an anti-Israel advertisement placed in the Times Tuesday by Alfred M. Lillenthal, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was informed today. An aide to Sen. Smith told the JTA that she was not given prior notice that her name would appear nor did she give consent for the use of her name.

Sen. Smith was one of 14 Senators cited by Lillenthal for "courage and foresight" in voting against the Jackson amendment to last year's military sales act providing \$500 million in military credits for Israel. The aide said her vote against the Jackson amendment was a vote on procedure, not on the issue of aid to Israel. Sen. Smith has always voted for aid to Israel, he said.

NIXON PAYS TRIBUTE TO CECIL ROTH

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (JTA)--In a personal letter to Mrs. Cecil Roth, dispatched by President Nixon just before his China visit, he pays tribute to her late husband, the noted Oxford historian who was editor-in-chief of the new 16-volume Encyclopaedia Judaica. President Nixon wrote: "I was honored to receive this impres-

sive study, and can well understand the pride both you and Dr. Roth's associates have in the completion of this Jewish literary work - the culmination of many years of intensive research and editing. It is indeed a fitting tribute to Dr. Roth's memory."

HOFSTRA U. ORDER STUDENT NOT TO FLY NAZI FLAG

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y., Feb. 24 (JTA)--The administration of Hofstra University has reversed itself and ordered one of its students not to fly a Nazi flag from his dormitory window. But the student, 20-year-old sophomore David Kerr, was permitted to place a sign from his window advocating freedom of speech for Nazis during a visit Tuesday to the campus by Jewish Defense League leader Rabbi Meir Kahane.

A university spokesman, Gene Boneker, explained that university officials, whose initial decision last week not to force the removal of the flag was upheld by the school's board of trustees, were moved to change their position because of indications that violence might erupt on the campus as a result of the involvement of people outside the university in the flag controversy.

Consequently, last Friday evening, the administration asked--not ordered--Kerr to remove the flag which he first flew on Sunday Feb. 13, and Kerr complied with the request. Over the weekend, however, Kerr indicated publicly that he would put it up once again on Tuesday when Rabbi Kahane was scheduled to speak. But on Monday night, the university's president, Clifford Lord, met with Kerr in the student's 11th floor dorm room and issued the directive forbidding him to fly the flag anymore.

Subsequently, permission to place a sign reading "Free Speech for Nazis" was granted. Kerr told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency during a phone interview yesterday that he kept it in his window until midnight Tuesday. "I didn't want anybody to think that I was afraid or giving in to all the threats," he said.

A number of major Jewish organizations had protested the school's decision not to insist that the flag be removed, and on Monday, the Protestant and Catholic chaplains joined Hofstra's Hillel director Rabbi Leon Wolf, in expressing concern to the administration over the situation. But Rabbi Kahane's speaking engagement, which he reportedly used to tell about 1,000 people that "there is a quick and efficient method of dealing with David Kerr," had been scheduled before Kerr started flying the flag. Rabbi Kahane is said to have suggested indirectly that the method he referred to is a physical one.

Outsiders Sparked Problems

Boneker noted that the campus itself remained "very calm" at first, and though many people opposed what Kerr was doing, he added, they "laughed it off" with the attitude that it's "one guy and he's just a nut anyway." But, Boneker said, the situation changed when "outsiders got involved." Publicity aroused the emotions of people outside the university, he observed, and by the end of last week it was feared that campus peace and order was endangered.

On the one hand, representatives of a local motorcycle gang had offered their support to Kerr, Boneker said, and on the other, Kerr had received phone threats that were upsetting his roommate Richard Salvo, a sophomore who, Boneker says, does not agree with Kerr's political views.

In addition, a bomb threat was made against the student newspaper "The Chronicle" which had published two advertisements placed by Kerr to recruit members for the National Socialist White People's Party of Arlington, Va., with which Kerr has been

associated for several years. The party was formerly the American Nazi Party.

Orders From Arlington

Kerr said he had placed the ads in the paper on "orders from headquarters" in Arlington. It was his own idea to display the flag, which he said he hoped would reinforce the ads and encourage students who might be interested in joining the party to approach him. Kerr said he was converted to Nazi politics six years ago after reading an article by the late American Nazi leader George Lincoln Rockwell. He was born a Protestant, but he no longer believes in "organized religion," he said, though he does believe in God.

His parents "don't like my politics," according to Kerr, and his sister, two years his junior, is a liberal and also disagrees with him. Asked how his fellow students have reacted to the whole affair, he said that they are generally "just curious and they defend my right to free speech, but they don't agree with my politics."

The flag episode is now "over," Hofstra spokesman Boneker said. "It sort of just died and we're no longer concerned about it." But the school's Catholic chaplain, Father Robert Smith, asserted that "the question of principle" --namely, whether or not Nazis propagating their political views are protected by the Constitution's First Amendment--has still not been resolved. That, he said, is "a matter for the courts."

SLEPAK THREATENED WITH PRISON TERM

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (JTA)--The National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported today that Vladimir Slepak, a scientist and a leading Jewish activist in Moscow, has been threatened with a prison term if he refuses to accept a mental job in a concrete construction factory. Slepak, 44, a physicist and electronics engineer who was graduated from the Aviation Institute, lost his job at the Geophysics Trust and the Institute of Organic Chemistry of the Russian Academy after he applied for visas for himself and his family to go to Israel in March, 1970, the NCSJ said. He has been unemployed since Sept. 1971.

The NCSJ learned in a telephone conversation with Moscow that Slepak was threatened with trial on charges of "parasitism" which carries a penalty of up to one year in jail, unless he accepts the job. The law on parasitism went into effect in the 1960s and was originally intended to be used against alcoholics and other social "undesirables." It has been invoked against non-Jewish dissidents in the Soviet Union, but as far as is known, Slepak is the first Jewish dissident to be so threatened, the NCSJ said.

According to the telephone information, Slepak was summoned without warning to a special meeting yesterday of the executive council of the Frunze district in Moscow and was accused of being a parasite. He was ordered to go to work at the concrete plant in any job the plant manager chose to assign him. When Slepak refused, he was given five days to reconsider and told that if he did not accept the work his case would be turned over to the courts. Slepak has a wife and two children.

Jerry Goodman, executive director of the NCSJ, branded the action against Slepak "part of what appears to be an ominous trend by the Soviet authorities to move against Jewish activists in Moscow."

NY YESHIVOS RECEIVE \$750,000 FROM STATE

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (JTA)--More than \$750,000 in grants were received by the yeshivos in New York State this week as the first half of the annual allocations from the state's Mandated Services Act of 1970. This amount was estimated by Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of Agudath Israel of America.

This is the second year in which the nonpublic schools in the state are receiving reimbursement for their expenditures in maintaining attendance and health records and for student testing, on the basis of \$27 per pupil up to the sixth grade and \$45 per pupil from the seventh through the twelfth grades.

The mandated services program faces a court test. Meanwhile, the Department of Education is free to distribute the money. Another private school aid program which would have provided the schools with \$33 million a year, was ruled invalid last Dec. by a federal court. Rabbi Sherer expressed confidence that the constitutionality of the Mandated Services Act will be upheld in the federal court, where it is being challenged by the Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL). He also commended the state administration for continuing the payments despite the legal battle launched by the opponents of this law.

RABBI CALLS FOR CREATIVE DIASPORA

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (JTA)--Pointing out that Jewry has "the need for a creative diaspora" and that American Jewry has "come of age during the past twenty years," Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly, took an extremely optimistic picture of current synagogal life in the United States in an address before the national board of the Women's League of the United Synagogue.

Expressing strong disagreement with the viewpoint held by some, that the synagogue is dying, Rabbi Kelman said: "American religious life has reached a point of consolidation; the period of synagogal growth is over. But this does not mean that the synagogue or Judaism in America is dead or dying. The apathy of American Jews towards their Judaism no longer exists; our Jews are no longer indifferent to their religious heritage. Instead, there is a hunger for Jewish understanding and education that, while different from that of the past, is nevertheless significant and valid today."

The executive head of the 1,000-member organization of Conservative rabbis noted that now, for the first time, America is meeting its own rabbinic and synagogal needs and producing "our own quota of rabbis and synagogue functionaries." This was not true 25 years ago, Rabbi Kelman said. "The fact that we are meeting our own rabbinical needs today is an indication that our community has matured; for no religious community can truly call itself a community until it produces its own rabbis and scholars, as we are doing currently in our American seminaries."

SIDNEY HOLLANDER, INDUSTRIALIST, COMMUNAL LEADER, DIES AT 90

BALTIMORE, Feb. 24 (JTA)--Sidney Hollander, an industrialist and communal leader for several decades, died here yesterday at the age of 90. Mr. Hollander was a former head of the American Jewish Congress chapter here, and also served for years with the American Jewish Committee, the National Urban League, the National Community Relations Advisory Council and the Travelers Aid Association.

Mr. Hollander was national president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds during 1939-46 and of the National Social Welfare Assembly during 1955-56, becoming head of the National Citizens Committee on Careers in Social Work in 1957. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 1902 with a pharmaceutical degree, and later became president of the Maryland Pharmaceutical Company and the REM Company.

NEW YIDDISH WEEKLY LAUNCHED

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (JTA)--A new Yiddish-language weekly newspaper, "Der Algemeiner Journal," published its first issue of 20,000 copies yesterday, according to its editor Gershon Jacobson. Jacobson, who was city editor of the Day Jewish Journal, which ceased publication last Dec. 28, said he intended to attract most of the former readers of the defunct daily.

Participants in the first issue of Der Algemeiner Journal include former editors and staff writers of the Day Journal such as B. Z. Goldberg; D. L. Meckler, former chief editor; Dr. Hillel Seidman who wrote the weekly Torah portion; and A. Alperin, former managing editor. Der Algemeiner Journal, said Jacobson, will cover all news in depth and give particular emphasis to Jewish communal developments, on political, social, religious and cultural events, and will project a politically independent editorial policy.

The ten-page paper is published by Der Algemeiner Journal Corporation whose president is N. Seldis, a New York businessman, and sells for twenty-five cents. According to Jacobson, the corporation was established by a group of well-to-do businessmen interested in promoting the idea of Jewish identity and information among the wide masses of American Jewry. Jacobson said that if the weekly venture is successful, it will be expanded into a bi-weekly (Fridays and Sundays) and eventually, perhaps into a daily.

LINDSAY ISSUES PURIM GREETINGS

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay has issued Purim greetings to the city's Jewish population. The Mayor hailed the "wonderful story" of the holiday, adding that "of course it is more than a story." He elaborated: "Its message of deliverance and redemption has been a source of moral and spiritual strength to the Jewish people in the dark chapters of their history--and not only ancient history."

He cited the Nazi holocaust, "a tragic chapter that has perhaps no parallel in Jewish history," and the situation today of Jews in the Soviet Union and in Arab lands, who "face perils to themselves as individuals and as members of the Jewish community."

But Lindsay noted that "The same age that has suffered the holocaust has seen the glory of the creation of the State of Israel and, we hope, will see Jews everywhere accorded the right which is the right of all free men--to live their lives according to their faith and their values and to have the right to emigrate to Israel and other democratic lands of the free world." The holiday of Purim, Lindsay added, "despite its ancient lineage, is very relevant to our own day, as contemporary as the daily headlines." Purim this year begins at sundown Feb. 28.

The trial of one of the biggest Nazi war criminals, Dr. Albert Ganzennmueller, is due to start in Bonn next Oct. He served as a Secretary of State in the Third Reich's Ministry for Transport. He is charged with running the Ministry's "death transports."