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Brought to trial Monday were Karl Finger, 61, charged with abetting the murder of 3128 Jews in southern Russia, mainly between 1941-42; Siegfried Suchart, 54, charged with the same crime in the deaths of 3100 Jews; and Theodor Lipps, 55, accused of personally murdering 250 persons, including 30 Jews. Until his arrest in 1968, Lipps was Chief Commissioner of Police, Criminal Division, in Cologne.

Finger confessed yesterday that he gave orders to carry out mass murders in Czernowitz in July, 1942 but claimed he "did not know that all of the 100 men and women ordered to be shot were Jews." Asked by the judge who he thought they were, he replied, "civilian looters." Finger claimed that he was "always against the persecution of Jews except for emergency actions during the war."

SIDNEY SHIPTON NAMED GENERAL SECRETARY OF BRITISH ZIONIST FEDERATION Highest Civil Post in British Jewry

LONDON, March 1 (JTA)--Sidney Lawrence Shipton, a lawyer, Zionist leader and member of the board of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, has been named as general secretary of the British Zionist Federation, effective April 1. Shipton, who will take over the highest civil service post in British Jewry, is currently chairman of the Federation; he will give up that post--a year before the expiration of his term--at the Federation's 71st annual conference March 11-12.

Shipton told the JTA that the British Zionist movement's "most important tasks" were in the areas of Hebrew education and aliya. "In the sphere of Hebrew education," he said, "we have our network of 14 Jewish day schools, sponsored by the Zionist Federation and supported by its educational trust. In the sphere of aliya we do not merely encourage aliya in a general way. We have our system of support for British olim and we maintain an office in Israel to help them settle there."

Shipton has been active in British Zionism since his student days. He will retain his offices as a member of the Zionist Actions Committee, vice chairman of the British section of the World Jewish Congress, vice president of the World Confederation of General Zionists, a member of the Joint Palestine Appeal's administrative committee, and his JTA post. As general secretary of the Zionist Federation he replaces Lavy Bakstansky, who died a year ago; the office has remained vacant since then.

SIX JEWISH ACTIVISTS, INCLUDING TWO ACTIVIST LEADERS, ARRESTED; CHARGED WITH DISRUPTING RUSSIAN CONCERT

LOS ANGELES, March 1 (JTA)--Six demonstrators, including two leaders of Southern California Jewish activists, were scheduled to go on trial today for allegedly having disrupted a performance Sunday of the Osipov Balalaika Orchestra at the Shrine Auditorium. Those arrested included Zev Yaroslavsky, chairman of the California Students for Soviet Jews, and St. Frumkin,

chairman of the Southern California Council for Soviet Jews. Yaroslavsky told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the six would plead not guilty and would request a two-week postponement of their trial.

The six were arrested when, during the orchestra's performance, they draped banners reading "Let My People Go" and "Save Soviet Jews" over the balcony of the Shrine and released balloons in the auditorium reading "Let the Jews Go." Vice officers in plain clothes, who were in the audience, made the arrests and charged one of the demonstrators with "suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon" and "resisting arrest." The six were released on \$1,200 bail for appearance in court today.

Yaroslavsky said the demonstrators came to the performance to protest the new provocations against Soviet Jews. "We are alarmed at recent threats made against Vladimir Slepak of Moscow and the increasing difficulty with which Soviet Jews are finding in attempts to obtain needed finances for their very subsistence," he said.

FIRM TO PAY \$2,240 TO DISMISSED SABBATH OBSERVER

NEW YORK, March 1 (JTA)—Howard Rhine, president of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA), announced today that a major New York City brokerage firm has agreed to reemploy and pay back salary to a Sabbath observer who claimed she was dismissed because of her need to leave early on Fridays during the winter months. The back pay will amount to \$2,240.

The Sabbath observer filed a complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights charging that she was fired because of her religion in violation of the State Human Rights Law. New York law requires employers to make reasonable accommodation to the religious needs of Sabbath observers when such accommodation would not cause undue economic hardship on the employer's business.

A COLPA representative accompanied the complainant to a hearing based on the complaint at which a finding of probable cause was made. A finding of probable cause is analogous to an indictment in a court of law. A public hearing of the charges, which ordinarily would be held following such a finding will now not be held as a consequence of the firm's offer of reinstatement and compensation.

In a statement, Rhine observed that brokerage firms have been "a particular problem for Sabbath observers seeking employment. We trust that the substantial amount of money involved in this matter will go a long way towards opening the doors of economic opportunity in this and other sectors of the economy to Orthodox Jews." He indicated that COLPA will continue to seek high monetary awards in matters of this kind to drive home to employers "the seriousness of their responsibilities under the law."

AMERICAN RABBINATE URGED TO MEET CHALLENGE OF SOVIET IMMIGRANTS

NEW YORK, March 1 (JTA)—"The challenge of proper absorption of immigrants from the Soviet Union and other countries is the central problem of the Jewish people at this time, and the responsibility of the world Jewish community," said Natan Peled, Israel's Minister of Immigrant Absorption. The Minister was in the United States addressing an unprecedented series of meetings with the American rabbinate sponsored by the Rabbinical Advisory Council of the United Jewish Appeal.

The purpose of his visit was to inform the rabbinate about the crisis of needs created by the anticipated arrival in Israel of 70,000 immigrants from all

over the world in 1972. This was the first time that the entire rabbinical community was called together for a common purpose. Peled noted that not only is there a problem of absorbing the influx of immigrants in 1972 but that there are many unabsorbed immigrants who came to Israel years ago who have large families living in one and two room flats. He noted that the most important need is housing for the newcomers.

The rabbis were also addressed by Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman—Israel. Commenting on the crisis of opportunity caused by the arrival of Soviet immigrants, Rabbi Friedman said "that in order to successfully meet the needs of the immigrants this year, every Jew in America must be approached and must contribute his share, and the only way to reach every Jew in America is through the American rabbinate."

Rabbi Joseph Ehrenkrantz, chairman of the Rabbinical Advisory Council, suggested that each synagogue adopt the "100% Plan." According to this plan every synagogue ought to seek a gift to the UJA from each of its members. There are currently more than 200 synagogues in the country that have adopted some form of the plan. He added that every rabbi ought to use the pulpit as an effective means for making their communities aware of the tremendous importance of properly absorbing Soviet immigrants.

JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL APPEALS TO MRS. NIXON, SOVIET OFFICIALS TO FREE SOVIET JEWISH PRISONERS

WASHINGTON, March 1 (JTA)—The Jewish Community Council of Washington has sent messages appealing for the relief of Soviet Jews to Mrs. Richard M. Nixon; Leonid Brezhnev, Secretary General of the Communist Party of the USSR, and V.A. Gusev, Chief Procurator of the Ukraine. The Council cabled Gusev that he "free immediately" nine young Soviet Jews arrested in Kiev Feb. 18 for standing together and talking following religious services at the Kiev synagogue. "Again the KGB is manufacturing baseless charges," the cable said, and asked Gusev "Where is your justice which you claim to champion?"

In its telegram to Brezhnev, the Council asked for his support to bring about the release of Mrs. Silva Zalmanson, one of the Soviet Jewish prisoners of conscience held in the Potma prison complex. Mrs. Zalmanson is reported in extremely poor health and losing her sight. A copy of the cable to Brezhnev was sent to Mrs. Nixon with an accompanying letter which stated:

"Your concern for human welfare and human rights is well known throughout the world. We respectfully suggest that your personal appeal on behalf of Silva Zalmanson may help to bring freedom to a sick, suffering and innocent woman." The letter was signed by Dr. Isaac Franck, the Council's executive vice-chairman.

The Council has called an "emergency" community meeting for Sunday afternoon at the Bnai Israel Congregation following persistent reports during the past week of a new wave of arrests and harassments of Jews in the Soviet Union and the sharp decrease in the number of Jews being allowed to leave that country for Israel. Less than 2,000 were permitted to leave in February, the Council said. It feared the March total may be half that.

Mrs. Faye L. Schenk, president of Hadassah, received a proclamation from New York Mayor John V. Lindsay at City Hall today declaring this week "Hadassah Week."

HADASSAH CALLS FOR RADICAL STRUCTURAL AND FUNCTIONAL CHANGES IN WZCONGRESS
Format Sought To Insure Dialogue Between Diaspora Zionists And Israeli Zionists

NEW YORK, March 1 (JTA)--Mrs. Faye L. Schenk, president of Hadassah, called yesterday for "radical structural and functional changes in the World Zionist Congress." Addressing the opening session of Hadassah's Mid-Winter Conference, Mrs. Schenk stated that the general debate, a traditional feature of the Congress, "no longer serves as a method of constructive discussion between the diaspora and Israel on common problems." She urged that a format be found that will "insure genuine dialogue and an exchange of views between diaspora Zionists and Zionists of Israel."

A resolution on the World Zionist Congress which was adopted by the conference reaffirmed Mrs. Schenk's view, adding: "The Zionist Congress must not be permitted to become a forum for promoting the ideologies of Israeli political parties. Hadassah's view that diaspora Zionists should not be affiliated with any political party in Israel was re-enforced by the proceedings of the recent Congress."

Referring to the Congress which was held in Jan. in Jerusalem, Mrs. Schenk recalled that the Hadassah delegation walked off the floor of the closing session when a resolution was passed requiring that officers of Zionist organizations outside of Israel move to Israel after completing their terms of office. The resolution was subsequently declared unconstitutional by the Congress Tribunal. Despite violent disagreements, she observed, the Congress was encouraging because a large percentage--about 30 percent--of the delegates were young people.

Allocate \$400,000 For Day Centers

Mrs. Schenk stressed to the Hadassah leaders the important social and domestic needs of Israel and outlined some of Hadassah's own commitments toward alleviating these pressures. As a result of on-the-spot inspections in Israel between Congress sessions, "Hadassah moved to allocate the sum of \$400,000 for the building of three prefabricated day centers in the Jerusalem vicinity to help provide compensatory programs for restive adolescents for whom the public school system is inadequate," Mrs. Schenk announced. "These three centers will be set up instead of the one voted on at our convention last Aug."

In the resolution on the World Zionist Congress, the Hadassah conference agreed to "set up a committee charged with the responsibility of making specific recommendations for changes in the World-Zionist Congress which it will bring to the American Zionist Federation." The resolution also called upon the leaders of the World Zionist Organization to initiate a discussion leading to changes in the Congress "so that it may become in fact a vehicle for serious and concerted consideration of the problems that face the Jewish people today."

Conference Adopts Resolutions

Four resolutions were introduced by Mrs. Berne Salpeter, Hadassah's Zionist Affairs chairman. One declared that President Nixon's plan to maintain the Middle East military balance "has the wholehearted support of the majority of the American people" and that Congress' response to Israel's economic appeals has been "positive." The statement backed continued "necessary" military aid to Israel; "free negotiations...without precommitments"; "generous financial assist-

ance" by the US to help relieve Israel's "severely strained" economy; and "secure and recognized boundaries (and), freedom of navigation."

Another resolution saluted "the heroic Jews of the Soviet Union whose love of Israel and determination to return to their homeland is a new miracle in the history of the Jewish people." The resolution urged that "we recognize and fully accept our obligation to help provide Israel with the enormous funds necessary for the successful absorption of these olim," and to express gratitude for the bipartisan Congressional support for an \$85 million appropriation bill for this purpose. The resolution also "vigorously" protested "the continued harassment and intimidation of Soviet Jews."

Another resolution "notes with concern and indignation the desperate condition of Jews in Syria and in some other Arab countries" and urges United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim "to use every possible measure to protect the human rights and dignity of Jews in Syria and other Arab countries where they are in jeopardy, and to facilitate their emigration to Israel or other countries where they may live in freedom." The fourth draft resolution calls "on our members to over-subscribe our own Hadassah quotas, to increase their contributions to the United Jewish Appeal and to buy more Israel bonds."

DR. MOSHE SNEH, VETERAN ZIONIST LEADER, DIES AT 63

JERUSALEM, March 1 (JTA)--Dr. Moshe Sneh, head of Israel's anti-Moscow Maki Communists since 1954, died here tonight of a kidney ailment. He was 63 on Jan. 6. The Knesset member, a medical doctor, was a Hagana leader during the War of Independence, founded the General Zionist movement in Poland and had been editor of Haint, the largest Jewish newspaper in Europe.

He came to Palestine in 1940, was Hagana commander-in-chief during 1940-46 and was hunted by British Mandate authorities. In 1947 he resigned as a member of the Jewish Agency Executive after two years and joined the Mapam party. He was the head of Mapam's Left Socialist wing when it merged with the Communists in 1954.

Dr. Sneh, considered one of the most brilliant Knesset members, served Maki as an MK during two periods, 1949-65 and 1969 to date. He was also editor of Kol Ha'am, a lecturer, a writer and a broadcaster. During 1950-53 he edited the newspaper Al Hamishmar. Dr. Sneh was born in Radzin, Poland, with the surname Kleinbaum. He was educated at the Free Polish University and the University of Warsaw. He was the only Maki MK in the 120-member Knesset.

AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DUE IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 1 (JTA)--The Austrian Foreign Minister, Dr. Rudolf Kirchschlaeger, will arrive here next month on an official visit at the invitation of Foreign Minister Abba Eban. Political circles here said the visit will be important because Vienna is the main way station for Soviet emigres bound for Israel. In addition, the Secretary General of the United Nations, Kurt Waldheim, is not only Austrian himself but a former Foreign Minister. Among other Foreign Ministers due here soon are Britain's Sir Alec Douglas-Home and the Netherlands' W.K.N. Schmelzer.

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ing SS leaders have gone on trial in Munich on charges of having participated in the mass murders of thousands of Jews in Russia during World War II. The defendants were all members of the top leadership of the elite Einsatzkommandos which was active in the Soviet Union from Jan. 1941-1943. Their method of murder was to force Jews to stand with their backs to previously dug mass graves and shoot them down. Babies and small children in their mothers' arms were buried alive.

Brought to trial Monday were Karl Finger, 61, charged with abetting the murder of 3128 Jews in southern Russia, mainly between 1941-42; Siegfried Suchart, 54, charged with the same crime in the deaths of 3100 Jews; and Theodor Lipps, 55, accused of personally murdering 250 persons, including 30 Jews. Until his arrest in 1968, Lipps was Chief Commissioner of Police, Criminal Division, in Cologne.

Finger confessed yesterday that he gave orders to carry out mass murders in Czernowitz in July, 1942 but claimed he "did not know that all of the 100 men and women ordered to be shot were Jews." Asked by the judge who he thought they were, he replied, "civilian looters." Finger claimed that he was "always against the persecution of Jews except for emergency actions during the war."

SIDNEY SHIPTON NAMED GENERAL SECRETARY OF BRITISH ZIONIST FEDERATION

Highest Civil Post in British Jewry

LONDON, March 1 (JTA)--Sidney Lawrence Shipton, a lawyer, Zionist leader and member of the board of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, has been named as general secretary of the British Zionist Federation, effective April 1. Shipton, who will take over the highest civil service post in British Jewry, is currently chairman of the Federation; he will give up that post--a year before the expiration of his term--at the Federation's 71st annual conference March 11-12.

Shipton told the JTA that the British Zionist movement's "most important tasks" were in the areas of Hebrew education and aliya. "In the sphere of Hebrew education," he said, "we have our network of 14 Jewish day schools, sponsored by the Zionist Federation and supported by its educational trust. In the sphere of aliya we do not merely encourage aliya in a general way. We have our system of support for British olim and we maintain an office in Israel to help them settle there."

Shipton has been active in British Zionism since his student days. He will retain his offices as a member of the Zionist Actions Committee, vice chairman of the British section of the World Jewish Congress, vice president of the World Confederation of General Zionists, a member of the Joint Palestine Appeal's administrative committee, and his JTA post. As general secretary of the Zionist Federation he replaces Lavy Bakstansky, who died a year ago; the office has remained vacant since then.

SIX JEWISH ACTIVISTS, INCLUDING TWO ACTIVIST LEADERS, ARRESTED; CHARGED WITH DISRUPTING RUSSIAN CONCERT

LOS ANGELES, March 1 (JTA)--Six demonstrators, including two leaders of Southern California Jewish activists, were scheduled to go on trial today for allegedly having disrupted a performance Sunday of the Osipov Balalaika Orchestra at the Shrine Auditorium. Those arrested included Zev Yaroslavsky, chairman of the California Students for Soviet Jews, and St. Frumkin,

chairman of the Southern California Council for Soviet Jews. Yaroslavsky told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that the six would plead not guilty and would request a two-week postponement of their trial.

The six were arrested when, during the orchestra's performance, they draped banners reading "Let My People Go" and "Save Soviet Jews" over the balcony of the Shrine and released balloons in the auditorium reading "Let the Jews Go." Vice officers in plain clothes, who were in the audience, made the arrests and charged one of the demonstrators with "suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon" and "resisting arrest." The six were released on \$1,200 bail for appearance in court today.

Yaroslavsky said the demonstrators came to the performance to protest the new provocations against Soviet Jews. "We are alarmed at recent threats made against Vladimir Slepak of Moscow and the increasing difficulty with which Soviet Jews are finding in attempts to obtain needed finances for their very subsistence," he said.

FIRM TO PAY \$2,240 TO DISMISSED SABBATH OBSERVER

NEW YORK, March 1 (JTA)—Howard Rhine, president of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA), announced today that a major New York City brokerage firm has agreed to reemploy and pay back salary to a Sabbath observer who claimed she was dismissed because of her need to leave early on Fridays during the winter months. The back pay will amount to \$2,240.

The Sabbath observer filed a complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights charging that she was fired because of her religion in violation of the State Human Rights Law. New York law requires employers to make reasonable accommodation to the religious needs of Sabbath observers when such accommodation would not cause undue economic hardship on the employer's business.

A COLPA representative accompanied the complainant to a hearing based on the complaint at which a finding of probable cause was made. A finding of probable cause is analogous to an indictment in a court of law. A public hearing of the charges, which ordinarily would be held following such a finding will now not be held as a consequence of the firm's offer of reinstatement and compensation.

In a statement, Rhine observed that brokerage firms have been "a particular problem for Sabbath observers seeking employment. We trust that the substantial amount of money involved in this matter will go a long way towards opening the doors of economic opportunity in this and other sectors of the economy to Orthodox Jews." He indicated that COLPA will continue to seek high monetary awards in matters of this kind to drive home to employers "the seriousness of their responsibilities under the law."

AMERICAN RABBINATE URGED TO MEET CHALLENGE OF SOVIET IMMIGRANTS

NEW YORK, March 1 (JTA)—"The challenge of proper absorption of immigrants from the Soviet Union and other countries is the central problem of the Jewish people at this time, and the responsibility of the world Jewish community," said Natan Peled, Israel's Minister of Immigrant Absorption. The Minister was in the United States addressing an unprecedented series of meetings with the American rabbinate sponsored by the Rabbinical Advisory Council of the United Jewish Appeal.

The purpose of his visit was to inform the rabbinate about the crisis of needs created by the anticipated arrival in Israel of 70,000 immigrants from all

over the world in 1972. This was the first time that the entire rabbinical community was called together for a common purpose. Peled noted that not only is there a problem of absorbing the influx of immigrants in 1972 but that there are many unabsorbed immigrants who came to Israel years ago who have large families living in one and two room flats. He noted that the most important need is housing for the newcomers.

The rabbis were also addressed by Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman—Israel. Commenting on the crisis of opportunity caused by the arrival of Soviet immigrants, Rabbi Friedman said "that in order to successfully meet the needs of the immigrants this year, every Jew in America must be approached and must contribute his share, and the only way to reach every Jew in America is through the American rabbinate."

Rabbi Joseph Ehrenkrantz, chairman of the Rabbinical Advisory Council, suggested that each synagogue adopt the "100% Plan." According to this plan every synagogue ought to seek a gift to the UJA from each of its members. There are currently more than 200 synagogues in the country that have adopted some form of the plan. He added that every rabbi ought to use the pulpit as an effective means for making their communities aware of the tremendous importance of properly absorbing Soviet immigrants.

JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL APPEALS TO MRS. NIXON, SOVIET OFFICIALS TO FREE SOVIET JEWISH PRISONERS

WASHINGTON, March 1 (JTA)—The Jewish Community Council of Washington has sent messages appealing for the relief of Soviet Jews to Mrs. Richard M. Nixon; Leonid Brezhnev, Secretary General of the Communist Party of the USSR, and V.A. Gusev, Chief Procurator of the Ukraine. The Council cabled Gusev that he "free immediately" nine young Soviet Jews arrested in Kiev Feb. 18 for standing together and talking following religious services at the Kiev synagogue. "Again the KGB is manufacturing baseless charges," the cable said, and asked Gusev "Where is your justice which you claim to champion?"

In its telegram to Brezhnev, the Council asked for his support to bring about the release of Mrs. Silva Zalmanson, one of the Soviet Jewish prisoners of conscience held in the Potma prison complex. Mrs. Zalmanson is reported in extremely poor health and losing her sight. A copy of the cable to Brezhnev was sent to Mrs. Nixon with an accompanying letter which stated:

"Your concern for human welfare and human rights is well known throughout the world. We respectfully suggest that your personal appeal on behalf of Silva Zalmanson may help to bring freedom to a sick, suffering and innocent woman." The letter was signed by Dr. Isaac Franck, the Council's executive vice-chairman.

The Council has called an "emergency" community meeting for Sunday afternoon at the Bnai Israel Congregation following persistent reports during the past week of a new wave of arrests and harassments of Jews in the Soviet Union and the sharp decrease in the number of Jews being allowed to leave that country for Israel. Less than 2,000 were permitted to leave in February, the Council said. It feared the March total may be half that.

Mrs. Faye L. Schenk, president of Hadassah, received a proclamation from New York Mayor John V. Lindsay at City Hall today declaring this week "Hadassah Week."

HADASSAH CALLS FOR RADICAL STRUCTURAL AND FUNCTIONAL CHANGES IN WZCONGRESS
Format Sought To Insure Dialogue Between Diaspora Zionists And Israeli Zionists

NEW YORK, March 1 (JTA)--Mrs. Faye L. Schenk, president of Hadassah, called yesterday for "radical structural and functional changes in the World Zionist Congress." Addressing the opening session of Hadassah's Mid-Winter Conference, Mrs. Schenk stated that the general debate, a traditional feature of the Congress, "no longer serves as a method of constructive discussion between the diaspora and Israel on common problems." She urged that a format be found that will "insure genuine dialogue and an exchange of views between diaspora Zionists and Zionists of Israel."

A resolution on the World Zionist Congress which was adopted by the conference reaffirmed Mrs. Schenk's view, adding: "The Zionist Congress must not be permitted to become a forum for promoting the ideologies of Israeli political parties. Hadassah's view that diaspora Zionists should not be affiliated with any political party in Israel was re-enforced by the proceedings of the recent Congress."

Referring to the Congress which was held in Jan. in Jerusalem, Mrs. Schenk recalled that the Hadassah delegation walked off the floor of the closing session when a resolution was passed requiring that officers of Zionist organizations outside of Israel move to Israel after completing their terms of office. The resolution was subsequently declared unconstitutional by the Congress Tribunal. Despite violent disagreements, she observed, the Congress was encouraging because a large percentage--about 30 percent--of the delegates were young people.

Allocate \$400,000 For Day Centers

Mrs. Schenk stressed to the Hadassah leaders the important social and domestic needs of Israel and outlined some of Hadassah's own commitments toward alleviating these pressures. As a result of on-the-spot inspections in Israel between Congress sessions, "Hadassah moved to allocate the sum of \$400,000 for the building of three prefabricated day centers in the Jerusalem vicinity to help provide compensatory programs for restive adolescents for whom the public school system is inadequate," Mrs. Schenk announced. "These three centers will be set up instead of the one voted on at our convention last Aug."

In the resolution on the World Zionist Congress, the Hadassah conference agreed to "set up a committee charged with the responsibility of making specific recommendations for changes in the World-Zionist Congress which it will bring to the American Zionist Federation." The resolution also called upon the leaders of the World Zionist Organization to initiate a discussion leading to changes in the Congress "so that it may become in fact a vehicle for serious and concerted consideration of the problems that face the Jewish people today."

Conference Adopts Resolutions

Four resolutions were introduced by Mrs. Berne Salpeter, Hadassah's Zionist Affairs chairman. One declared that President Nixon's plan to maintain the Middle East military balance "has the wholehearted support of the majority of the American people" and that Congress' response to Israel's economic appeals has been "positive." The statement backed continued "necessary" military aid to Israel; "free negotiations...without precommitments"; "generous financial assist-

ance" by the US to help relieve Israel's "severely strained" economy; and "secure and recognized boundaries (and), freedom of navigation."

Another resolution saluted "the heroic Jews of the Soviet Union whose love of Israel and determination to return to their homeland is a new miracle in the history of the Jewish people." The resolution urged that "we recognize and fully accept our obligation to help provide Israel with the enormous funds necessary for the successful absorption of these olim," and to express gratitude for the bipartisan Congressional support for an \$85 million appropriation bill for this purpose. The resolution also "vigorously" protested "the continued harassment and intimidation of Soviet Jews."

Another resolution "notes with concern and indignation the desperate condition of Jews in Syria and in some other Arab countries" and urges United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim "to use every possible measure to protect the human rights and dignity of Jews in Syria and other Arab countries where they are in jeopardy, and to facilitate their emigration to Israel or other countries where they may live in freedom." The fourth draft resolution calls "on our members to over-subscribe our own Hadassah quotas, to increase their contributions to the United Jewish Appeal and to buy more Israel bonds."

DR. MOSHE SNEH, VETERAN ZIONIST LEADER, DIES AT 63

JERUSALEM, March 1 (JTA)--Dr. Moshe Sneh, head of Israel's anti-Moscow Maki Communists since 1954, died here tonight of a kidney ailment. He was 63 on Jan. 6. The Knesset member, a medical doctor, was a Hagana leader during the War of Independence, founded the General Zionist movement in Poland and had been editor of Haint, the largest Jewish newspaper in Europe.

He came to Palestine in 1940, was Hagana commander-in-chief during 1940-46 and was hunted by British Mandate authorities. In 1947 he resigned as a member of the Jewish Agency Executive after two years and joined the Mapam party. He was the head of Mapam's Left Socialist wing when it merged with the Communists in 1954.

Dr. Sneh, considered one of the most brilliant Knesset members, served Maki as an MK during two periods, 1949-65 and 1969 to date. He was also editor of Kol Ha'am, a lecturer, a writer and a broadcaster. During 1950-53 he edited the newspaper Al Hamishmar. Dr. Sneh was born in Radzin, Poland, with the surname Kleinbaum. He was educated at the Free Polish University and the University of Warsaw. He was the only Maki MK in the 120-member Knesset.

AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DUE IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 1 (JTA)--The Austrian Foreign Minister, Dr. Rudolf Kirchschlaeger, will arrive here next month on an official visit at the invitation of Foreign Minister Abba Eban. Political circles here said the visit will be important because Vienna is the main way station for Soviet emigres bound for Israel. In addition, the Secretary General of the United Nations, Kurt Waldheim, is not only Austrian himself but a former Foreign Minister. Among other Foreign Ministers due here soon are Britain's Sir Alec Douglas-Home and the Netherlands' W.K.N. Schmelzer.

Nahal Netzarim, a new Jewish settlement in the Gaza Strip, was officially established today. It is located south of Gaza on the banks of the Gaza River. A watchtower has been completed and buildings are being constructed.