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The plans had been recommended by the Defense Ministry. The proposed projects include a health center to serve 20,000 residents in the Gaza Strip and a vocational training center and a workshop for 300 students in Gaza. The directors also approved plans for a new wing for the government hospital in Nablus in the West Bank and the paving of roads and playgrounds for refugee Arab children in the Gaza Strip.

So far, the board was told, about \$1 million in trusteeship funds has been invested in improvement of buildings and services in refugee camps in the Gaza Strip and in the Judea and Samaria districts. The trusteeship was set up for donors --most of whom are in the United States.

WZO-AMERICAN SECTION URGES ZOA TO RESCIND DECISION TO RESIGN FROM AZF

NEW YORK, March 2 (JTA)--The American Section of the World Zionist Organization, at its meeting this week under the chairmanship of Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, urged the Zionist Organization of America to rescind its decision to resign from the American Zionist Federation. Affirming a similar statement adopted by the Jerusalem Executive of the WZO, the American Section resolution called upon the ZOA to return to the AZF "as the organizational expression of Zionist unity and the instrumentality through which all Zionist groups in the United States cooperate in areas of common concern."

The American Section, the resolution continued, completely concurs with the Jerusalem Executive resolution that the AZF is "the essential prerequisite for the fulfillment of the tasks and challenges which confront the American Jewish community and the State of Israel." All the members of the American Section voted for the resolution with the exception of Jacques Torczyner who abstained. Torczyner is past president of the ZOA and presently the chairman of the national board of AZF.

DR. SAMUEL M. BLUMENFIELD, EDUCATOR, DIES AT 70; HUNDREDS ATTEND FUNERAL

NEW YORK, March 2 (JTA)--Hundreds of leaders in the field of Jewish education attended the funeral today of Dr. Samuel M. Blumenfield who died yesterday at the age of 70. Dr. Blumenfield was the director of the Department of Education and Culture of the American Section of the World Zionist Organization for over a decade, and before that was dean and president of the College of Jewish Studies, Chicago. He also lectured at the New School of Social Research and taught Judaic culture at Hofstra University. Dr. Blumenfield was a graduate of City College and studied for the rabbinate at the Jewish Institute of Religion where he received a master's degree in 1930.

SETTLEMENT SHELLED FROM SYRIAN LINES

TEL AVIV, March 2 (JTA)--Several shells were fired from Syrian lines at Nahal Golan in the southern Golan Heights last night as tension continued high on both sides of the Israel-Syria cease-fire line. No casualties or damage was reported from the shelling nor did Israeli forces return the fire. But Arab villagers on the Syrian side of the line were reportedly fleeing the area in fear of Israeli retaliation for yesterday's Syrian air raid on Neot Hagolan and Houshaniyeh, Israeli settlements in the Golan Heights.

There were no casualties from the air raids and damage was limited to a barn at Neot Hagolan

which caught fire and burned for several hours. The Syrian planes attacked while a Purim party was going on at Neot Hagolan. The civilian population of the village ran to bomb shelters. They were back at work in the fields this morning but precautionary measures were being taken. Israeli circles view the Syrian attack as a grave development, not for the damage it caused, which was minimal, but because it indicated a new tactic by the Syrians presumably taken in coordination with Egypt.

Damascus claimed the air raid was in retaliation for Israeli artillery attacks and air strikes early yesterday on terrorist bases inside Syria. The terrorists had been shelling Israeli military and civilian positions in the Golan Heights for the last three days. The Israeli circles pointed out that their countermeasures were aimed at terrorist strongholds and carefully avoided hitting Syrian Army positions but the Syrians, they said, are apparently not interested in reducing tension along the border.

LINDSAY REPRIMANDS ANTI-POVERTY OFFICIAL FOR ANTI-SEMITIC REMARKS ON RADIO SHOW ADL Urges Official Be Removed From Post

NEW YORK, March 2 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay's office reported today that the Mayor had sent a letter to David Billings, III, chairman of the New York City Council Against Poverty, declaring that some of Billings' remarks on a radio program Tuesday were "plainly offensive to members of the Jewish community of the city and indeed to many of our citizens, including me." The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith said Billings' remarks on the WNYC program were "vicious anti-Semitism" and asked Lindsay to remove Billings from his office.

The charge was made in a letter to the Mayor from Milton Seymour, chairman of the ADL New York Board. By coincidence, Billings was sworn in yesterday by Lindsay to a third one-year term as head of the city's policy-making agency for poverty programs. Seymour said Billings had made anti-Semitic remarks on "Action Interview," a program on the city-owned station. Billings issued a statement at the swearing-in ceremony in which he insisted that any remarks he made on the WNYC program were not directed against any group. He had called foes of the bitterly-contested low-income housing project in Forest Hills "an influential group religiously."

Billings said today that he was not referring "to the Jewish community" and that he did not consider the disputed Queens housing project "a Jewish-Black groups thing." He said that to state "a person of the Jewish faith is wrong--that doesn't mean I'm anti-Semitic." Jews have been among the leaders in the fight against the housing project. A spokesman said Lindsay had reprimanded Billings privately before the swearing-in ceremony and that he put his criticism on record in the letter to Billings, the text of which was released today. At one point in the WNYC program, the question was raised as to why those opposed to the project seemed to be getting substantial publicity, while those who support the project apparently were not heard.

According to the ADL, Billings commented that "You just got one group in this so-called democracy. This group is being listened to the most. Let's ask the question why. We have to deal with them and I have no problem because the particular group that's making noise happens to be an influential group religiously. Listen to what I'm saying, religiously. They can hook up with other factors in control economically; many of them hold legislative positions of that religious origin; many of them control

the school system of that religious origin; many of them control the press and the mass media of that religious origin...."

Mayor 'Deeply Disturbed'

Seymour declared that "it is inconceivable that a person holding such blatantly bigoted views could properly discharge the responsibilities of a public position requiring deep sensitivity and concern for all peoples. It surely brings into question his suitability to occupy a position of public trust. We respectfully urge that, as Chief Executive of the City of New York, you remove Mr. Billings as chairman of the Council Against Poverty."

In his letter, Lindsay stated he was "deeply disturbed" by Billings' comments on the radio program. The Mayor wrote: "I strongly reject what you said. I believe you did not mean to say anything that might be regarded as anti-Semitic. Still, any person who occupies the elected and highly responsible position of chairman of the Council Against Poverty must recognize the danger of polarization that can result from remarks that seemingly are directed against any ethnic group."

Lindsay added: "I hope that you will clarify this matter and that out of this unfortunate incident will come a greater sensitivity for the feelings of our people." Asked about the ADL demand for Billings' dismissal, the Mayor's office spokesman said that though the Mayor appointed the members of the 51-member Council, the chairman was elected by the members and that the Mayor did not control the office of the chairman.

ELIA'S DAUGHTER PLEADS FOR HIS RELEASE

NEW YORK, March 2 (JTA)--Calling the Committee of Concern "our last hope and our last chance," Mrs. Gabrielle Tawfik pleaded today for the release of her father, 68-year-old Albert Elia, who is believed to be held by Syria. "All our hopes" lie with the Committee, she told a press conference, referring to the nonsectarian humanitarian organization created to help "alleviate the plight of minorities in Arab countries."

Elia, secretary general of the Lebanese Jewish community, was reported kidnapped by terrorists last Sept. 6 between his home and his synagogue office. Since then, Mrs. Tawfik said, she has learned reliably from the Lebanese government that her father is imprisoned in Syria. The Damascus government has repeatedly denied this.

According to Mrs. Tawfik's information, Arab extremists believed Elia was illegally aiding the emigration of Syrian Jews to Lebanon, and wanted to end his influence. "Admittedly he helped these people," she said, "but his was no political organization. He was a humanitarian, and he acted as a Jew on behalf of a compassionate community."

RABBI MORRIS HALPERN DIES AT 42

MONTREAL, March 2 (JTA)--Rabbi Morris Halpern, 42, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Ora, died here yesterday after suffering a heart attack. A native of New York, Rabbi Halpern served as national program director of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America before coming to Montreal. He was a member of the Mirachi National Council, the Eastern Regional Council of the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Montreal Board of Jewish Ministers, the Council of Orthodox Rabbis and the Montreal Board of the Israel Bond Organization. Rabbi Halpern was a past president of the Rabbinical Council of America.

JEWISH GROUP DEMANDS CITY OFFICIALS**ACT TO END TERRORIST ACTIVITIES****ENCOURAGED, COMMITTED BY JDL**

API-HH Leader Calls For Social Change As Way To Combat JDL

NEW YORK, March 2 (JTA)--"If we are to combat the Jewish Defense League, we must look inwards, into ourselves and our society, and look to see what nourishes it (the JDL)," Richard Yaffe, chairman of the National Council of Americans for Progressive Israel-Hashomer Hatzair, and editor of Israel Horizons, said last night. Addressing some 300 persons attending a "protest meeting against terrorist acts and the Jewish Defense League," as it was termed by the American Association to Combat Fascism, Racism and Anti-Semitism which convened the meeting, Yaffe said it was difficult to combat the JDL because it makes points difficult to refute.

"Jews have memories of many holocausts, not only the last one," Yaffe said. "We are afraid, and it is useless to say we are not." The JDL, he noted, states there is a moral bankruptcy in the American Jewish establishment. "It is hard to argue with such a point," he said.

The JDL says there is anti-Semitism in America. "There certainly is, almost anywhere one can go," Yaffe observed. "Just because it is not virulent today does not mean it may not be tomorrow." In addition, he continued, the JDL's views on the alienation of Jewish youth and the future of Jewry in America is also undeniable. "But," Yaffe asserted, "the answers do not lie at the end of a billy club or a bicycle chain."

The rally unanimously adopted a resolution appointing a committee of seven to meet with Mayor John V. Lindsay to demand that the Police Department "take vigorous action" to apprehend those responsible for terrorist crimes in the city. Specifically mentioned was the shooting into a window of the Soviet Mission on Oct. 20, 1971, and the bombing of the offices of Sol Hurok and Columbia Artists Management on Jan. 26. The resolution also demanded an end to "the terrorist activities encouraged or committed by the Jewish Defense League."

JDL Creates Anti-Semitism

Yaffe warned that an alternative must be provided to those Jews who find the JDL and its leader, Rabbi Meir Kahane, an effective answer to their fears and anxieties. "We must join together to do something about our society here. We must fight for equality and the rights of people everywhere, as a group of knowledgeable Jews, as progressives." But the JDL is not the only force that has to be combated, he added. The fight has also got to be waged against Jewish leaders who have become "WASP-ish," he noted.

"We must be able to fight for the right of Jews to live as Jews, for decent allocations from Jewish welfare funds and federations for priorities we consider more important than putting up new community centers. We must fight for more help for Jewish education of all kinds, including religious education." Speaking on Soviet Jewry, Yaffe said it was not, as the JDL claims, the JDL that put the plight of Soviet Jewry on the front pages of the daily press, but the Soviet Jews themselves.

Paul Novick, editor of the Morning Freiheit, the pro-Soviet Yiddish-language daily, accused the JDL of "creating anti-Semitism, not fighting it." He noted that "American Jews are American citizens. Whatever problems they have must be solved here."

Sam Pevzner, executive director of the Jewish Cultural Clubs and Societies and a member of the pro-Soviet monthly magazine, Jewish Currents, called the JDL "a grave danger to the Jewish people of the

US and the Soviet Union, of Israel and world peace," and stated that it was "the most dangerous and unsavory phenomenon that has yet arisen in the Jewish community of the United States." Several other speakers at the meeting urged that the JDL be ostracized and swept into oblivion.

JEWISH WOMEN'S GROUP TO LAUNCH EFFORT TO AID JEWISH POOR IN SOME 28 CITIES

NEW YORK, March 2 (JTA)--The Leadership Conference of National Jewish Women's Organizations announced this week the formation of a committee to spearhead efforts in more than 28 cities to aid the Jewish poor. The announcement was made by Mrs. Charles Snitow of Scarsdale, N.Y., chairman of the Leadership Conference and co-chairman of the national Governing Council of the American Jewish Congress. Mrs. David M. Levitt of Great Neck, N.Y., president of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, will serve as chairman of the Committee for the Jewish Poor.

Leaders of the nine Jewish women's organizations that comprise the Leadership Conference will carry out the work of the committee nationally in reforming and expanding existing programs "in order to bring the Jewish poor into the mainstream of social welfare," according to Mrs. Snitow.

She declared: "The fact--and extent--of poverty within the Jewish community has only recently begun to be recognized. National and local criteria for the selection of poverty areas for dispensing federal assistance have not taken into account the special problems of the Jewish poor, 250,000 of whom live below the poverty level in New York alone."

Mrs. Snitow cited the rejection by Orthodox Jews of food surplus programs for religious reasons, the residence of many poor Jews outside of the designated poverty areas, along with their traditional resistance toward public charity, as contributing toward "making this large segment of our population invisible." The committee will conduct surveys of poverty pockets in each city where it has member organizations and assemble directories on where the poor can find and apply for various types of help.

FACTORY OFFICIAL REJECTS SLEPAK'S CONTENTION THAT HE IS UNFIT FOR WORK

NEW YORK, March 2 (JTA)--The manager of a concrete factory in Moscow has rejected Vladimir Slepak's contention that he is physically unfit to load gravel and has reported to the executive committee that Slepak "refuses" to work. The manager, surnamed Martinov, acted after the factory's chief engineer, surnamed Silin, supported Slepak's claim that his age (44) and his condition (inflamed leg) made it impossible for him to be a gravel-loader.

Slepak advised the city supervisor, surnamed Antonenko, that he would be willing to be a tool-sharpener, but his offer was rejected, according to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Slepak, a Jewish scientist who has sought a visa to Israel, has been threatened with a trial for "parasitism" if he does not take the gravel-loading job. The NCSJ said today that another medical examination has been scheduled for March 14, but could not explain the reason for the seeming delay.

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teeship.

The plans had been recommended by the Defense Ministry. The proposed projects include a health center to serve 20,000 residents in the Gaza Strip and a vocational training center and a workshop for 300 students in Gaza. The directors also approved plans for a new wing for the government hospital in Nablus in the West Bank and the paving of roads and playgrounds for refugee Arab children in the Gaza Strip.

So far, the board was told, about \$1 million in trusteeship funds has been invested in improvement of buildings and services in refugee camps in the Gaza Strip and in the Judea and Samaria districts. The trusteeship was set up for donors --most of whom are in the United States.

WZO-AMERICAN SECTION URGES ZOA TO RESCIND DECISION TO RESIGN FROM AZF

NEW YORK, March 2 (JTA)--The American Section of the World Zionist Organization, at its meeting this week under the chairmanship of Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, urged the Zionist Organization of America to rescind its decision to resign from the American Zionist Federation. Affirming a similar statement adopted by the Jerusalem Executive of the WZO, the American Section resolution called upon the ZOA to return to the AZF "as the organizational expression of Zionist unity and the instrumentality through which all Zionist groups in the United States cooperate in areas of common concern."

The American Section, the resolution continued, completely concurs with the Jerusalem Executive resolution that the AZF is "the essential prerequisite for the fulfillment of the tasks and challenges which confront the American Jewish community and the State of Israel." All the members of the American Section voted for the resolution with the exception of Jacques Torczyner who abstained. Torczyner is past president of the ZOA and presently the chairman of the national board of AZF.

DR. SAMUEL M. BLUMENFIELD, EDUCATOR, DIES AT 70; HUNDREDS ATTEND FUNERAL

NEW YORK, March 2 (JTA)--Hundreds of leaders in the field of Jewish education attended the funeral today of Dr. Samuel M. Blumenfield who died yesterday at the age of 70. Dr. Blumenfield was the director of the Department of Education and Culture of the American Section of the World Zionist Organization for over a decade, and before that was dean and president of the College of Jewish Studies, Chicago. He also lectured at the New School of Social Research and taught Judaic culture at Hofstra University. Dr. Blumenfield was a graduate of City College and studied for the rabbinate at the Jewish Institute of Religion where he received a master's degree in 1930.

SETTLEMENT SHELLED FROM SYRIAN LINES

TEL AVIV, March 2 (JTA)--Several shells were fired from Syrian lines at Nahal Golan in the southern Golan Heights last night as tension continued high on both sides of the Israel-Syria cease-fire line. No casualties or damage was reported from the shelling nor did Israeli forces return the fire. But Arab villagers on the Syrian side of the line were reportedly fleeing the area in fear of Israeli retaliation for yesterday's Syrian air raid on Neot Hagolan and Houshaniyeh, Israeli settlements in the Golan Heights.

There were no casualties from the air raids and damage was limited to a barn at Neot Hagolan

which caught fire and burned for several hours. The Syrian planes attacked while a Purim party was going on at Neot Hagolan. The civilian population of the village ran to bomb shelters. They were back at work in the fields this morning but precautionary measures were being taken. Israeli circles view the Syrian attack as a grave development, not for the damage it caused, which was minimal, but because it indicated a new tactic by the Syrians presumably taken in coordination with Egypt.

Damascus claimed the air raid was in retaliation for Israeli artillery attacks and air strikes early yesterday on terrorist bases inside Syria. The terrorists had been shelling Israeli military and civilian positions in the Golan Heights for the last three days. The Israeli circles pointed out that their countermeasures were aimed at terrorist strongholds and carefully avoided hitting Syrian Army positions but the Syrians, they said, are apparently not interested in reducing tension along the border.

LINDSAY REPRIMANDS ANTI-POVERTY OFFICIAL FOR ANTI-SEMITIC REMARKS ON RADIO SHOW ADL Urges Official Be Removed From Post

NEW YORK, March 2 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay's office reported today that the Mayor had sent a letter to David Billings, III, chairman of the New York City Council Against Poverty, declaring that some of Billings' remarks on a radio program Tuesday were "plainly offensive to members of the Jewish community of the city and indeed to many of our citizens, including me." The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith said Billings' remarks on the WNYC program were "vicious anti-Semitism" and asked Lindsay to remove Billings from his office.

The charge was made in a letter to the Mayor from Milton Seymour, chairman of the ADL New York Board. By coincidence, Billings was sworn in yesterday by Lindsay to a third one-year term as head of the city's policy-making agency for poverty programs. Seymour said Billings had made anti-Semitic remarks on "Action Interview," a program on the city-owned station. Billings issued a statement at the swearing-in ceremony in which he insisted that any remarks he made on the WNYC program were not directed against any group. He had called foes of the bitterly-contested low-income housing project in Forest Hills "an influential group religiously."

Billings said today that he was not referring "to the Jewish community" and that he did not consider the disputed Queens housing project "a Jewish-Black groups thing." He said that to state "a person of the Jewish faith is wrong--that doesn't mean I'm anti-Semitic." Jews have been among the leaders in the fight against the housing project. A spokesman said Lindsay had reprimanded Billings privately before the swearing-in ceremony and that he put his criticism on record in the letter to Billings, the text of which was released today. At one point in the WNYC program, the question was raised as to why those opposed to the project seemed to be getting substantial publicity, while those who support the project apparently were not heard.

According to the ADL, Billings commented that "You just got one group in this so-called democracy. This group is being listened to the most. Let's ask the question why. We have to deal with them and I have no problem because the particular group that's making noise happens to be an influential group religiously. Listen to what I'm saying, religiously. They can hook up with other factors in control economically; many of them hold legislative positions of that religious origin; many of them control

the school system of that religious origin; many of them control the press and the mass media of that religious origin...."

Mayor 'Deeply Disturbed'

Seymour declared that "it is inconceivable that a person holding such blatantly bigoted views could properly discharge the responsibilities of a public position requiring deep sensitivity and concern for all peoples. It surely brings into question his suitability to occupy a position of public trust. We respectfully urge that, as Chief Executive of the City of New York, you remove Mr. Billings as chairman of the Council Against Poverty."

In his letter, Lindsay stated he was "deeply disturbed" by Billings' comments on the radio program. The Mayor wrote: "I strongly reject what you said. I believe you did not mean to say anything that might be regarded as anti-Semitic. Still, any person who occupies the elected and highly responsible position of chairman of the Council Against Poverty must recognize the danger of polarization that can result from remarks that seemingly are directed against any ethnic group."

Lindsay added: "I hope that you will clarify this matter and that out of this unfortunate incident will come a greater sensitivity for the feelings of our people." Asked about the ADL demand for Billings' dismissal, the Mayor's office spokesman said that though the Mayor appointed the members of the 51-member Council, the chairman was elected by the members and that the Mayor did not control the office of the chairman.

ELIA'S DAUGHTER PLEADS FOR HIS RELEASE

NEW YORK, March 2 (JTA)--Calling the Committee of Concern "our last hope and our last chance," Mrs. Gabrielle Tawfik pleaded today for the release of her father, 68-year-old Albert Elia, who is believed to be held by Syria. "All our hopes" lie with the Committee, she told a press conference, referring to the nonsectarian humanitarian organization created to help "alleviate the plight of minorities in Arab countries."

Elia, secretary general of the Lebanese Jewish community, was reported kidnapped by terrorists last Sept. 6 between his home and his synagogue office. Since then, Mrs. Tawfik said, she has learned reliably from the Lebanese government that her father is imprisoned in Syria. The Damascus government has repeatedly denied this.

According to Mrs. Tawfik's information, Arab extremists believed Elia was illegally aiding the emigration of Syrian Jews to Lebanon, and wanted to end his influence. "Admittedly he helped these people," she said, "but his was no political organization. He was a humanitarian, and he acted as a Jew on behalf of a compassionate community."

RABBI MORRIS HALPERN DIES AT 42

MONTREAL, March 2 (JTA)--Rabbi Morris Halpern, 42, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Ora, died here yesterday after suffering a heart attack. A native of New York, Rabbi Halpern served as national program director of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America before coming to Montreal. He was a member of the Mirachi National Council, the Eastern Regional Council of the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Montreal Board of Jewish Ministers, the Council of Orthodox Rabbis and the Montreal Board of the Israel Bond Organization. Rabbi Halpern was a past president of the Rabbinical Council of America.

JEWISH GROUP DEMANDS CITY OFFICIALS**ACT TO END TERRORIST ACTIVITIES****ENCOURAGED, COMMITTED BY JDL**

API-HH Leader Calls For Social Change As Way To Combat JDL

NEW YORK, March 2 (JTA)--"If we are to combat the Jewish Defense League, we must look inwards, into ourselves and our society, and look to see what nourishes it (the JDL)," Richard Yaffe, chairman of the National Council of Americans for Progressive Israel-Hashomer Hatzair, and editor of Israel Horizons, said last night. Addressing some 300 persons attending a "protest meeting against terrorist acts and the Jewish Defense League," as it was termed by the American Association to Combat Fascism, Racism and Anti-Semitism which convened the meeting, Yaffe said it was difficult to combat the JDL because it makes points difficult to refute.

"Jews have memories of many holocausts, not only the last one," Yaffe said. "We are afraid, and it is useless to say we are not." The JDL, he noted, states there is a moral bankruptcy in the American Jewish establishment. "It is hard to argue with such a point," he said.

The JDL says there is anti-Semitism in America. "There certainly is, almost anywhere one can go," Yaffe observed. "Just because it is not virulent today does not mean it may not be tomorrow." In addition, he continued, the JDL's views on the alienation of Jewish youth and the future of Jewry in America is also undeniable. "But," Yaffe asserted, "the answers do not lie at the end of a billy club or a bicycle chain."

The rally unanimously adopted a resolution appointing a committee of seven to meet with Mayor John V. Lindsay to demand that the Police Department "take vigorous action" to apprehend those responsible for terrorist crimes in the city. Specifically mentioned was the shooting into a window of the Soviet Mission on Oct. 20, 1971, and the bombing of the offices of Sol Hurok and Columbia Artists Management on Jan. 26. The resolution also demanded an end to "the terrorist activities encouraged or committed by the Jewish Defense League."

JDL Creates Anti-Semitism

Yaffe warned that an alternative must be provided to those Jews who find the JDL and its leader, Rabbi Meir Kahane, an effective answer to their fears and anxieties. "We must join together to do something about our society here. We must fight for equality and the rights of people everywhere, as a group of knowledgeable Jews, as progressives." But the JDL is not the only force that has to be combated, he added. The fight has also got to be waged against Jewish leaders who have become "WASP-ish," he noted.

"We must be able to fight for the right of Jews to live as Jews, for decent allocations from Jewish welfare funds and federations for priorities we consider more important than putting up new community centers. We must fight for more help for Jewish education of all kinds, including religious education." Speaking on Soviet Jewry, Yaffe said it was not, as the JDL claims, the JDL that put the plight of Soviet Jewry on the front pages of the daily press, but the Soviet Jews themselves.

Paul Novick, editor of the Morning Freiheit, the pro-Soviet Yiddish-language daily, accused the JDL of "creating anti-Semitism, not fighting it." He noted that "American Jews are American citizens. Whatever problems they have must be solved here."

Sam Pevzner, executive director of the Jewish Cultural Clubs and Societies and a member of the pro-Soviet monthly magazine, Jewish Currents, called the JDL "a grave danger to the Jewish people of the

US and the Soviet Union, of Israel and world peace," and stated that it was "the most dangerous and unsavory phenomenon that has yet arisen in the Jewish community of the United States." Several other speakers at the meeting urged that the JDL be ostracized and swept into oblivion.

JEWISH WOMEN'S GROUP TO LAUNCH EFFORT TO AID JEWISH POOR IN SOME 28 CITIES

NEW YORK, March 2 (JTA)--The Leadership Conference of National Jewish Women's Organizations announced this week the formation of a committee to spearhead efforts in more than 28 cities to aid the Jewish poor. The announcement was made by Mrs. Charles Snitow of Scarsdale, N.Y., chairman of the Leadership Conference and co-chairman of the national Governing Council of the American Jewish Congress. Mrs. David M. Levitt of Great Neck, N.Y., president of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, will serve as chairman of the Committee for the Jewish Poor.

Leaders of the nine Jewish women's organizations that comprise the Leadership Conference will carry out the work of the committee nationally in reforming and expanding existing programs "in order to bring the Jewish poor into the mainstream of social welfare," according to Mrs. Snitow.

She declared: "The fact--and extent--of poverty within the Jewish community has only recently begun to be recognized. National and local criteria for the selection of poverty areas for dispensing federal assistance have not taken into account the special problems of the Jewish poor, 250,000 of whom live below the poverty level in New York alone."

Mrs. Snitow cited the rejection by Orthodox Jews of food surplus programs for religious reasons, the residence of many poor Jews outside of the designated poverty areas, along with their traditional resistance toward public charity, as contributing toward "making this large segment of our population invisible." The committee will conduct surveys of poverty pockets in each city where it has member organizations and assemble directories on where the poor can find and apply for various types of help.

FACTORY OFFICIAL REJECTS SLEPAK'S CONTENTION THAT HE IS UNFIT FOR WORK

NEW YORK, March 2 (JTA)--The manager of a concrete factory in Moscow has rejected Vladimir Slepak's contention that he is physically unfit to load gravel and has reported to the executive committee that Slepak "refuses" to work. The manager, surnamed Martinov, acted after the factory's chief engineer, surnamed Silin, supported Slepak's claim that his age (44) and his condition (inflamed leg) made it impossible for him to be a gravel-loader.

Slepak advised the city supervisor, surnamed Antonenko, that he would be willing to be a tool-sharpener, but his offer was rejected, according to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry. Slepak, a Jewish scientist who has sought a visa to Israel, has been threatened with a trial for "parasitism" if he does not take the gravel-loading job. The NCSJ said today that another medical examination has been scheduled for March 14, but could not explain the reason for the seeming delay.

A slight earth tremor coming in four waves was felt this morning in western Galilee. No damage was reported.