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TEL AVIV, March 9 (JTA)--Funeral services were held this afternoon for Dr. Yaacov Herzog, director general of the Premier's office, who died here last night at the age of 50. Dr. Herzog had suffered brain damage in a fall in his home last year just before Premier Golda Meir's trip to Washington. He was a son of the late Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Halevi Herzog and the brother of Gen. Chaim Herzog, the businessman, army officer and military analyst.

Dr. Herzog came to Palestine from his native Dublin at the age of 18, obtained rabbinical and university degrees and served in the Religious Affairs and Foreign Ministries. For the latter he was minister to the United States and to Poland and ambassador to Canada (1960-63). Dr. Herzog was named director general of the Premier's office by the late Levi Eshkol and served him and Mrs. Meir as senior political advisor.

Having a special interest in relations with the diaspora, Dr. Herzog was the moving spirit behind the first of the Premier's worldwide conferences. A decade ago he was elected Chief Rabbi of Britain, but poor health prevented him from taking the post.

#### NON-JEWISH ALDERMAN RECEIVES AWARD FOR AIDING EMIGRATION OF SOVIET JEW

ATLANTA, March 9 (JTA)--A non-Jewish alderman who helped Yaacov Gluzman emigrate from the Soviet Union to be reunited in Israel with his wife, Rita, and their baby was awarded a commemorative Israeli "Let My People Go" coin here by Moshe Gilboa, Israeli Consul General for the Southeast. Gilboa said Alderman Wyche Fowler's "humanitarian act on behalf of the Jewish family is a shining example for human brotherhood, courage, and dedication to promote basic human rights including one's right of emigration to one's homeland."

On a State Department-sponsored visit to the Soviet Union last November, Fowler raised the question of Gluzman's emigration with Soviet officials, having read a story about Mrs. Gluzman in an Atlanta newspaper. Within two days, Gluzman's exit visa was approved.

#### CONGRESS VOTES SABBATH OBSERVERS' RIGHTS INTO CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

NEW YORK, March 9 (JTA)--Howard Rhine, president of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA), hailed today the adoption by both the House and the Senate of a bill that would protect the employment rights and religious practices of Sabbath observers nationwide. The Senate adopted the bill yesterday and the House last week. The bill now awaits President Nixon's signature.

The provision, the language of which was

drafted by COLPA vice-president Nathan Lewin, a Washington attorney, is part of an amendment to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and would require an employer to show that it would cause an unreasonable hardship on his business to hire or retain a Sabbath observer because of his need for time off to observe his Sabbath and other holy days during the year.

The accommodations to Sabbath observers prescribed by the bill have been required of employers since 1967 by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in their Guidelines on Discrimination Because of Religion. Rhine noted that Sabbath observers have been afforded a large measure of protection under the EEOC guidelines. "However," he said, "the guidelines are an interpretation by an Administrative Agency, whereas passage of this bill will make this protective a matter of statutory law with much greater power behind it."

In his statement, Rhine also stated: "The passage of this bill is a vital step in guaranteeing that equal employment opportunity becomes a reality for the Orthodox Jewish community. We intend to spare no effort in securing compliance by employers with these basic rules of conduct."

#### **BNAI ZION, API-HH URGE ZOA TO RECONSIDER ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM AZF**

NEW YORK, March 9 (JTA)--Two more Zionist organizations have called on the Zionist Organization of America to reconsider its withdrawal from the American Zionist Federation. Americans for Progressive Israel-Hashomer Hatzair, voicing its "concern for a vigorous and creative AZF," said the ZOA defection was "a further weakening of the AZF."

In a statement, API-HH said that for the AZF to succeed as "a vibrant and creative Zionist movement," it "must be an organization of ideas and ideologies that reflect the full spectrum of American Zionist life." The ZOA withdrawal, it continued, "diminishes this possibility and impoverishes the Federation itself and all Zionists" and prevents the AZF from being "a source of inspiration, courage and strength to American Jewry and to Israel."

Bnai Zion, the American Fraternal Zionist Organization, adopted a resolution calling the ZOA action "tantamount to disenfranchisement of many loyal and devoted Zionist members from the world Zionist movement." Asking the ZOA to "reconsider this decision," Bnai Zion declared: "We support and have full confidence in the AZF, its leadership and its programs which are gaining ever wider recognition in the American Jewish community." The resolution noted that the AZF was created "after a long struggle to establish a meaningful and effective unified American Zionist front, which effort Bnai Zion wholeheartedly and actively supported."

#### **NIXON URGED TO MEET WITH SOVIET JEWISH ACTIVIST DURING MAY VISIT**

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9 (JTA)--The Union of Councils for Soviet Jews advised President Nixon by telegram last night that his meeting with Jewish activists would be "one of the ways that you can respond to the many Americans, Jewish and non-Jewish, who have made many requests that the Soviet Jewish problem be included on your Moscow agenda in May."

Harold B. Light, first vice-chairman of the Council, reminded Nixon that four Soviet Jewish activists--Roman Rutman, Viktor Polsky, Vladimir Slepak and Prof. Aleksander Lerner--had made the request for a meeting with Nixon in a recent telephone conversation with Prof. David

Korn, head of the Russian Department of Howard University in Washington.

"The courage of these four scientists is incredible," Light said in a separate statement. "They have all lost their jobs or suffered severe harassments by Soviet authorities after applying for exit visas. It is only by talking with Jews who can relate their own personal experiences that our President can get the true picture."

#### **ENCYCLOPAEDIA JUDAICA EDITOR HONORED**

NEW YORK, March 9 (JTA)--The new 16-volume Encyclopaedia Judaica was called "a bridge between Israel and the diaspora" by Dr. Geoffrey Wigoder of the Hebrew University, its editor-in-chief, who was honored at a luncheon given here today by the American Zionist Federation. Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the AZF, who presided at the luncheon, described the work as "the most important Jewish publishing event in the 20th century."

Dr. Wigoder said that beginning in 1973, the Encyclopaedia would issue an annual yearbook bringing it up to date. He noted that the Encyclopaedia Judaica has 25,000 articles, 8000 illustrations and 500,000 index items. Of its 2000 contributors and 300 editors, 55 percent are Israelis, 35 percent are Americans.

According to Dr. Wigoder, "This is a reflection of the fact that Israel and the US are the two centers of Jewish cultural and intellectual activities." Honored with Dr. Wigoder was Mrs. Cecil Roth, widow of the former editor-in-chief of the Encyclopaedia who died before it was completed.

#### **FRENCH SOCIALIST LEADER BACKS ARABS**

PARIS, March 9 (JTA)--French Socialist Party leader Francois Mitterand said last night that he was on the side "of all the oppressed nations of the world, including the Palestinians." Mitterand, who is due to leave Tuesday for Israel at the invitation of the government ruling party, made his statement at a press conference held at the Socialist Party's headquarters here.

Mitterand, who had convened a press conference in order to rap the Czech government for the political arrests and trials which it is carrying out, said that "Socialists support victims of injustice all over the world," adding that "we support the victims of Franco's police in Spain, as well as the Russian Jews who are not allowed to leave the Soviet Union." After the conference, Mitterand refused to further explain his words when approached by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. A Socialist Party spokesman said, however, that in spite of Mitterand's remarks "nothing is changed and he will leave for Israel on March 14."

Observers here believe that Mitterand expressed support for the Palestinian problem in order to try and placate the Communist Party as he was about to take it to task over the Czech crisis. Mitterand, who hopes to lead a Socialist-Communist opposition coalition during the next presidential elections, would like to improve relations with the CP though he has to take a strong line over Czechoslovakia on behalf of his traditionally more moderate supporters. The Mideast is of no political importance to the Socialists but is of vital importance to the Communists because of their links with Moscow.

It is understood that Mitterand, the only serious opposition contender for power in France today, will deal with the Mideast issue at a press conference after his return from Israel on March 18.

## **BLACK TEACHERS' GROUP HEAD 'APPALLED'** **AT ADL CHARGE OF ANTI-SEMITISM**

NEW YORK, March 9 (JTA)--The president of the African-American Teachers' Association said yesterday he was "appalled" at the action of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in labeling the ATA "anti-Semitic" just because the two organizations "disagree" on the approach to Black-Jewish problems. If a Jew "disagreed" with a Black program, Albert Vann told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, it would be unfair to label him automatically "anti-Black."

Vann, who had not returned earlier JTA telephone calls, was responding to charges by the ADL last Thursday that public funds to the ATA from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare were being "used to subsidize racial or religious hatred," epitomized by what the ADL said were anti-Semitic quotations in Forum, the ATA's journal, in 1967 and 1968; by former ATA official Leslie Campbell in Black News, and by ATA official Tyrone Woods in a WBAI radio broadcast on Jan. 24, 1969.

The quotations variously referred to Jewish "domination" of the city's public schools, Jewish "exploiters" of Blacks, "despicable Jew boys," Israeli "imperialism" and Hitler's virtues. Vann said he did not recall the quotations and wanted to know if they had been taken out of context by the ADL. He also asked why alleged statements made several years ago were just now being raised by the ADL.

### **Can't Remember That Far Back**

Asked his opinion of the quote attributed to Woods--"As far as I'm concerned, more power to Hitler. He didn't make enough lampshades out of them. He didn't make enough belts out of them"--Vann said: "I wouldn't endorse such a quote." But he expressed "doubt" that Woods had made the statement. The ATA president charged the ADL with "skillful manipulation" in its choice of quotations, adding: "To what extent have these statements affected the quality of life in the city?"

Asked if he would endorse the reported statement in the lead article of the Nov.-Dec. 1967 Forum criticizing "the Jews who dominate and control the educational bureaucracy of the New York public school system," spelling "death for the minds and souls of our Black children," Vann said it was important to know whether the article was a Forum editorial or a bylined opinion piece. He himself, he said, did not recall the quotation or the article.

Asked if he believed Jews "dominate and control" the city's public schools, Vann replied: "Who has the power to change and affect life?" adding that Jews were more preponderant in the educational world than in the general population. When the JTA asked Vann if through larger numbers a group automatically has inordinate power, Vann said: "Sure, in some institutions." Asked if this included the public schools here, he replied that this was "common knowledge."

### **Not Personal Opinion**

Advised of Vann's rebuttal to the ADL's charges, Irwin Sull, the B'nai B'rith unit's domestic fact-finding director, told the JTA that in seeing educators in terms of religion, Vann was concocting "a Jewish conspiracy." He pointed out that the ADL's protest to HEW Secretary Elliot L. Richardson listed "a number of other" instances of "anti-Semitic" statements by ATA leaders beyond those indicated to the press, the most recent

one being in the Nov. 1971 Forum.

In that issue, he said, more than a page of the eight-page publication was devoted to an article signed "Carol Williams" declaring that the position of school secretary has through the years been "a Jewish-dominated position, as is everything else in the Board of Education." Sull contended that since Miss Williams was not identified by anything but her name, the implication was that she spoke for the Forum editors and the ATA. Besides, he added, "It's an organizational bulletin, not a discussion magazine, not a newspaper."

## **SOVIET JEWISH SCIENTIST, 72, WIFE, 67,** **APPEAL FOR AID TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL**

NEW YORK, March 9 (JTA)--The Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry made public yesterday a petition sent to the International Red Cross by Prof. Evsey Ratner, an eminent Soviet specialist in plant physiology, appealing for assistance for his wife and himself to be reunited with their daughter and granddaughter in Israel. The professor stated: "At present we are refused permission to go to Israel. All our petitions to have our case re-examined remain without results. Our family is now divided....Our sole desire in our old age is to spend the rest of our days together with them...."

Prof. Ratner is 72 years old and his wife, Katzia, is 67. Both are invalids and incapable of working. The professor is quite ill, according to the Conference with a debilitating eye disease that has left him with a 50 percent loss of vision. The Soviet authorities have refused the Ratner appeal on the grounds that he is too important a man to be allowed to leave.

## **JEWISH MINISTER RESIGNS OVER ISSUE** **OF GOVERNMENT AID TO SCHOOLS**

TORONTO, March 9 (JTA)--Sidney Green, Minister of Mines and Resources of the province of Manitoba, has resigned his Cabinet portfolio over the issue of public aid to private and parochial schools. The Jewish official also gave up his other post as Minister of Urban Affairs. The resignation of the key minister a week before the start of the 1972 session of the Manitoba legislature brings into the open, says the Toronto Globe and Mail, a deep rift in the Cabinet and the New Democratic caucus, causing speculation that the Province may be heading for a general election.

Green, 42, said in an interview with the Globe and Mail that he felt it was the only way he could maintain the principle of opposition to public aid to private and parochial schools. Manitoba has no separate school system and religious-oriented schools have to find their own finances while their supporters contribute through taxes to the public school system.

It is known that Premier Ed Schreyer, head of the New Democratic government of the Province, favors such aid. Some of his followers, both inside and out of the Cabinet, oppose it. In the past, two other Jewish Cabinet members--Saul Cherniack and Saul Miller--have been among the opponents of government aid. While most of the schools involved would be Catholic, there are two Jewish institutions in Winnipeg--the Peretz Shule and the Talmud Torah--as well as several synagogue day schools that would gain from such aid.

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#### DR. YAAKOV HERZOG, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PREMIER'S OFFICE, DIES AT 50

TEL AVIV, March 9 (JTA)--Funeral services were held this afternoon for Dr. Yaacov Herzog, director general of the Premier's office, who died here last night at the age of 50. Dr. Herzog had suffered brain damage in a fall in his home last year just before Premier Golda Meir's trip to Washington. He was a son of the late Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Halevi Herzog and the brother of Gen. Chaim Herzog, the businessman, army officer and military analyst.

Dr. Herzog came to Palestine from his native Dublin at the age of 18, obtained rabbinical and university degrees and served in the Religious Affairs and Foreign Ministries. For the latter he was minister to the United States and to Poland and ambassador to Canada (1960-63). Dr. Herzog was named director general of the Premier's office by the late Levi Eshkol and served him and Mrs. Meir as senior political advisor.

Having a special interest in relations with the diaspora, Dr. Herzog was the moving spirit behind the first of the Premier's worldwide conferences. A decade ago he was elected Chief Rabbi of Britain, but poor health prevented him from taking the post.

#### NON-JEWISH ALDERMAN RECEIVES AWARD FOR AIDING EMIGRATION OF SOVIET JEW

ATLANTA, March 9 (JTA)--A non-Jewish alderman who helped Yaacov Gluzman emigrate from the Soviet Union to be reunited in Israel with his wife, Rita, and their baby was awarded a commemorative Israeli "Let My People Go" coin here by Moshe Gilboa, Israeli Consul General for the Southeast. Gilboa said Alderman Wyche Fowler's "humanitarian act on behalf of the Jewish family is a shining example for human brotherhood, courage, and dedication to promote basic human rights including one's right of emigration to one's homeland."

On a State Department-sponsored visit to the Soviet Union last November, Fowler raised the question of Gluzman's emigration with Soviet officials, having read a story about Mrs. Gluzman in an Atlanta newspaper. Within two days, Gluzman's exit visa was approved.

#### CONGRESS VOTES SABBATH OBSERVERS' RIGHTS INTO CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

NEW YORK, March 9 (JTA)--Howard Rhine, president of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA), hailed today the adoption by both the House and the Senate of a bill that would protect the employment rights and religious practices of Sabbath observers nationwide. The Senate adopted the bill yesterday and the House last week. The bill now awaits President Nixon's signature.

The provision, the language of which was

drafted by COLPA vice-president Nathan Lewin, a Washington attorney, is part of an amendment to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and would require an employer to show that it would cause an unreasonable hardship on his business to hire or retain a Sabbath observer because of his need for time off to observe his Sabbath and other holy days during the year.

The accommodations to Sabbath observers prescribed by the bill have been required of employers since 1967 by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in their Guidelines on Discrimination Because of Religion. Rhine noted that Sabbath observers have been afforded a large measure of protection under the EEOC guidelines. "However," he said, "the guidelines are an interpretation by an Administrative Agency, whereas passage of this bill will make this protective a matter of statutory law with much greater power behind it."

In his statement, Rhine also stated: "The passage of this bill is a vital step in guaranteeing that equal employment opportunity becomes a reality for the Orthodox Jewish community. We intend to spare no effort in securing compliance by employers with these basic rules of conduct."

#### **BNAI ZION, API-HH URGE ZOA TO RECONSIDER ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM AZF**

NEW YORK, March 9 (JTA)--Two more Zionist organizations have called on the Zionist Organization of America to reconsider its withdrawal from the American Zionist Federation. Americans for Progressive Israel-Hashomer Hatzair, voicing its "concern for a vigorous and creative AZF," said the ZOA defection was "a further weakening of the AZF."

In a statement, API-HH said that for the AZF to succeed as "a vibrant and creative Zionist movement," it "must be an organization of ideas and ideologies that reflect the full spectrum of American Zionist life." The ZOA withdrawal, it continued, "diminishes this possibility and impoverishes the Federation itself and all Zionists" and prevents the AZF from being "a source of inspiration, courage and strength to American Jewry and to Israel."

Bnai Zion, the American Fraternal Zionist Organization, adopted a resolution calling the ZOA action "tantamount to disenfranchisement of many loyal and devoted Zionist members from the world Zionist movement." Asking the ZOA to "reconsider this decision," Bnai Zion declared: "We support and have full confidence in the AZF, its leadership and its programs which are gaining ever wider recognition in the American Jewish community." The resolution noted that the AZF was created "after a long struggle to establish a meaningful and effective unified American Zionist front, which effort Bnai Zion wholeheartedly and actively supported."

#### **NIXON URGED TO MEET WITH SOVIET JEWISH ACTIVIST DURING MAY VISIT**

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9 (JTA)--The Union of Councils for Soviet Jews advised President Nixon by telegram last night that his meeting with Jewish activists would be "one of the ways that you can respond to the many Americans, Jewish and non-Jewish, who have made many requests that the Soviet Jewish problem be included on your Moscow agenda in May."

Harold B. Light, first vice-chairman of the Council, reminded Nixon that four Soviet Jewish activists--Roman Rutman, Viktor Polsky, Vladimir Slepak and Prof. Aleksander Lerner--had made the request for a meeting with Nixon in a recent telephone conversation with Prof. David

Korn, head of the Russian Department of Howard University in Washington.

"The courage of these four scientists is incredible," Light said in a separate statement. "They have all lost their jobs or suffered severe harassments by Soviet authorities after applying for exit visas. It is only by talking with Jews who can relate their own personal experiences that our President can get the true picture."

#### **ENCYCLOPAEDIA JUDAICA EDITOR HONORED**

NEW YORK, March 9 (JTA)--The new 16-volume Encyclopaedia Judaica was called "a bridge between Israel and the diaspora" by Dr. Geoffrey Wigoder of the Hebrew University, its editor-in-chief, who was honored at a luncheon given here today by the American Zionist Federation. Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the AZF, who presided at the luncheon, described the work as "the most important Jewish publishing event in the 20th century."

Dr. Wigoder said that beginning in 1973, the Encyclopaedia would issue an annual yearbook bringing it up to date. He noted that the Encyclopaedia Judaica has 25,000 articles, 8000 illustrations and 500,000 index items. Of its 2000 contributors and 300 editors, 55 percent are Israelis, 35 percent are Americans.

According to Dr. Wigoder, "This is a reflection of the fact that Israel and the US are the two centers of Jewish cultural and intellectual activities." Honored with Dr. Wigoder was Mrs. Cecil Roth, widow of the former editor-in-chief of the Encyclopaedia who died before it was completed.

#### **FRENCH SOCIALIST LEADER BACKS ARABS**

PARIS, March 9 (JTA)--French Socialist Party leader Francois Mitterand said last night that he was on the side "of all the oppressed nations of the world, including the Palestinians." Mitterand, who is due to leave Tuesday for Israel at the invitation of the government ruling party, made his statement at a press conference held at the Socialist Party's headquarters here.

Mitterand, who had convened a press conference in order to rap the Czech government for the political arrests and trials which it is carrying out, said that "Socialists support victims of injustice all over the world," adding that "we support the victims of Franco's police in Spain, as well as the Russian Jews who are not allowed to leave the Soviet Union." After the conference, Mitterand refused to further explain his words when approached by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. A Socialist Party spokesman said, however, that in spite of Mitterand's remarks "nothing is changed and he will leave for Israel on March 14."

Observers here believe that Mitterand expressed support for the Palestinian problem in order to try and placate the Communist Party as he was about to take it to task over the Czech crisis. Mitterand, who hopes to lead a Socialist-Communist opposition coalition during the next presidential elections, would like to improve relations with the CP though he has to take a strong line over Czechoslovakia on behalf of his traditionally more moderate supporters. The Mideast is of no political importance to the Socialists but is of vital importance to the Communists because of their links with Moscow.

It is understood that Mitterand, the only serious opposition contender for power in France today, will deal with the Mideast issue at a press conference after his return from Israel on March 18.

## **BLACK TEACHERS' GROUP HEAD 'APPALLED'** **AT ADL CHARGE OF ANTI-SEMITISM**

NEW YORK, March 9 (JTA)--The president of the African-American Teachers' Association said yesterday he was "appalled" at the action of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in labeling the ATA "anti-Semitic" just because the two organizations "disagree" on the approach to Black-Jewish problems. If a Jew "disagreed" with a Black program, Albert Vann told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, it would be unfair to label him automatically "anti-Black."

Vann, who had not returned earlier JTA telephone calls, was responding to charges by the ADL last Thursday that public funds to the ATA from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare were being "used to subsidize racial or religious hatred," epitomized by what the ADL said were anti-Semitic quotations in Forum, the ATA's journal, in 1967 and 1968; by former ATA official Leslie Campbell in Black News, and by ATA official Tyrone Woods in a WBAI radio broadcast on Jan. 24, 1969.

The quotations variously referred to Jewish "domination" of the city's public schools, Jewish "exploiters" of Blacks, "despicable Jew boys," Israeli "imperialism" and Hitler's virtues. Vann said he did not recall the quotations and wanted to know if they had been taken out of context by the ADL. He also asked why alleged statements made several years ago were just now being raised by the ADL.

### **Can't Remember That Far Back**

Asked his opinion of the quote attributed to Woods--"As far as I'm concerned, more power to Hitler. He didn't make enough lampshades out of them. He didn't make enough belts out of them"--Vann said: "I wouldn't endorse such a quote." But he expressed "doubt" that Woods had made the statement. The ATA president charged the ADL with "skillful manipulation" in its choice of quotations, adding: "To what extent have these statements affected the quality of life in the city?"

Asked if he would endorse the reported statement in the lead article of the Nov.-Dec. 1967 Forum criticizing "the Jews who dominate and control the educational bureaucracy of the New York public school system," spelling "death for the minds and souls of our Black children," Vann said it was important to know whether the article was a Forum editorial or a bylined opinion piece. He himself, he said, did not recall the quotation or the article.

Asked if he believed Jews "dominate and control" the city's public schools, Vann replied: "Who has the power to change and affect life?" adding that Jews were more preponderant in the educational world than in the general population. When the JTA asked Vann if through larger numbers a group automatically has inordinate power, Vann said: "Sure, in some institutions." Asked if this included the public schools here, he replied that this was "common knowledge."

### **Not Personal Opinion**

Advised of Vann's rebuttal to the ADL's charges, Irwin Sull, the B'nai B'rith unit's domestic fact-finding director, told the JTA that in seeing educators in terms of religion, Vann was concocting "a Jewish conspiracy." He pointed out that the ADL's protest to HEW Secretary Elliot L. Richardson listed "a number of other" instances of "anti-Semitic" statements by ATA leaders beyond those indicated to the press, the most recent

one being in the Nov. 1971 Forum.

In that issue, he said, more than a page of the eight-page publication was devoted to an article signed "Carol Williams" declaring that the position of school secretary has through the years been "a Jewish-dominated position, as is everything else in the Board of Education." Sull contended that since Miss Williams was not identified by anything but her name, the implication was that she spoke for the Forum editors and the ATA. Besides, he added, "It's an organizational bulletin, not a discussion magazine, not a newspaper."

## **SOVIET JEWISH SCIENTIST, 72, WIFE, 67,** **APPEAL FOR AID TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL**

NEW YORK, March 9 (JTA)--The Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry made public yesterday a petition sent to the International Red Cross by Prof. Evsey Ratner, an eminent Soviet specialist in plant physiology, appealing for assistance for his wife and himself to be reunited with their daughter and granddaughter in Israel. The professor stated: "At present we are refused permission to go to Israel. All our petitions to have our case re-examined remain without results. Our family is now divided....Our sole desire in our old age is to spend the rest of our days together with them...."

Prof. Ratner is 72 years old and his wife, Katzia, is 67. Both are invalids and incapable of working. The professor is quite ill, according to the Conference with a debilitating eye disease that has left him with a 50 percent loss of vision. The Soviet authorities have refused the Ratner appeal on the grounds that he is too important a man to be allowed to leave.

## **JEWISH MINISTER RESIGNS OVER ISSUE** **OF GOVERNMENT AID TO SCHOOLS**

TORONTO, March 9 (JTA)--Sidney Green, Minister of Mines and Resources of the province of Manitoba, has resigned his Cabinet portfolio over the issue of public aid to private and parochial schools. The Jewish official also gave up his other post as Minister of Urban Affairs. The resignation of the key minister a week before the start of the 1972 session of the Manitoba legislature brings into the open, says the Toronto Globe and Mail, a deep rift in the Cabinet and the New Democratic caucus, causing speculation that the Province may be heading for a general election.

Green, 42, said in an interview with the Globe and Mail that he felt it was the only way he could maintain the principle of opposition to public aid to private and parochial schools. Manitoba has no separate school system and religious-oriented schools have to find their own finances while their supporters contribute through taxes to the public school system.

It is known that Premier Ed Schreyer, head of the New Democratic government of the Province, favors such aid. Some of his followers, both inside and out of the Cabinet, oppose it. In the past, two other Jewish Cabinet members--Saul Cherniack and Saul Miller--have been among the opponents of government aid. While most of the schools involved would be Catholic, there are two Jewish institutions in Winnipeg--the Peretz Shule and the Talmud Torah--as well as several synagogue day schools that would gain from such aid.

The second volume of David Ben-Gurion's memoirs, covering the years 1933-35, has been published in Tel Aviv.