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LONDON, March 15 (JTA)--Nineteen prisoners in Camp 19 of the Potma prison in Soviet Mordovia--10 of them non-Jews--went on a hunger strike of indefinite duration starting last Saturday over the issue of admittance of visitors. The mother of Boris Penson was denied permission to see him or to see Mikhail Shepselovich in place of his ill mother, according to Jewish sources. The Jews on strike are Anatoly Altman, Boris Penson, Mikhail Shepselovich, Aleksander Galperin, Gary Kirshner, Anatoly Goldfeld, Lev Naumovich Yagman, Yuri Vudka and an unidentified man. The commandant of the camp is surnamed Yusov.

The sources also reported that in Kovno, Lithuania, the Deputy Mayor in charge of cultural affairs denied a group of Jews a license to teach Hebrew at the local synagogue, saying it was to be used only for prayer. But he agreed to allow the classes to be held at the Hall of Culture of the local trade unions. Sixty-five Jews signed up for the classes. The teachers were then told they needed diplomas, which they do not have, and offered to assign a Hebrew-speaking priest to the classes in their place.

The teachers agreed, but were then told the classes could not proceed if more than half the students held exit visas for Israel--a stricture that has been used by the Soviet authorities before in such cases. "We cannot run classes here to prepare experts for the State of Israel," the applicants were told. The matter has not been resolved.

School Situation In Argentina Desperate SCHOLARSHIPS SET UP FOR NEEDY CHILDREN IN JEWISH SCHOOL SYSTEM

Buenos Aires, March 15 (JTA)--In view of the grave situation which is facing the Jewish school system in this country, Herzl Gesang, president of the Olam Insurance Company, announced that his firm has set up 10 scholarships for needy Jewish students. These scholarships will be handed over to the Federation of Parents Clubs of Hebrew Schools (Horim) for distribution to parents who cannot afford to pay tuition fees.

The Jewish school system here is beset by economic difficulties. Last year some 2000

children were forced to drop out of school because their parents could not pay tuition fees and a number of schools face shut-downs. Several days ago, Joseph Klarman, head of the Youth Aliya Department of the Jewish Agency in Israel, cabled Zvi Feingersh, head of the Jewish community in Buenos Aires, and offered to absorb Jewish children in Argentina who face loss of education.

Klarman also stated that youth alia institutions in Israel are in a position to absorb all children whose parents are unable to pay for tuition in Argentine Hebrew schools. He said he was prepared to come to Argentina to arrange for the children's transfer to Israel.

Klarman's proposal is not considered feasible by Jewish leaders here since most of the children are from six to twelve years of age and regarded as too tender to be separated from their parents. Baruch Jungman, secretary general of Horim, acknowledged Olam's grant and expressed the hope that other Jewish financial institutions will follow suit. The new school semester begins today and there is no indication how many children will be forced to drop out this year.

STATE ASSEMBLY APPROVES BY 127-9 VOTE BILL BANNING SABBATH ELECTIONS Also Bans Elections On Holy Days

NEW YORK, March 15 (JTA)--A bill which would prevent the 26 anti-poverty agencies in New York City from holding annual elections for their boards on Saturdays was approved today by the New York State Assembly by a vote of 127-9 and now goes to the State Senate Judiciary Committee. Such elections are now permitted by the Council Against Poverty, New York City's central agency for the 26 community corporations, the formal name for the anti-poverty agencies.

Assemblyman Leonard Silverman, a Brooklyn Democrat, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that an effort would be made to get the legislation out of the Senate committee for a vote next week. The fight there is being led by State Sen. Albert Lewis, Brooklyn Democrat. The reason for the intensity of the effort to get Assembly and Senate approval quickly is the need for the legislation to be approved for Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's signature in time to affect the next community corporation board elections in April.

Initial plans were for a bill barring elections only on Saturdays but the measure was broadened to ban elections on the holy days of members of all religious groups in the state to make it more acceptable to the state solons.

NEW RA HEAD CALLS FOR STRONG DIASPORA JUDAISM

KIAMESHA LAKE, March 15 (JTA)--Declaring that the problems raised by the women's liberation movement and the Black revolution are among the most serious external questions confronting the American Jewish community, Dr. Judah Nadich, who today was elected president of the Rabbinical Assembly, said that the "survival of diaspora Judaism and its spiritual and cultural strength" is essential to the well being of Jewish life in the United States, Israel and throughout the world."

The rabbi of New York's Park Avenue Synagogue, who was chosen to head the thousand member international rabbinical body of Conservative Judaism, said that if "the rescue of Russian Jewry is to continue, as it must, and the building of the Jewish State go forward, as it must, the renaissance of Jewish life in America must occupy a top priority." Addressing the 72nd annual Rabbinical Assembly, Dr. Nadich stated that "It is high time for our movement to accord to Jewish women their

rightful equality in the synagogue and the school, in Jewish law and in Jewish life."

Referring to the Black liberation struggle, he declared that as a group that played "no small role" in the development of the movement towards Black equality, Jews must not turn their backs on this fight for justice, while at the same time not condone injustice for the Jew in the Black fight for equality. "Justice for the Black man must not mean injustice for the Jew, or anyone else, Dr. Nadich said.

"Quotas for, usually mean, also quotas against, and discrimination in reverse is as inequitable as any other form of discrimination. Jewish leadership, then, must be extended on behalf of greater opportunity for the Black man without, in any way, diminishing the opportunities so sorely won by the Jew over so many painful years."

Dr. Nadich, who was senior chaplain in Europe during World War II, said that in the effort by American Jewry to fulfill its obligations in the cause of social justice on the American scene, and in its support of Israel and the liberation of Soviet Jewry, "Conservative Judaism, and the Jewish Theological Seminary, can play a unique role. For only we can maintain a continuity with the traditional character of Judaism and yet be prepared to meet the challenges of the revolutionary age in which we live." Dr. Nadich is currently also president of both the Association of Jewish Chaplains in the Armed Forces and the JWB's Jewish Book Council.

KOLLEK: JERUSALEM WILL REMAIN UNITED

NEW YORK, March 15 (JTA)--Jerusalem will remain united, no matter what, Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem today told newsmen at the end of his tour of "The Word From Jerusalem" exhibit at the Jewish Museum which is sponsored by Hadasah to mark its 60th anniversary. The exhibit will be on display through March 26.

Answering questions on King Hussein's proposal to form a federated United Arab Kingdom consisting of an autonomous West Bank with East Jerusalem as its regional capital, and Jordan proper Kollek replied, "I'm just the mayor of the city of Jerusalem, not a politician for other office. This is a matter for the national government, not me."

Noting that the Palestinians are the most important part of the problem, he stated, "We have been living peacefully with the Palestinians for many years. The others (Arab States) have nothing to do with it."

Early in the evening, Kollek and Sargent Shriver, former American Ambassador to France and past director of the Peace Corps and the Office of Economic Opportunity, were guests of honor at a reception at the America-Israel Cultural Foundation. Shriver is the new chairman of the Israel Museum International Organization of Patrons. Mayor Kollek is in the US with his wife, Tamar, and his daughter, Osnat, for a two-week speaking tour on behalf of Israel Bonds.

MRS. TREPPER'S VISIT CANCELLED

JERUSALEM, March 15 (JTA)--The Polish authorities have changed their minds about permitting Mrs. Elisabeth Trepper to visit her ill daughter-in-law in Copenhagen, it was reported here by her son Edward Trepper, who spoke with her by telephone. Mrs. Trepper's husband, Leopold, headed the underground "Red Orchestra" in World War II. Both have been barred from leaving Poland for Israel. Edward Trepper staged a hunger strike at the Western Wall last month to protest that refusal.

DEPORTATION HEARING SET FOR FORMER NAZI NOW A RESIDENT IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 15 (JTA)--The United States Immigration and Naturalization Service has postponed until Monday a hearing scheduled for yesterday on whether Mrs. Hermine Braunsteiner Ryan should be deported because of her Nazi past.

The reason for the delay was apparently the incident last Saturday when a self-styled "Jewish Resistance Assault Team," seeking to demonstrate against her, firebombed a house with the same street number half a mile away, causing minor damage. The "resistance" group said through an unidentified representative over the telephone to a newspaper that it had no connection with the Jewish Defense League.

Mrs. Ryan, who is married to an American citizen, lost her American citizenship last Sept. 29 for concealing the fact that she had been convicted by an Austrian court in 1949 for torturing and otherwise mistreating women and children at the Ravensbrueck and Maidanek death camps. She was sentenced to three years' imprisonment and confiscation of her property.

The US Justice Department charged she had concealed her former Nazi SS membership in her citizenship application. Mrs. Ryan was located in Queens (a New York City borough) in 1964 by Simon Wiesenthal of the Vienna Documentation Center, who reported her to the US government. If it is found that she still possesses Austrian citizenship, her extradition to Austria will be sought by Wiesenthal so that she can face murder charges there.

UNIVERSITY HONORS MAN WHO RESCUED 50,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM DEPORTATION TO DEATH CAMPS DURING WORLD WAR II

DETROIT, March 15 (JTA)--The University of Michigan inaugurated a lecture series today honoring an alumnus of its class of 1932 who, during World War II, was directly responsible for rescuing more than 50,000 Hungarian Jews from deportation to Nazi death camps. The lecture series at the University's College of Architecture, is named for Raoul Gustaf Wallenberg, scion of a wealthy Swedish family who volunteered to aid Jewish victims of Nazi persecution early in 1940 and was eminently successful at his task as a diplomat assigned to the Swedish Legation in Budapest in 1944.

The initiative for the Wallenberg lectures came from Sol King, a U. of M. classmate who in 1969 undertook to raise a scholarship and lecture fund to honor the Wallenberg name. The \$30,000 subscribed by a number of Detroiters and by Wallenberg's classmates has been earmarked for the annual lecture series.

Dean Reginald F. Malcolmson of the College of Engineering presided at the inaugural at which the first lecture was given by King. Philip Slomovitz, editor and publisher of the Detroit Jewish News was another speaker. King presented a history of the Wallenberg effort. A symposium based on his lecture will be held tomorrow.

In 1944, Wallenberg was assigned as third secretary of the Swedish Legation in Budapest in charge of a special department responsible for the protection and relief of Jews. He issued thousands of protective passports to Jews in Budapest, sheltered Jews in apartment houses under the Swedish flag and personally released Jews from deportation trains under Nazi guns. Wallenberg also organized an undercover group of young Jews who raided Nazi prisons and released Jews held there.

CHARGES AGAINST JDL'ER DROPPED

LOS ANGELES, March 15 (JTA)--A charge of as-

sault with intent to commit murder has been dropped against Irving S. Rubin, 28-year-old leader of the Jewish Defense League office here. He was accused of firing "two or three shots" at Joe Tommasi, leader of the El Monte office of the National Socialist White People's Party last Feb. 1 following an anti-Nazi demonstration. A spokesman from the District Attorney's office said that after "careful consideration of the case there was insufficient evidence to file a criminal complaint" against Rubin.

A demonstration by more than 1000 irate citizens of El Monte and members of the JDL erupted last month into violence and resulted in the arrests of several on various charges. They were protesting the presence of the Nazis' headquarters. Rubin, of suburban Northridge, was arrested one week after the incident following Tommasi's complaint to police that the JDL leader fired gunshots from an auto two days after the demonstration.

CATHOLIC AND JEWISH COLLEGE TO EXCHANGE STUDENTS, TRANSFER CREDITS

BOSTON, March 15 (JTA)--Officials of Boston College and the Hebrew College of Boston have finalized an agreement under which the two schools will exchange students and allow a transfer of credit privileges at both institutions. The permit agreement was referred to by Boston College professor of Theology, David Neiman, as "the first time such a wide-ranging agreement for mutual cooperation and exchange of course offerings has been arranged between a Catholic university and a Jewish institution of higher learning."

The agreement will mean that students at each institution will be able to take half the courses in their major field as well as certain electives at the other school. According to Dr. Neiman, "the practical effect of this joint program will mean that students at Boston College will have a large choice in Hebrew and Judaic studies available to them and students at Hebrew College will be able to take advantage of course offerings at Boston College, not currently available to them at the Hebrew College."

JEWISH SERVICEMEN IN VIETNAM PLANT TREES IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 15 (JTA)--Capt. Mark A. Abramowitz, Jewish chaplain for the Second Military Region of Vietnam, has forwarded a check to the Jewish National Fund for planting trees in Israel by Jewish soldiers stationed in his region. In a letter accompanying the check, Capt. Abramowitz stated: "As the rabbi covering the Second Military Region of Vietnam I represent the Jewish personnel of many military installations. Recently, we collected funds for purchasing trees in Israel.... Fortunately, there aren't that many Jewish men stationed here any more, so the number of plantings are few. We send our very best wishes for a Happy Pesach."

FORMER NAZI SENTENCED TO DEATH

BONN, March 15 (JTA)--Piotr Malicki, a former Nazi police official, was sentenced to death Jan. 5 in Stettin, Poland, for "executing" Polish civilians as a member of a Ukrainian detachment, it was learned from Polish publications reaching here. Malicki, a Polish citizen, had been living in Stettin since the end of the war. Witnesses to his crimes discovered his whereabouts and filed complaints against him.



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Most of the group surveyed, he said, were semi-skilled, had strong Jewish identification, and although experiencing difficulties in adjustment "are accommodating themselves to their new lives with success. Not one family has returned to the Soviet Union." The New York Association for New Americans (NYANA) has aided 54 of these 63 families, "averaging \$115 per family, and most of them have made a financial adjustment in a relatively short period."

19 POTMA PRISONERS ON HUNGER STRIKE

LONDON, March 15 (JTA)--Nineteen prisoners in Camp 19 of the Potma prison in Soviet Mordovia--10 of them non-Jews--went on a hunger strike of indefinite duration starting last Saturday over the issue of admittance of visitors. The mother of Boris Penson was denied permission to see him or to see Mikhail Shepselovich in place of his ill mother, according to Jewish sources. The Jews on strike are Anatoly Altman, Boris Penson, Mikhail Shepselovich, Aleksander Galperin, Gary Kirshner, Anatoly Goldfeld, Lev Naumovich Yagman, Yuri Vudka and an unidentified man. The commandant of the camp is surnamed Yusov.

The sources also reported that in Kovno, Lithuania, the Deputy Mayor in charge of cultural affairs denied a group of Jews a license to teach Hebrew at the local synagogue, saying it was to be used only for prayer. But he agreed to allow the classes to be held at the Hall of Culture of the local trade unions. Sixty-five Jews signed up for the classes. The teachers were then told they needed diplomas, which they do not have, and offered to assign a Hebrew-speaking priest to the classes in their place.

The teachers agreed, but were then told the classes could not proceed if more than half the students held exit visas for Israel--a stricture that has been used by the Soviet authorities before in such cases. "We cannot run classes here to prepare experts for the State of Israel," the applicants were told. The matter has not been resolved.

School Situation In Argentina Desperate SCHOLARSHIPS SET UP FOR NEEDY CHILDREN IN JEWISH SCHOOL SYSTEM

Buenos Aires, March 15 (JTA)--In view of the grave situation which is facing the Jewish school system in this country, Herzl Gesang, president of the Olam Insurance Company, announced that his firm has set up 10 scholarships for needy Jewish students. These scholarships will be handed over to the Federation of Parents Clubs of Hebrew Schools (Horim) for distribution to parents who cannot afford to pay tuition fees. The Jewish school system here is beset by economic difficulties. Last year some 2000

children were forced to drop out of school because their parents could not pay tuition fees and a number of schools face shut-downs. Several days ago, Joseph Klarman, head of the Youth Aliya Department of the Jewish Agency in Israel, cabled Zvi Feingersh, head of the Jewish community in Buenos Aires, and offered to absorb Jewish children in Argentina who face loss of education.

Klarman also stated that youth alia institutions in Israel are in a position to absorb all children whose parents are unable to pay for tuition in Argentine Hebrew schools. He said he was prepared to come to Argentina to arrange for the children's transfer to Israel.

Klarman's proposal is not considered feasible by Jewish leaders here since most of the children are from six to twelve years of age and regarded as too tender to be separated from their parents. Baruch Jungman, secretary general of Horim, acknowledged Olam's grant and expressed the hope that other Jewish financial institutions will follow suit. The new school semester begins today and there is no indication how many children will be forced to drop out this year.

STATE ASSEMBLY APPROVES BY 127-9 VOTE BILL BANNING SABBATH ELECTIONS Also Bans Elections On Holy Days

NEW YORK, March 15 (JTA)--A bill which would prevent the 26 anti-poverty agencies in New York City from holding annual elections for their boards on Saturdays was approved today by the New York State Assembly by a vote of 127-9 and now goes to the State Senate Judiciary Committee. Such elections are now permitted by the Council Against Poverty, New York City's central agency for the 26 community corporations, the formal name for the anti-poverty agencies.

Assemblyman Leonard Silverman, a Brooklyn Democrat, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that an effort would be made to get the legislation out of the Senate committee for a vote next week. The fight there is being led by State Sen. Albert Lewis, Brooklyn Democrat. The reason for the intensity of the effort to get Assembly and Senate approval quickly is the need for the legislation to be approved for Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's signature in time to affect the next community corporation board elections in April.

Initial plans were for a bill barring elections only on Saturdays but the measure was broadened to ban elections on the holy days of members of all religious groups in the state to make it more acceptable to the state solons.

NEW RA HEAD CALLS FOR STRONG DIASPORA JUDAISM

KIAMESHA LAKE, March 15 (JTA)--Declaring that the problems raised by the women's liberation movement and the Black revolution are among the most serious external questions confronting the American Jewish community, Dr. Judah Nadich, who today was elected president of the Rabbinical Assembly, said that the "survival of diaspora Judaism and its spiritual and cultural strength" is essential to the well being of Jewish life in the United States, Israel and throughout the world."

The rabbi of New York's Park Avenue Synagogue, who was chosen to head the thousand member international rabbinical body of Conservative Judaism, said that if "the rescue of Russian Jewry is to continue, as it must, and the building of the Jewish State go forward, as it must, the renaissance of Jewish life in America must occupy a top priority." Addressing the 72nd annual Rabbinical Assembly, Dr. Nadich stated that "It is high time for our movement to accord to Jewish women their

rightful equality in the synagogue and the school, in Jewish law and in Jewish life."

Referring to the Black liberation struggle, he declared that as a group that played "no small role" in the development of the movement towards Black equality, Jews must not turn their backs on this fight for justice, while at the same time not condone injustice for the Jew in the Black fight for equality. "Justice for the Black man must not mean injustice for the Jew, or anyone else, Dr. Nadich said.

"Quotas for, usually mean, also quotas against, and discrimination in reverse is as inequitable as any other form of discrimination. Jewish leadership, then, must be extended on behalf of greater opportunity for the Black man without, in any way, diminishing the opportunities so sorely won by the Jew over so many painful years."

Dr. Nadich, who was senior chaplain in Europe during World War II, said that in the effort by American Jewry to fulfill its obligations in the cause of social justice on the American scene, and in its support of Israel and the liberation of Soviet Jewry, "Conservative Judaism, and the Jewish Theological Seminary, can play a unique role. For only we can maintain a continuity with the traditional character of Judaism and yet be prepared to meet the challenges of the revolutionary age in which we live." Dr. Nadich is currently also president of both the Association of Jewish Chaplains in the Armed Forces and the JWB's Jewish Book Council.

KOLLEK: JERUSALEM WILL REMAIN UNITED

NEW YORK, March 15 (JTA)--Jerusalem will remain united, no matter what, Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem today told newsmen at the end of his tour of "The Word From Jerusalem" exhibit at the Jewish Museum which is sponsored by Hadasah to mark its 60th anniversary. The exhibit will be on display through March 26.

Answering questions on King Hussein's proposal to form a federated United Arab Kingdom consisting of an autonomous West Bank with East Jerusalem as its regional capital, and Jordan proper Kollek replied, "I'm just the mayor of the city of Jerusalem, not a politician for other office. This is a matter for the national government, not me."

Noting that the Palestinians are the most important part of the problem, he stated, "We have been living peacefully with the Palestinians for many years. The others (Arab States) have nothing to do with it."

Early in the evening, Kollek and Sargent Shriver, former American Ambassador to France and past director of the Peace Corps and the Office of Economic Opportunity, were guests of honor at a reception at the America-Israel Cultural Foundation. Shriver is the new chairman of the Israel Museum International Organization of Patrons. Mayor Kollek is in the US with his wife, Tamar, and his daughter, Osnat, for a two-week speaking tour on behalf of Israel Bonds.

MRS. TREPPER'S VISIT CANCELLED

JERUSALEM, March 15 (JTA)--The Polish authorities have changed their minds about permitting Mrs. Elisabeth Trepper to visit her ill daughter-in-law in Copenhagen, it was reported here by her son Edward Trepper, who spoke with her by telephone. Mrs. Trepper's husband, Leopold, headed the underground "Red Orchestra" in World War II. Both have been barred from leaving Poland for Israel. Edward Trepper staged a hunger strike at the Western Wall last month to protest that refusal.

DEPORTATION HEARING SET FOR FORMER NAZI NOW A RESIDENT IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 15 (JTA)--The United States Immigration and Naturalization Service has postponed until Monday a hearing scheduled for yesterday on whether Mrs. Hermine Braunsteiner Ryan should be deported because of her Nazi past.

The reason for the delay was apparently the incident last Saturday when a self-styled "Jewish Resistance Assault Team," seeking to demonstrate against her, firebombed a house with the same street number half a mile away, causing minor damage. The "resistance" group said through an unidentified representative over the telephone to a newspaper that it had no connection with the Jewish Defense League.

Mrs. Ryan, who is married to an American citizen, lost her American citizenship last Sept. 29 for concealing the fact that she had been convicted by an Austrian court in 1949 for torturing and otherwise mistreating women and children at the Ravensbrueck and Maidanek death camps. She was sentenced to three years' imprisonment and confiscation of her property.

The US Justice Department charged she had concealed her former Nazi SS membership in her citizenship application. Mrs. Ryan was located in Queens (a New York City borough) in 1964 by Simon Wiesenthal of the Vienna Documentation Center, who reported her to the US government. If it is found that she still possesses Austrian citizenship, her extradition to Austria will be sought by Wiesenthal so that she can face murder charges there.

UNIVERSITY HONORS MAN WHO RESCUED 50,000 HUNGARIAN JEWS FROM DEPORTATION TO DEATH CAMPS DURING WORLD WAR II

DETROIT, March 15 (JTA)--The University of Michigan inaugurated a lecture series today honoring an alumnus of its class of 1932 who, during World War II, was directly responsible for rescuing more than 50,000 Hungarian Jews from deportation to Nazi death camps. The lecture series at the University's College of Architecture, is named for Raoul Gustaf Wallenberg, scion of a wealthy Swedish family who volunteered to aid Jewish victims of Nazi persecution early in 1940 and was eminently successful at his task as a diplomat assigned to the Swedish Legation in Budapest in 1944.

The initiative for the Wallenberg lectures came from Sol King, a U. of M. classmate who in 1969 undertook to raise a scholarship and lecture fund to honor the Wallenberg name. The \$30,000 subscribed by a number of Detroiters and by Wallenberg's classmates has been earmarked for the annual lecture series.

Dean Reginald F. Malcolmson of the College of Engineering presided at the inaugural at which the first lecture was given by King. Philip Slomovitz, editor and publisher of the Detroit Jewish News was another speaker. King presented a history of the Wallenberg effort. A symposium based on his lecture will be held tomorrow.

In 1944, Wallenberg was assigned as third secretary of the Swedish Legation in Budapest in charge of a special department responsible for the protection and relief of Jews. He issued thousands of protective passports to Jews in Budapest, sheltered Jews in apartment houses under the Swedish flag and personally released Jews from deportation trains under Nazi guns. Wallenberg also organized an undercover group of young Jews who raided Nazi prisons and released Jews held there.

CHARGES AGAINST JDL'ER DROPPED

LOS ANGELES, March 15 (JTA)--A charge of as-

sault with intent to commit murder has been dropped against Irving S. Rubin, 28-year-old leader of the Jewish Defense League office here. He was accused of firing "two or three shots" at Joe Tommasi, leader of the El Monte office of the National Socialist White People's Party last Feb. 1 following an anti-Nazi demonstration. A spokesman from the District Attorney's office said that after "careful consideration of the case there was insufficient evidence to file a criminal complaint" against Rubin.

A demonstration by more than 1000 irate citizens of El Monte and members of the JDL erupted last month into violence and resulted in the arrests of several on various charges. They were protesting the presence of the Nazis' headquarters. Rubin, of suburban Northridge, was arrested one week after the incident following Tommasi's complaint to police that the JDL leader fired gunshots from an auto two days after the demonstration.

CATHOLIC AND JEWISH COLLEGE TO EXCHANGE STUDENTS, TRANSFER CREDITS

BOSTON, March 15 (JTA)--Officials of Boston College and the Hebrew College of Boston have finalized an agreement under which the two schools will exchange students and allow a transfer of credit privileges at both institutions. The permit agreement was referred to by Boston College professor of Theology, David Neiman, as "the first time such a wide-ranging agreement for mutual cooperation and exchange of course offerings has been arranged between a Catholic university and a Jewish institution of higher learning."

The agreement will mean that students at each institution will be able to take half the courses in their major field as well as certain electives at the other school. According to Dr. Neiman, "the practical effect of this joint program will mean that students at Boston College will have a large choice in Hebrew and Judaic studies available to them and students at Hebrew College will be able to take advantage of course offerings at Boston College, not currently available to them at the Hebrew College."

JEWISH SERVICEMEN IN VIETNAM PLANT TREES IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 15 (JTA)--Capt. Mark A. Abramowitz, Jewish chaplain for the Second Military Region of Vietnam, has forwarded a check to the Jewish National Fund for planting trees in Israel by Jewish soldiers stationed in his region. In a letter accompanying the check, Capt. Abramowitz stated: "As the rabbi covering the Second Military Region of Vietnam I represent the Jewish personnel of many military installations. Recently, we collected funds for purchasing trees in Israel.... Fortunately, there aren't that many Jewish men stationed here any more, so the number of plantings are few. We send our very best wishes for a Happy Pesach."

FORMER NAZI SENTENCED TO DEATH

BONN, March 15 (JTA)--Piotr Malicki, a former Nazi police official, was sentenced to death Jan. 5 in Stettin, Poland, for "executing" Polish civilians as a member of a Ukrainian detachment, it was learned from Polish publications reaching here. Malicki, a Polish citizen, had been living in Stettin since the end of the war. Witnesses to his crimes discovered his whereabouts and filed complaints against him.