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#### ORTHODOX JEWISH GROUPS OPPOSE WOMEN'S RIGHTS AMENDMENT

NEW YORK, April 3 (JTA)—Four Orthodox Jewish organizations issued a joint statement today opposing ratification of the women's rights amendment "until adequate protection for our religious rights be written into it." The organizations said they wanted "olear, specific guarantees that our religious freedom and practices shall in no way be jeopardized."

They declared: "It is bitterly ironic that at this season of the Passover, commemorating the Jewish people's freedom from Egyptian tyranny, we are for the first time ever in our beloved United States of America threatened with curtailment of our religious liberty." This, they said, would be accomplished by the "impairing" of their right to recognize "the uniqueness of the respective roles of men and women."

The statement was signed by the Rabbinical Alliance of America, the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, the Rabbinical Council of the Sephardic Syrian and Near Eastern Jewish Community in America, and the Metropolitan Board of Orthodox Rabbis. They said they and "freedom-loving Americans of other religious persuasions" were "not prepared to see religious rights in America harmed by politicians hurriedly pursuing the latest political fad."

#### Threatens Orthodox Practices

In additional comments to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Rabbi Abraham Gross, president of the Rabbinical Alliance, and Rabbi David B, Hollander, vice president of the Alliance and precident of the Metropolitan Roard, said the bill, "in its present language, directly threatens our rights to continue practicing our faith as we have for the past three centuries in America."

They listed the bar against Orthodox women rabbis and cantors, equal job opportunities in Orthodox synagogues and integrated seating rights in synagogues as being threatened by the amendment. Rabbi Hollander said mixed public rest rooms were "a reasonable possibility" under the amendment, as was the drafting of young Orthodox women into the Armed Forces; which "its bound to promote the kind of behavior and attitude to morality inconsistent with Jowsh's standards."

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On the synagogue seating iesue, Rabbi Hollander said it could be beaten in court, but "we don't want the litigation." He said the Orthodox were "100 percent in favor of equal rights," but added; "We deny that women in America are discriminated against,"

The women's rights amendment, which significantly broadens the interpretation of women's job rights and also applies to fringe benefits recently passed both houses of Congress by overwhelming margins, and several of the 38 required State Legislature ratifications have already been recorded, Asked why their "Emergency National Coalition of Rabbis in Defense of Religious Liberties" was formed only today, Rabbi Hollander said; "That shows how inefficient we are. It's administrative letharsy."

#### TIME MAGAZINE SETS SIGHTS ON JEWS BUT PRODUCES FUZZY FOCUS ON ISSUE

NEW YORK, April 3 (JTA)—Time magazine this week explored the question, "What it Means to be Jewish" and like its sister publication, Newsweek, which did a similar treatment about a year ago, discovered that it means different things to different Jews. The Time cover story, appearing during Passover week, traced the many paths followed by America's approximately six million Jews in their quest to find or to reaffirm their Jewish identity—a movement which, according to Time, though stemming from the Nazi holocaust, was given new impetus by the Six-Day War.

The Time plece emphasized the "broad spectrum" of Jewishness, from "ethnic or existential Judaism" through "community of faith Judaism" to Orthodoxy and ultra-Orthodoxy. According to a Time cover note, the story was compiled by three staffers--Religion writer Mayo Mohs, a Catholic; correspondent Richard Ostling, a Protestant; and reporter-researcher Clare Mead Rosen, who, the magarine said, "was completing six months training for her conversion from Catholicism to Judaism." The results of their labors, according to one knowledgable observer of Jewish affairs was to touch all the well worn bases, but only fleetingly.

While the article paid respects to the resurgence of interest in Judatsm by Jevaleh youth; the proliferation of Judatca chairs at prestigious American universities; lite "free universities" of Judatsm; the "havuratt" movement; the identification with the plight of Soviet Jewry; and the pervasive identification of American Jews with Israel, it neglected many key areas of basic concern to Jews.

#### Real Problems Ignored

As other publications have done in the past, Time pointed out that the number of Jewish high school graduates entering college is proportionately higher than for the general population; and that the median income of Jewish families is substantially greater than that of American families generally. But the six-page article made no mention of the Jewish poor and elderly poor or their struggle to obtain a fair share of anti-poverty funds,

The article noted briefly that "The Black's anger overtly against Israel, at least partly reflected domestic friction." But it did not mention the clash between the Black and Jewish communities over powerty funding or housing as reflected in the controversial Forest Hills low-income project. No Jewish political attitudes were explored.

Time observed that "many younger Jews followed their contemporaries into the New Left or exotic religious movements such as Krishna Consciousness, Scientology or even the Jesus revolution." It did not mention the revolt of many committed young Jews against the so-called Jewish Establishment or the burgeoning of the student Jewish press.

According to Time's cover note, the article's authors "compiled six shelves of books and a foot high stack of original research." But the authorities quoted in the article were, for the most part those quoted in similar explorations of Judaism in America that have appeared in other periodicals and newspapers, and in previous Time pieces.

#### HUSSEIN SAYS HE WANTS TOTAL PEACE,

WASHINGTON, April 3 (JTA)--King Hussein of Jordan said yesterday that he did not "foresee a return to conditions that existed up to 1967 in any way, form or respect" if his country reached a peace agreement with israel. Hussein made the statement in the course of the NBC television program "Meet The Press" when asked if he would reverse the changes which occurred on the West Bank since the 1967 Six-Day War if he recovered that territory after peace was achieved.

He replied in the affirmative when asked if that meant he would not uproot the Israeli settlements planted on the West Bank since the war, re-close the borders, end trade between Israel and the West Bank or prevent West Bank Arabs from taking jobs in Israel, "We are talking of total peace." Russeln said, "not only accepted by us but more important by the generations that are to come."

#### Arabs No Match For Israel

Hussein rejected war as a solution to his cone? flict with Israel or the broader Israeli-Arab dispute. He said "I do not believe that Arab strength is a match to the Israelis at this time, and I do not believe that war is a solution to the broblem."?

Hussein insisted, however, that to achieve peace with Jordan Israel must withdraw its military forces from the West Bank and that Arab sovereignty over the Arab part of Jerusalem is a "must." But he reiterated his earlier statement that Jerusalem could become an "open city" administered jointly by Israelis and Arabs, serving as the capital of both Israel and the Palestinian province of the West, Bank, "We are open minded to anything and everything that would make Jerusalem the meeting place of all," Hussein said.

### PROTEST POLICY IN RAFFAH AREA

TEL AVIV, April 3 (JTA)--About 300 members of various left-wing groups marched and rallied this weekend in protest against the cordoning off of a region between the Gaza Strip and Sinai andthe evacuation of Bedouins from the area. The rally was held near Kerem Shalom, a settlement: In southern Israel parallel to Raffah in the Gaža ID Strip. But the protestors did not cross the so-local called Green Line that marks the boundary between lareel proper and the occupied territories.

Participants included members of Matzpen, and anti-Zionist splinter group; SIAH, acronym for the leraell New Left; and settlers from Hashomer dender the settlers from Hashomer and Hatzair kibbutz settlements in the south of the accountry. Uri Avneri, a Knesset member of theoret Haolam Hazeh faction, and Amos Kenan, a left wing writer and journalist spoke against the evaculation of the Bedouins and the settlement of Jewsen in the Arab area. A group of counter-protestors who favor settlement in the occupied territories were also on hand. There were no contacts between the two groups, no incidents were reported, and police did not disturb the protestors.

#### WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

LONDON (JTA)—The Polish government is continuing its policy of minimizing the role of Jewish resistance and Jewish suffering under the Nazi cocupation of Poland. A recent symposium in Warsaw on "Society and Resistance in Warsaw During the War and Occupation" virtually ignored the role played by Jewish ghetto fighters, according to a report in the Yiddish weekly, Folkstimme. Only one of the 17 papers delivered at the symposium dealt with the Warsaw ghetto and the others had only "fragments" on the Jews of Warsaw during the Nazi era, Folkstimme reported. The battle of the Warsaw ghetto was totally ignored and the Jewish Historical Institute was not even represented at the symposium, according to the weekly.

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ATHENS (JTA)—The Greek Army's General Staff issued a special order granting all Greek Jewish soldiers an eight-day pass to celebrate Passover at home. The Central Council of Greek Jewish Communities helped obtain the order from the Army. Every Jewish soldier serving in the Army was also given a special gift of \$30.

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SAN FRANCISCO (JTA)—The city's Board of Supervisors has unanimously passed a resolution in which the Soviet government is "urgently requested" to grant every Soviet citizen the "unindered right to emigrate to the country of his choice," in addition, President Nixon is asked to "publicly speak out now" on the issue and to raise it with Soviet leaders on his Moscow visit in May. The resolution, introduced by Supervisor Robert Mendelsohn, was sent to Nixon, Soviet leaders, and to the head of the Soviet Consulate here.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--Some 5800 high school and college youths will enjoy an Israell experience tallored to their special interests when they join the 39 different programs offered by the American Zionist Youth Foundation's 1972 Israel Summer Program, it was announced here by Mrs. Shirley Kalb, acting chairman of the AZYF Board of Trustees. This represents an increase of more than 28 percent over the 4500 young people who participated in AZYF summer programs last year. The multitude of programs ranging from seven to elevea weeks are for 15-18-year-old high school students and 18-25-year-old college students.

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MONTREAL (JTA) -- Leaders of the Canadian Jewish Congress met in Ottawa several days ago with a delegation of visiting members of the Soviet Parliament to discuss the problems of Soviet Jewish emigration and Jewish political prisoners in the USSR, The meeting lasted one hour and focused on the CJC's request that the Soviet authorities facilitate increased emigration for those Jews who wish to leave the Soviet Union. The Soviet legislators were also asked to call their government's attention to the deep concern felt by Canadians over the harassment of Jews who apply for exit visas. The Jewish leaders appealed for the release of Jewish political prisoners or a reduction of their sentences on humanitarian grounds. The CJC members and the visiting Russians agreed that future meetings between Soviet officials and Jewish representatives on these matters would be beneficial,

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--President Nixon has sent a personal letter to Maj. Gen. Chaim Herzog, chairman of the board of the Keter Publishing Co., praising the new Encyclopaedia Judaica which Nixon recently received as a gift from Israel's President Zaiman Shazar. Nixon thanked Herzog for having come from Jerusalem to accompany Israel's Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin to the White House when he made the presentation on behalf of Shazar. The President also expressed gratification that Americans played an important role as contributors to the Encyclopaedia Judaica.

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LOS ANGELES (JTA), Anew Hillel building, presently under construction, is expected to be operative this fail. The \$165,000 facility has been made possible by a \$55,000 grant from the Jewish Community Federation of the Jewish Community Federation of the Jewish Community Federation of the Jewish Southern Council. The additional \$110,000 was initially raised by Brail Brith members in the Southern California area for the original University of Southern California Hillel building. The Los Angeles Hillel Council is a local beneficiary of the JF-Council.

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HARRISBURG, Pa. (4TA)—Some 500 persons attended a "People's Seder" Saturday night shortly after the end of an anti-war demonstration held in connection with the trial of Rev. Philip Berrigan and his fellow defendants. The seder combined elements from a number of radical haggadahs, Daniel Elisberg, who is under indictment for releasing copies of the Pentagon Papers to the press, sat at the main table. The seder was sponsored by the Radical Zionist Alliance, New York Chavurat and Brooklyn Bridge of New York; Chavurat Shalom, Concerned Jewish Students of Boston; Fabrengen of Washington; and the Radical Jewish Community of Philadelphia.

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NEW YORK (JTA) -- Two of Israel's leading representatives are scheduled to tour the US and Canada during the next six weeks to alert major Jewish communities to the strategic importance of economic development in the absorption of an increased number of immigrants this year. Lt. Gen. Haim Laskov, former Chief of Staff of Israel's Defense Forces, who served for 10 years as head of the country's Port Authority, arrives in the US on April 7. Avraham Avidar, official spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and former Minister of Information in Washington, will arrive on April 21. Both leaders will report on Israel's economic situation in an effort to spur the drive for Israel Bonds. The 1972 Israel Bond campaign seeks to raise a worldwide total of \$450 million.

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LONDON (JTA).—The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned from reliable Egyptian sources that Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home expressed concern over Soviet influence in Egypt during a discussion with Egyptian Deputy Premier and Minister of Culture Abdul Kadar Hatem. Both officials were attending the opening of the Tutankhamun exhibition here. According to the source, Hatem told Sir Alec that the alliance between Egypt and the Soviet Union was a policy of convenience for Egypt trather than an alliance between two countries having the same outlook. Egypt would break its Soviet ties once Mideast peace is established, Hatem added.



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NEW ANTI-SMOKING MOVEMENT LAUNCHED

TEL AVIV, April 3 (JTA)--Kibbutz Maagan Michael was named last night the headquarters of israel's sew anti-smoking movement. All but 40 of the settlement's 400 members have given up smoking. Last night dozens of non-smokers; and people who have broken the habit convened at the kibbutz to attend a meeting sponsored by the Health Ministry to form a society for the aboiltion of smoking. Its slogan is "Non-Smokers of the World-Unitle" it, as im is to convince people not to smoke by demonstrating the dangers to health that arise from smoking.

The society intends to rely on group therapy to help those who find it hard to give up smoking. Asked if cutting down on cigarettes would not reduce the tax revenues according to Israel's Treasury, one kibbutz member said they were told by the Health Ministry this would be balanced by the reduced sums the State would have to spend on health services. There was no indication, however, of what this anti-smoking movement would do to those kibbutzim involved in tobacco growing.

#### ORTHODOX JEWISH GROUPS OPPOSE WOMEN'S RIGHTS AMENDMENT

NEW YORK, April 3 (JTA)—Four Orthodox Jewish organizations issued a joint statement today opposing ratification of the women's rights amendment "until adequate protection for our religious rights be written into it." The organizations said they wanted "olear, specific guarantees that our religious freedom and practices shall in no way be jeopardized."

They declared: "It is bitterly ironic that at this season of the Passover, commemorating the Jewish people's freedom from Egyptian tyranny, we are for the first time ever in our beloved United States of America threatened with curtailment of our religious liberty." This, they said, would be accomplished by the "impairing" of their right to recognize "the uniqueness of the respective roles of men and women."

The statement was signed by the Rabbinical Alliance of America, the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, the Rabbinical Council of the Sephardic Syrian and Near Eastern Jewish Community in America, and the Metropolitan Board of Orthodox Rabbis. They said they and "freedom-loving Americans of other religious persuasions" were "not prepared to see religious rights in America harmed by politicians hurriedly pursuing the latest political fad."

#### Threatens Orthodox Practices

In additional comments to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Rabbi Abraham Gross, president of the Rabbinical Alliance, and Rabbi David B, Hollander, vice president of the Alliance and precident of the Metropolitan Roard, said the bill, "in its present language, directly threatens our rights to continue practicing our faith as we have for the past three centuries in America."

They listed the bar against Orthodox women rabbis and cantors, equal job opportunities in Orthodox synagogues and integrated seating rights in synagogues as being threatened by the amendment. Rabbi Hollander said mixed public rest rooms were "a reasonable possibility" under the amendment, as was the drafting of young Orthodox women into the Armed Forces; which "its bound to promote the kind of behavior and attitude to morality inconsistent with Jowsh's standards."

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On the synagogue seating iesue, Rabbi Hollander said it could be beaten in court, but "we don't want the litigation." He said the Orthodox were "100 percent in favor of equal rights," but added; "We deny that women in America are discriminated against,"

The women's rights amendment, which significantly broadens the interpretation of women's job rights and also applies to fringe benefits recently passed both houses of Congress by overwhelming margins, and several of the 38 required State Legislature ratifications have already been recorded, Asked why their "Emergency National Coalition of Rabbis in Defense of Religious Liberties" was formed only today, Rabbi Hollander said; "That shows how inefficient we are. It's administrative letharsy."

#### TIME MAGAZINE SETS SIGHTS ON JEWS BUT PRODUCES FUZZY FOCUS ON ISSUE

NEW YORK, April 3 (JTA)—Time magazine this week explored the question, "What it Means to be Jewish" and like its sister publication, Newsweek, which did a similar treatment about a year ago, discovered that it means different things to different Jews. The Time cover story, appearing during Passover week, traced the many paths followed by America's approximately six million Jews in their quest to find or to reaffirm their Jewish identity—a movement which, according to Time, though stemming from the Nazi holocaust, was given new impetus by the Six-Day War.

The Time plece emphasized the "broad spectrum" of Jewishness, from "ethnic or existential Judaism" through "community of faith Judaism" to Orthodoxy and ultra-Orthodoxy. According to a Time cover note, the story was compiled by three staffers--Religion writer Mayo Mohs, a Catholic; correspondent Richard Ostling, a Protestant; and reporter-researcher Clare Mead Rosen, who, the magarine said, "was completing six months training for her conversion from Catholicism to Judaism." The results of their labors, according to one knowledgable observer of Jewish affairs was to touch all the well worn bases, but only fleetingly.

While the article paid respects to the resurgence of interest in Judatsm by Jevaleh youth; the proliferation of Judatca chairs at prestigious American universities; lite "free universities" of Judatsm; the "havuratt" movement; the identification with the plight of Soviet Jewry; and the pervasive identification of American Jews with Israel, it neglected many key areas of basic concern to Jews.

#### Real Problems Ignored

As other publications have done in the past, Time pointed out that the number of Jewish high school graduates entering college is proportionately higher than for the general population; and that the median income of Jewish families is substantially greater than that of American families generally. But the six-page article made no mention of the Jewish poor and elderly poor or their struggle to obtain a fair share of anti-poverty funds,

The article noted briefly that "The Black's anger overtly against Israel, at least partly reflected domestic friction." But it did not mention the clash between the Black and Jewish communities over powerty funding or housing as reflected in the controversial Forest Hills low-income project. No Jewish political attitudes were explored.

Time observed that "many younger Jews followed their contemporaries into the New Left or exotic religious movements such as Krishna Consciousness, Scientology or even the Jesus revolution." It did not mention the revolt of many committed young Jews against the so-called Jewish Establishment or the burgeoning of the student Jewish press.

According to Time's cover note, the article's authors "compiled six shelves of books and a foot high stack of original research." But the authorities quoted in the article were, for the most part those quoted in similar explorations of Judaism in America that have appeared in other periodicals and newspapers, and in previous Time pieces.

#### HUSSEIN SAYS HE WANTS TOTAL PEACE,

WASHINGTON, April 3 (JTA)--King Hussein of Jordan said yesterday that he did not "foresee a return to conditions that existed up to 1967 in any way, form or respect" if his country reached a peace agreement with israel. Hussein made the statement in the course of the NBC television program "Meet The Press" when asked if he would reverse the changes which occurred on the West Bank since the 1967 Six-Day War if he recovered that territory after peace was achieved.

He replied in the affirmative when asked if that meant he would not uproot the Israeli settlements planted on the West Bank since the war, re-close the borders, end trade between Israel and the West Bank or prevent West Bank Arabs from taking jobs in Israel, "We are talking of total peace." Russeln said, "not only accepted by us but more important by the generations that are to come."

#### Arabs No Match For Israel

Hussein rejected war as a solution to his cone? flict with Israel or the broader Israeli-Arab dispute. He said "I do not believe that Arab strength is a match to the Israelis at this time, and I do not believe that war is a solution to the broblem."?

Hussein insisted, however, that to achieve peace with Jordan Israel must withdraw its military forces from the West Bank and that Arab sovereignty over the Arab part of Jerusalem is a "must." But he reiterated his earlier statement that Jerusalem could become an "open city" administered jointly by Israelis and Arabs, serving as the capital of both Israel and the Palestinian province of the West, Bank, "We are open minded to anything and everything that would make Jerusalem the meeting place of all," Hussein said.

### PROTEST POLICY IN RAFFAH AREA

TEL AVIV, April 3 (JTA)--About 300 members of various left-wing groups marched and rallied this weekend in protest against the cordoning off of a region between the Gaza Strip and Sinai andthe evacuation of Bedouins from the area. The rally was held near Kerem Shalom, a settlement: In southern Israel parallel to Raffah in the Gaža ID Strip. But the protestors did not cross the so-local called Green Line that marks the boundary between lareel proper and the occupied territories.

Participants included members of Matzpen, and anti-Zionist splinter group; SIAH, acronym for the leraell New Left; and settlers from Hashomer dender the settlers from Hashomer and Hatzair kibbutz settlements in the south of the accountry. Uri Avneri, a Knesset member of theoret Haolam Hazeh faction, and Amos Kenan, a left wing writer and journalist spoke against the evaculation of the Bedouins and the settlement of Jewsen in the Arab area. A group of counter-protestors who favor settlement in the occupied territories were also on hand. There were no contacts between the two groups, no incidents were reported, and police did not disturb the protestors.

#### WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

LONDON (JTA)—The Polish government is continuing its policy of minimizing the role of Jewish resistance and Jewish suffering under the Nazi cocupation of Poland. A recent symposium in Warsaw on "Society and Resistance in Warsaw During the War and Occupation" virtually ignored the role played by Jewish ghetto fighters, according to a report in the Yiddish weekly, Folkstimme. Only one of the 17 papers delivered at the symposium dealt with the Warsaw ghetto and the others had only "fragments" on the Jews of Warsaw during the Nazi era, Folkstimme reported. The battle of the Warsaw ghetto was totally ignored and the Jewish Historical Institute was not even represented at the symposium, according to the weekly.

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ATHENS (JTA)—The Greek Army's General Staff issued a special order granting all Greek Jewish soldiers an eight-day pass to celebrate Passover at home. The Central Council of Greek Jewish Communities helped obtain the order from the Army. Every Jewish soldier serving in the Army was also given a special gift of \$30.

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SAN FRANCISCO (JTA)—The city's Board of Supervisors has unanimously passed a resolution in which the Soviet government is "urgently requested" to grant every Soviet citizen the "unindered right to emigrate to the country of his choice," in addition, President Nixon is asked to "publicly speak out now" on the issue and to raise it with Soviet leaders on his Moscow visit in May. The resolution, introduced by Supervisor Robert Mendelsohn, was sent to Nixon, Soviet leaders, and to the head of the Soviet Consulate here.

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NEW YORK (JTA)--Some 5800 high school and college youths will enjoy an Israell experience tallored to their special interests when they join the 39 different programs offered by the American Zionist Youth Foundation's 1972 Israel Summer Program, it was announced here by Mrs. Shirley Kalb, acting chairman of the AZYF Board of Trustees. This represents an increase of more than 28 percent over the 4500 young people who participated in AZYF summer programs last year. The multitude of programs ranging from seven to elevea weeks are for 15-18-year-old high school students and 18-25-year-old college students.

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MONTREAL (JTA) -- Leaders of the Canadian Jewish Congress met in Ottawa several days ago with a delegation of visiting members of the Soviet Parliament to discuss the problems of Soviet Jewish emigration and Jewish political prisoners in the USSR, The meeting lasted one hour and focused on the CJC's request that the Soviet authorities facilitate increased emigration for those Jews who wish to leave the Soviet Union. The Soviet legislators were also asked to call their government's attention to the deep concern felt by Canadians over the harassment of Jews who apply for exit visas. The Jewish leaders appealed for the release of Jewish political prisoners or a reduction of their sentences on humanitarian grounds. The CJC members and the visiting Russians agreed that future meetings between Soviet officials and Jewish representatives on these matters would be beneficial,

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JERUSALEM (JTA)--President Nixon has sent a personal letter to Maj. Gen. Chaim Herzog, chairman of the board of the Keter Publishing Co., praising the new Encyclopaedia Judaica which Nixon recently received as a gift from Israel's President Zaiman Shazar. Nixon thanked Herzog for having come from Jerusalem to accompany Israel's Ambassador Yitzhak Rabin to the White House when he made the presentation on behalf of Shazar. The President also expressed gratification that Americans played an important role as contributors to the Encyclopaedia Judaica.

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LOS ANGELES (JTA), Anew Hillel building, presently under construction, is expected to be operative this fail. The \$165,000 facility has been made possible by a \$55,000 grant from the Jewish Community Federation of the Jewish Community Federation of the Jewish Community Federation of the Jewish Southern Council. The additional \$110,000 was initially raised by Brail Brith members in the Southern California area for the original University of Southern California Hillel building. The Los Angeles Hillel Council is a local beneficiary of the JF-Council.

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HARRISBURG, Pa. (4TA)—Some 500 persons attended a "People's Seder" Saturday night shortly after the end of an anti-war demonstration held in connection with the trial of Rev. Philip Berrigan and his fellow defendants. The seder combined elements from a number of radical haggadahs, Daniel Elisberg, who is under indictment for releasing copies of the Pentagon Papers to the press, sat at the main table. The seder was sponsored by the Radical Zionist Alliance, New York Chavurat and Brooklyn Bridge of New York; Chavurat Shalom, Concerned Jewish Students of Boston; Fabrengen of Washington; and the Radical Jewish Community of Philadelphia.

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NEW YORK (JTA) -- Two of Israel's leading representatives are scheduled to tour the US and Canada during the next six weeks to alert major Jewish communities to the strategic importance of economic development in the absorption of an increased number of immigrants this year. Lt. Gen. Haim Laskov, former Chief of Staff of Israel's Defense Forces, who served for 10 years as head of the country's Port Authority, arrives in the US on April 7. Avraham Avidar, official spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and former Minister of Information in Washington, will arrive on April 21. Both leaders will report on Israel's economic situation in an effort to spur the drive for Israel Bonds. The 1972 Israel Bond campaign seeks to raise a worldwide total of \$450 million.

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LONDON (JTA).—The Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned from reliable Egyptian sources that Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas-Home expressed concern over Soviet influence in Egypt during a discussion with Egyptian Deputy Premier and Minister of Culture Abdul Kadar Hatem. Both officials were attending the opening of the Tutankhamun exhibition here. According to the source, Hatem told Sir Alec that the alliance between Egypt and the Soviet Union was a policy of convenience for Egypt trather than an alliance between two countries having the same outlook. Egypt would break its Soviet ties once Mideast peace is established, Hatem added.