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In his letter to Waldheim, Dr. Meguid also charged that "the Israeli authorities have, in fact, resorted to...a campaign of distortions to cover up their inhuman policies and practices, which constitute serious violations of the basic rights of the inhabitants of the occupied Arab territories."

Dr. Meguid also accused Israel of "refusing" to abide by the Geneva Conventions and United Nations resolutions; trying to cover up the "destruction" of the Palestinians with monetary compensation; seeking to "repress" the "legitimate struggle of the Arab people"; "breaching" law and morality and "threatening" international peace and security.

#### Egyptian Whitewashes Terrorism

In rejecting the Egyptian charges as "unfounded," Tekoah denounced what he called Dr. Meguid's whitewashing of terrorism as "resistance of the people under foreign occupation," an attempt Tekoah called "arrogant."

It is, he wrote, "an affront to (anti-Nazi) freedom fighters that Arab leaders and representatives, among them Egyptians and others who had sympathized and even collaborated with Nazi Germany in World War II, now harboring notorious Nazi criminals on the territory of their states and still supporting the Nazi attitude toward the Jewish people by such acts as the printing and dissemination of Hitler's racist 'Mein Kampf,' should compare killers of women and little children with the underground movement that had resisted and fought the Nazi war machinery."

Tekoaah also referred to the "reign of terror and oppression" in Gaza Strip during the 19-year Egyptian occupation, citing in comparison a recent comment by the renowned Egyptian writer Tewfik al-Hakim that Israel's presence in the Sinai was less objectionable than the earlier British rule. The Israeli concluded: "Bolsterous and perverted propaganda has never been a sign of a responsible and constructive attitude. The Egyptian government would be well advised to abandon it in its pronouncements at home and abroad."

#### REFORM JUDAISM LEADER RAPS ORTHODOX OPPOSITION TO WOMEN'S RIGHTS AMENDMENT

NEW YORK, April 4 (JTA)--A leader of American Reform Judaism said today that statements by Orthodox rabbis that a women's equal rights law threatens the future of Orthodox Judaism are "self destructive and anachronistic" and "turning back to the Middle Ages." Rabbi Balfour Brickner, director of the Commission on Interfaith Activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations said "Rather than seeing this as a threat to Judaism we encourage this emergence as a strengthening of the Jewish community and Jewish religious life."

He said that the Reform synagogue has always insisted that the woman be fully "accepted and accorded complete equality with men in all aspects and functions of the congregation and the community." He rejected the assertions by the Orthodox groups that the proposed Constitutional amendment on equal rights would threaten the morality of the country. In a statement yesterday the Orthodox groups suggested that if such a proposed Constitutional amendment were adopted women would legally try to challenge the existing Orthodox law in synagogues.

Rabbi Brickner expressed belief that "once the government insures equal rights to women through a proposed Constitutional amendment, Jewish women would have the right to and should be expected to, challenge even Orthodox Judaism for their proper place in that branch of the Jewish religious community."

The UAHC, Rabbi Brickner said, has a special commission developing on-going programs to assure greater feminine representation and participation of women leaders in its regional and national activities. He also noted that in the UAHC's 700-member synagogue in the US and Canada, women have served as presidents, on congregational boards, are cantors, and in June the first woman rabbi will be ordained and "there will be others."

#### NCSJ SCORES SOVIET BRUTALITY AGAINST JEWS DURING PASSOVER

NEW YORK, April 4 (JTA)--Richard Maass, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry expressed grave concern yesterday over the unprovoked attack on Jews attempting to observe the Passover eve services in Moscow's synagogue. The NCSJ reported that according to information it received hundreds of Soviet police attempted to disperse the Jews gathered for the services.

The crowds were broken into small groups, Jews were severely beaten, their hair pulled and teeth broken, the report continued. Several men were thrown to the ground and dragged to a waiting police car. Women were savagely beaten. A number of Jews were arrested, held at the police station for several hours, and then released. The NCSJ reported that fewer Jews gathered for synagogue services on the second evening of Passover and that after services ended the police again dispersed the crowd and cordoned off the synagogue.

Maass said "the unprovoked attacks on the Jews observing the Passover service again focuses our attention on the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union. This brutal incident represents the first time in years that Jews in the capital city of Moscow have been prevented by force from observing the Passover."

Coming at a time when President Nixon is scheduled to meet with Soviet leaders next month, Maass said, "It makes the need for the President to show his concern for Soviet Jewry even more essential. We believe this latest incident should be brought before the United Nations Human Rights Commission currently in session in New York and we urge this administration to instruct our UN Ambassador George Bush" to do so.

#### UN COMMISSION RESOLUTION CHARGES ISRAEL WITH WAR CRIMES IN TERRITORIES

UNITED NATIONS, April 4 (JTA)--The Commission on Human Rights yesterday afternoon adopted overwhelmingly an Egyptian resolution asking the Secretary General to submit to next fall's General Assembly a note containing "United Nations resolutions concerning the declaration of grave breaches of the Geneva convention as 'war crimes,'" and relevant statements by UN units and the International Red Cross. The Commission noted in a preamble that certain acts by Israel in the administered Arab territories "constitute war crimes and an affront to humanity." The vote was 13-1, with 15 abstentions, with the United States the only dissenter.

The Commission also passed a Belorussian resolution calling on those nations that have not done so to submit their comments and proposals for "the detection, arrest, extradition and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity," and calling on the Secretary General to analyze and report on the replies. The vote on this measure was 26-0, with three abstentions (the US, Britain and Turkey).

As the four-week pre-vote debate concluded, the Soviet and Egyptian representatives sought to link the question of the punishment of war criminals with Israel's alleged maltreatment of the Arab population in the administered territories.

In the discussion preceding the vote, Amre M. Moussa, the Egyptian representative proposed that the Secretary General submit a note to the General Assembly at its next session in Sept. concerning resolutions on the punishment of war criminals, reports and resolutions on Israeli practices in the administered territories during the past year, and on racial discrimination.

Theo. C. Van Boven, the Netherlands representative, said he found it difficult to link the war criminals question with racial discrimination and with Israeli practices.

JERUSALEM, April 4 (JTA)--Absorption Minister Nathan Peled disclosed last night that 13,000 immigrants arrived in Israel during the first three months of this year compared to 9000 during the corresponding period last year. He did not say what percentage of this year's immigration was from the Soviet Union. Jewish emigres from Russia accounted for about two-thirds all immigrants arriving in Israel in 1971.

JERUSALEM, April 4 (JTA)--The National Religious Party claims that observant Jews are denied employment in Israeli industry because they are Sabbath observers. Interior Minister Yosef Burg told a party meeting yesterday that the NRP will fight for the right of observant Jews to work anywhere without fear of being barred because of their religious practices.

**"Thou Shalt Not Despair"****NATIONWIDE EVENTS TO MARK HOLOCAUST, MARTYRS, WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING**

NEW YORK, April 4 (JTA)--Times Square will be renamed Warsaw Ghetto Square on April 11. The symbolic change of name will be part of a series of events marking Holocaust Remembrance Week in the New York metropolitan area and in other cities across the country. Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller is expected to issue a proclamation and Mayor John V. Lindsay will designate April 11 Warsaw Ghetto Commemoration Day, according to an announcement by the Manhattan Region of the Zionist Organization of America and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Anniversary Committee.

The date corresponds to the 27th day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar which saw the beginning of the revolt of the Warsaw Ghetto against the Nazis in 1943. Other observances here of the 29th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising were announced by the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization which said that more than 5000 persons are expected to attend commemorative services at Temple Emanu-El on April 9.

The American Federation of Jewish Fighters, Camp Inmates and Nazi Victims proclaimed the evening of April 10 and the day of April 11 as a "Day of Remembrance for Jewish Martyrdom and Heroism." The proclamation, signed by 60 major national Jewish organizations, will be distributed throughout the US. It urges remembrance of Jewish communities and cultural, religious and benevolent institutions that were destroyed together with six million Jews.

Yeshiva University announced that Holocaust Memorial Day Observances would be marked on April 10 with an address by Elie Wiesel on the subject, "One Generation After" the holocaust. The event is sponsored by the university's six undergraduate student organizations.

**Yizkor Meetings Urged**

The Chicago Board of Rabbis announced that a memorial day for six million Jewish martyrs would be observed April 10-11 with congregational observances, candle lighting and special study projects by religious school pupils. A program for Holocaust Remembrance Week in Los Angeles was announced by Morton M. Silverman and Cyrus Levinthal of the Jewish Federation Council and United Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign there. The observance will be from April 9-15.

In New York, the Congress for Jewish Culture recalled that the Warsaw Ghetto uprising which began on the first seder night in April, 1943, was an epic battle "not for victory, as the realistic fighters knew from the outset, but for the honor of their people. On the walls of the Ghetto they posted an Eleventh Commandment: 'Thou shalt not despair.' It was their watchword and their legacy."

When the battle was near its end, the few Jews who survived issued an appeal to their brethren throughout the world: "Remember us! Do not forget what we have suffered at the hands of our murderous enemy!... Let our departure from the world in ashes and smoke not be in vain." Recalling this, the Congress urged American Jews to assemble in memorial yizkor meetings on this anniversary of the uprising in remembrance of the fighters who fell in the Ghetto.

**BLACK CAUCUS STATEMENT SUPPORTING ISRAEL INSERTED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD**

WASHINGTON, April 4 (JTA)--Rep. Louis Stokes (D, Ohio), chairman of the Congressional Black Cau-

cus, has reiterated "strong support of the Nation of Israel" in inserting the text of the Caucus statement in the Congressional Record. The Caucus, comprising the 13 Black members of the House, all Democrats, issued a statement March 21 lauding Israel and the Jewish people after the National Black Political Convention in Gary, Ind. on March 12 adopted by a voice vote a resolution calling for the dismantling of Israel and its land returned to Arabs.

Stating that the Caucus "reaffirms its position on the State of Israel" which had been issued on March 21, Stokes, in a message last week to the Congress, declared: "I urge my colleagues and my fellow citizens to join me during the Passover week in remembering Israel and wishing her eternal success and strength as an independent nation." He told the House that "the friendship that exists between the Land of Israel and her young African neighbors is mirrored in the long term friendship between American Jews and Black Americans."

Referring to his visit to Israel in May, 1967, Stokes said that while there he learned that "Israel has been able to solve many of the problems with which our country is still grappling." The Israelis, he added, "have, for example, made significant inroads upon the overwhelming problem of poverty. I witnessed for myself the close relationship that exists between Israel and her African neighbors."

**CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO PREVENT ESTABLISHMENT OF QUOTA SYSTEMS**

NEW YORK, April 4 (JTA)--An intensive action program to prevent the establishment of a quota system for students and faculty at the City University of New York was announced today by the New York City Councils of B'nai B'rith. This plan of action contemplates a letter writing campaign, meetings with government and school officials, support of corrective legislation and administrative procedures and public demonstrations.

One threat cited by Charles Seibel, chairman of the Metropolitan Conference of B'nai B'rith, comes from the New York City Board of Higher Education, which has been distributing questionnaires to students inquiring into their race, religious preferences, color, and national or ethnic origin. "Any survey," he said, "conducted by a government agency seeking information about an individual's racial, religious preferences or ethnic background should be publicly exposed as unconstitutional and a violation of the individual's rights."

B'nai B'rith commended a recent policy statement adopted by the Board of Higher Education which strongly supports the merit system in employment in the City University system and specifies that only the best qualified candidate for a position should be hired. "But," Seibel said, "the Board of Higher Education must now be urged to implement this policy resolutely."

B'nai B'rith, he said, has always supported equal opportunity for all in education and employment. "However," he added, "we must oppose efforts which under the guise of achieving equality, promote unequal treatment based upon an individual's race, religion and national origin. The consideration of such factors is unconstitutional, breeds divisiveness in our society, fosters mediocrity and, inevitably, leads to a quota system which is inherently unjust and discriminatory."





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Tekoah called the charge "a virtual admission of the pitiful coarseness of Egyptian propaganda," which "either completely ignores or distorts the statements of fact." He noted in this connection that Egyptian Ambassador A. Esmat Abdel Meguid, in a March 29 letter to Waldheim, cited as evidence a press report "on the evacuation of a number of Bedouin from a different area--a closed zone in the Gaza-Raffah Strip--for reasons of security."

Tekoah also scored Dr. Meguid for advising Waldheim that Israeli authorities had destroyed "44 houses in one section of a town." Tekoah wrote that "in the passion of falsification the letter forgets that this Egyptian allegation refers to 44 houses in all of Sinai," noting that three paragraphs earlier Dr. Meguid indicated "44 houses in Sinai, nine of which were situated in the main square of the town of El Arish."

In his letter to Waldheim, Dr. Meguid also charged that "the Israeli authorities have, in fact, resorted to...a campaign of distortions to cover up their inhuman policies and practices, which constitute serious violations of the basic rights of the inhabitants of the occupied Arab territories."

Dr. Meguid also accused Israel of "refusing" to abide by the Geneva Conventions and United Nations resolutions; trying to cover up the "destruction" of the Palestinians with monetary compensation; seeking to "repress" the "legitimate struggle of the Arab people"; "breaching" law and morality and "threatening" international peace and security.

#### Egyptian Whitewashes Terrorism

In rejecting the Egyptian charges as "unfounded," Tekoah denounced what he called Dr. Meguid's whitewashing of terrorism as "resistance of the people under foreign occupation," an attempt Tekoah called "arrogant."

It is, he wrote, "an affront to (anti-Nazi) freedom fighters that Arab leaders and representatives, among them Egyptians and others who had sympathized and even collaborated with Nazi Germany in World War II, now harboring notorious Nazi criminals on the territory of their states and still supporting the Nazi attitude toward the Jewish people by such acts as the printing and dissemination of Hitler's racist 'Mein Kampf,' should compare killers of women and little children with the underground movement that had resisted and fought the Nazi war machinery."

Tekoaah also referred to the "reign of terror and oppression" in Gaza Strip during the 19-year Egyptian occupation, citing in comparison a recent comment by the renowned Egyptian writer Tewfik al-Hakim that Israel's presence in the Sinai was less objectionable than the earlier British rule. The Israeli concluded: "Boisterous and perverted propaganda has never been a sign of a responsible and constructive attitude. The Egyptian government would be well advised to abandon it in its pronouncements at home and abroad."

#### REFORM JUDAISM LEADER RAPS ORTHODOX OPPOSITION TO WOMEN'S RIGHTS AMENDMENT

NEW YORK, April 4 (JTA)--A leader of American Reform Judaism said today that statements by Orthodox rabbis that a women's equal rights law threatens the future of Orthodox Judaism are "self destructive and anachronistic" and "turning back to the Middle Ages." Rabbi Balfour Brickner, director of the Commission on Interfaith Activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations said "Rather than seeing this as a threat to Judaism we encourage this emergence as a strengthening of the Jewish community and Jewish religious life."

He said that the Reform synagogue has always insisted that the woman be fully "accepted and accorded complete equality with men in all aspects and functions of the congregation and the community." He rejected the assertions by the Orthodox groups that the proposed Constitutional amendment on equal rights would threaten the morality of the country. In a statement yesterday the Orthodox groups suggested that if such a proposed Constitutional amendment were adopted women would legally try to challenge the existing Orthodox law in synagogues.

Rabbi Brickner expressed belief that "once the government insures equal rights to women through a proposed Constitutional amendment, Jewish women would have the right to and should be expected to, challenge even Orthodox Judaism for their proper place in that branch of the Jewish religious community."

The UAHC, Rabbi Brickner said, has a special commission developing on-going programs to assure greater feminine representation and participation of women leaders in its regional and national activities. He also noted that in the UAHC's 700-member synagogue in the US and Canada, women have served as presidents, on congregational boards, are cantors, and in June the first woman rabbi will be ordained and "there will be others."

#### NCSJ SCORES SOVIET BRUTALITY AGAINST JEWS DURING PASSOVER

NEW YORK, April 4 (JTA)--Richard Maass, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry expressed grave concern yesterday over the unprovoked attack on Jews attempting to observe the Passover eve services in Moscow's synagogue. The NCSJ reported that according to information it received hundreds of Soviet police attempted to disperse the Jews gathered for the services.

The crowds were broken into small groups, Jews were severely beaten, their hair pulled and teeth broken, the report continued. Several men were thrown to the ground and dragged to a waiting police car. Women were savagely beaten. A number of Jews were arrested, held at the police station for several hours, and then released. The NCSJ reported that fewer Jews gathered for synagogue services on the second evening of Passover and that after services ended the police again dispersed the crowd and cordoned off the synagogue.

Maass said "the unprovoked attacks on the Jews observing the Passover service again focuses our attention on the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union. This brutal incident represents the first time in years that Jews in the capital city of Moscow have been prevented by force from observing the Passover."

Coming at a time when President Nixon is scheduled to meet with Soviet leaders next month, Maass said, "It makes the need for the President to show his concern for Soviet Jewry even more essential. We believe this latest incident should be brought before the United Nations Human Rights Commission currently in session in New York and we urge this administration to instruct our UN Ambassador George Bush" to do so.

#### UN COMMISSION RESOLUTION CHARGES ISRAEL WITH WAR CRIMES IN TERRITORIES

UNITED NATIONS, April 4 (JTA)--The Commission on Human Rights yesterday afternoon adopted overwhelmingly an Egyptian resolution asking the Secretary General to submit to next fall's General Assembly a note containing "United Nations resolutions concerning the declaration of grave breaches of the Geneva convention as 'war crimes,'" and relevant statements by UN units and the International Red Cross. The Commission noted in a preamble that certain acts by Israel in the administered Arab territories "constitute war crimes and an affront to humanity." The vote was 13-1, with 15 abstentions, with the United States the only dissenter.

The Commission also passed a Belorussian resolution calling on those nations that have not done so to submit their comments and proposals for "the detection, arrest, extradition and punishment of persons guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity," and calling on the Secretary General to analyze and report on the replies. The vote on this measure was 26-0, with three abstentions (the US, Britain and Turkey).

As the four-week pre-vote debate concluded, the Soviet and Egyptian representatives sought to link the question of the punishment of war criminals with Israel's alleged maltreatment of the Arab population in the administered territories.

In the discussion preceding the vote, Amre M. Moussa, the Egyptian representative proposed that the Secretary General submit a note to the General Assembly at its next session in Sept. concerning resolutions on the punishment of war criminals, reports and resolutions on Israeli practices in the administered territories during the past year, and on racial discrimination.

Theo. C. Van Boven, the Netherlands representative, said he found it difficult to link the war criminals question with racial discrimination and with Israeli practices.

JERUSALEM, April 4 (JTA)--Absorption Minister Nathan Peled disclosed last night that 13,000 immigrants arrived in Israel during the first three months of this year compared to 9000 during the corresponding period last year. He did not say what percentage of this year's immigration was from the Soviet Union. Jewish emigres from Russia accounted for about two-thirds all immigrants arriving in Israel in 1971.

JERUSALEM, April 4 (JTA)--The National Religious Party claims that observant Jews are denied employment in Israeli industry because they are Sabbath observers. Interior Minister Yosef Burg told a party meeting yesterday that the NRP will fight for the right of observant Jews to work anywhere without fear of being barred because of their religious practices.

**"Thou Shalt Not Despair"****NATIONWIDE EVENTS TO MARK HOLOCAUST, MARTYRS, WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING**

NEW YORK, April 4 (JTA)--Times Square will be renamed Warsaw Ghetto Square on April 11. The symbolic change of name will be part of a series of events marking Holocaust Remembrance Week in the New York metropolitan area and in other cities across the country. Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller is expected to issue a proclamation and Mayor John V. Lindsay will designate April 11 Warsaw Ghetto Commemoration Day, according to an announcement by the Manhattan Region of the Zionist Organization of America and the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Anniversary Committee.

The date corresponds to the 27th day of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar which saw the beginning of the revolt of the Warsaw Ghetto against the Nazis in 1943. Other observances here of the 29th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising were announced by the Warsaw Ghetto Resistance Organization which said that more than 5000 persons are expected to attend commemorative services at Temple Emanu-El on April 9.

The American Federation of Jewish Fighters, Camp Inmates and Nazi Victims proclaimed the evening of April 10 and the day of April 11 as a "Day of Remembrance for Jewish Martyrdom and Heroism." The proclamation, signed by 60 major national Jewish organizations, will be distributed throughout the US. It urges remembrance of Jewish communities and cultural, religious and benevolent institutions that were destroyed together with six million Jews.

Yeshiva University announced that Holocaust Memorial Day Observances would be marked on April 10 with an address by Elie Wiesel on the subject, "One Generation After" the holocaust. The event is sponsored by the university's six undergraduate student organizations.

**Yizkor Meetings Urged**

The Chicago Board of Rabbis announced that a memorial day for six million Jewish martyrs would be observed April 10-11 with congregational observances, candle lighting and special study projects by religious school pupils. A program for Holocaust Remembrance Week in Los Angeles was announced by Morton M. Silverman and Cyrus Levinthal of the Jewish Federation Council and United Jewish Welfare Fund Campaign there. The observance will be from April 9-15.

In New York, the Congress for Jewish Culture recalled that the Warsaw Ghetto uprising which began on the first seder night in April, 1943, was an epic battle "not for victory, as the realistic fighters knew from the outset, but for the honor of their people. On the walls of the Ghetto they posted an Eleventh Commandment: 'Thou shalt not despair.' It was their watchword and their legacy."

When the battle was near its end, the few Jews who survived issued an appeal to their brethren throughout the world: "Remember us! Do not forget what we have suffered at the hands of our murderous enemy!... Let our departure from the world in ashes and smoke not be in vain." Recalling this, the Congress urged American Jews to assemble in memorial yizkor meetings on this anniversary of the uprising in remembrance of the fighters who fell in the Ghetto.

**BLACK CAUCUS STATEMENT SUPPORTING ISRAEL INSERTED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD**

WASHINGTON, April 4 (JTA)--Rep. Louis Stokes (D, Ohio), chairman of the Congressional Black Cau-

cus, has reiterated "strong support of the Nation of Israel" in inserting the text of the Caucus statement in the Congressional Record. The Caucus, comprising the 13 Black members of the House, all Democrats, issued a statement March 21 lauding Israel and the Jewish people after the National Black Political Convention in Gary, Ind. on March 12 adopted by a voice vote a resolution calling for the dismantling of Israel and its land returned to Arabs.

Stating that the Caucus "reaffirms its position on the State of Israel" which had been issued on March 21, Stokes, in a message last week to the Congress, declared: "I urge my colleagues and my fellow citizens to join me during the Passover week in remembering Israel and wishing her eternal success and strength as an independent nation." He told the House that "the friendship that exists between the Land of Israel and her young African neighbors is mirrored in the long term friendship between American Jews and Black Americans."

Referring to his visit to Israel in May, 1967, Stokes said that while there he learned that "Israel has been able to solve many of the problems with which our country is still grappling." The Israelis, he added, "have, for example, made significant inroads upon the overwhelming problem of poverty. I witnessed for myself the close relationship that exists between Israel and her African neighbors."

**CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO PREVENT ESTABLISHMENT OF QUOTA SYSTEMS**

NEW YORK, April 4 (JTA)--An intensive action program to prevent the establishment of a quota system for students and faculty at the City University of New York was announced today by the New York City Councils of B'nai B'rith. This plan of action contemplates a letter writing campaign, meetings with government and school officials, support of corrective legislation and administrative procedures and public demonstrations.

One threat cited by Charles Seibel, chairman of the Metropolitan Conference of B'nai B'rith, comes from the New York City Board of Higher Education, which has been distributing questionnaires to students inquiring into their race, religious preferences, color, and national or ethnic origin. "Any survey," he said, "conducted by a government agency seeking information about an individual's racial, religious preferences or ethnic background should be publicly exposed as unconstitutional and a violation of the individual's rights."

B'nai B'rith commended a recent policy statement adopted by the Board of Higher Education which strongly supports the merit system in employment in the City University system and specifies that only the best qualified candidate for a position should be hired. "But," Seibel said, "the Board of Higher Education must now be urged to implement this policy resolutely."

B'nai B'rith, he said, has always supported equal opportunity for all in education and employment. "However," he added, "we must oppose efforts which under the guise of achieving equality, promote unequal treatment based upon an individual's race, religion and national origin. The consideration of such factors is unconstitutional, breeds divisiveness in our society, fosters mediocrity and, inevitably, leads to a quota system which is inherently unjust and discriminatory."