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Mrs. Trepper, granted a temporary visa to visit her son Michael in Copenhagen, told the interviewers that all she and her husband wanted was "to go to Israel and end our lives in quiet and in peace." She ridiculed the suggestion that Trepper, whom Hitler once called "Europe's greatest spy," would be dangerous to the West. "Work is definitely over for us. This sort of work was finished nearly 30 years ago," she said.

AJ CONGRESS ASESAILS OSCAR AWARD FOR THE CARTOON 'THE CRUNCH BIRD'

NEW YORK, April 11 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress today criticized the award last night of an Oscar to the animated short subject, "The Crunch Bird," as "a regrettable act of insensitivity toward the Jewish community." Rabbi Yaakov Rosenberg of Philadelphia, chairman of the AJ Congress Commission on Jewish Affairs, deplored the use of Yiddish dialect and ethnic caricature "for comic purposes."

He said this may have been an acceptable form of humor two generations ago. "Today," he stated, "the world has learned, to its sorrow, that holding up to ridicule members of minority groups for the way they speak or act or look not only injures the victims of such attack but corrupts society as a whole."

Rabbi Rosenberg termed "The Crunch Bird" an offensive piece of cinema and "therefore unworthy of the high professional and ethical standards which the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences seeks to honor in its annual distribution of awards." He expressed the hope that the Oscar given to the two-minute cartoon "will not serve to encourage other film makers to imitate its vulgarity." The producer of "The Crunch Bird" could not be reached immediately for comment.

Tel Aviv police are investigating the possibility of arson in a fire that broke out today in the conference room of the headquarters of the National Religious Party. The fire was quickly put out and damage was negligible.

year. In some planes they comprise two-thirds of the passengers whereas last year they usually accounted for about one-third, Dominitz said.

Pat Theories Don't Hold

But the Georgian Republic has only about 80,000 Jews compared to close to three million throughout the USSR. In the Baltic states alone there are 200,000 and it was anyone's guess as to why the Georgians are being let out now, Dominitz said. He said it was possible that the Soviet authorities wanted to get rid of the least assimilable elements. Georgian Jews live in clans and jealously guard their way of life and Orthodox religious practices, he said.

Dominitz could not account for the seemingly catch-as-catch-can policy by which Soviet authorities issue visas. He said the theory that "trouble-makers" are being let out does not hold because some of the most vocal advocates of Jewish emigration have been persecuted and remain in the Soviet Union while others who have campaigned just as fervently are now in Israel.

The Georgian Jews present special problems for Israeli absorption authorities. The journalists were taken on a tour of Kiryat Malachi where a large number of Georgian Jews have been settled under the auspices of the Chabad hasidim. Teachers and advisers have been sent to them on orders from the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Menachem Mendel Schneersohn.

But a visit to a factory in the township revealed that many Georgian Jews have difficulty adapting themselves to work discipline. In their native country they were mostly small shopkeepers. Here they report late to their shifts and often refuse to work in the afternoon or evening. The factory produces concrete telephone pylons and parts of pre-fabricated houses. But the Georgian workers do not make an effort to do their work properly, the journalists observed.

ISRAELI-FRANCO DIPLOMATIC CLASH AVERTED OVER OPENING OF EXHIBIT

JERUSALEM, April 11 (JTA)--A new diplomatic clash between France and Israel appeared to have been averted today when it was agreed that both Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem and the Mayor of Paris would officiate at the opening of a Paris exhibit here April 24 in connection with French culture week. French authorities had objected to Kollek's appearance in his official capacity because it might be construed as recognition by France of Israel's sovereignty over united Jerusalem.

Suggestions by the French that Kollek should not attend the opening or attend only as a private individual were angrily rejected by Israeli officials who threatened to cancel the exhibit and ship the displays back to France.

According to authoritative sources here, a settlement was reached today although there is a residue of ill feeling among Israelis who considered the French attitude a direct insult. The French Embassy in Tel Aviv reportedly approved the new plan and Embassy circles claimed today that the episode stemmed from a "misunderstanding."

Attitude Termed Preposterous

Members of a French good-will mission here, headed by Alain Poher, President of the French Senate, and consisting of several high ranking Gaullist party leaders, were apparently appalled by their government's attitude and the settlement was attributed by knowledgeable sources here to their intervention with the French Ambassador, Francis Hure.

The delegation attended ceremonies yesterday naming a Jerusalem street after the late French Gen. Pierre Koenig, a World War II hero and cham-

pion of Franco-Israeli amity. After the ceremony, two members of the delegation, Gaullist Gen. De Benouville and Jacques Soustelle, engaged Ambassador Hure in a heated discussion. According to a French-speaking journalist present, they labeled their government's attitude "preposterous" and insulting to a friendly nation.

Earlier, Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban said on a radio program that it was "intolerable" that France should try to lay down the law as to who should receive the Mayor of Paris and in what capacity.

BOLIVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL ARE FRIENDLY

TEL AVIV, April 11 (JTA)--Mario Gutierrez, the Foreign Minister of Bolivia, arrived here last night for a week-long visit to Israel. He was welcomed at the airport by Foreign Minister Abba Eban who said he hoped the visit would strengthen the ties between Israel and Bolivia. Gutierrez responded by observing that "despite the great distance there are close, friendly relations between Bolivia and Israel." During his visit Gutierrez will sign agreements for cooperation in the cultural and mutual aid fields.

PLO BRANDS HUSSEIN CRIMINAL, CALLS FOR ECONOMIC BOYCOTT AGAINST JORDAN

JERUSALEM, April 11 (JTA)--King Hussein of Jordan was branded a "criminal" by the Congress of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Cairo which urged all Arab states to follow Egypt's example and break off diplomatic relations with Amman, Cairo radio reported today. The PLO meeting was attended by representatives of most Palestinian terrorist groups, including Yassir Arafat, the El Fatah chief. It called on the Arab states to apply an economic boycott against Jordan in the same manner that the Arabs boycott Israel.

The PLO's resolution stemmed from Hussein's recent proposal to create a federation of the east and west banks of the Jordan, a move regarded in some Arab circles as tantamount to making a separate peace with Israel. The PLO denounced the Hussein plan as a de facto recognition of Israel in its pre-1967 borders which is contrary to Arab policy and aspirations. The Congress said that the State of Israel in its present form must disappear. There was talk of trying King Hussein in absentia but no indication of what court could try him.

Observers here believe that the various Arab states will each be guided by its own interests regarding its future relations with Jordan regardless of the PLO's resolution. They noted that Egypt severed relations with Jordan before the Congress met.

MOMENTUM FOR SOLIDARITY DAY MOUNTS

NEW YORK, April 11 (JTA)--Richard Maass, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, announced today that "the response to Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jewry has been tremendous. In communities across the country, individuals and organizations are mobilizing to demonstrate their concern on April 30 for the problems of Soviet Jews." An intensive drive to collect signatures on a petition urging President Nixon to include the issue of Soviet Jewry on his agenda when he meets with Soviet leaders in Moscow next month has been going on for several weeks, Maass added.

One third of all Israeli high school students attend boarding schools, the highest ratio in the world.

WIESEL CHARGES ALLIED GOVERNMENTS, JEWISH LEADERS FAILED TO COME TO AID OF JEWS WHO PERISHED IN THE HOLOCAUST

NEW YORK, April 11 (JTA)--Some 1500 students and faculty members at Yeshiva University sat enthralled last night in the university's Lamport Auditorium as Elie Wiesel "wrote" a verbal novel of the Holocaust and its meaning for our times. Addressing the university's annual Holocaust Memorial Day Observance, Wiesel castigated American Jewish leaders and the American, British and Allied governments of World War II for failing to come to the aid of the Jews who perished in the ghettos and concentration camps.

"Jews were killed at Auschwitz, but mankind died at Auschwitz," Wiesel said. "What mankind did to Jews at Auschwitz it did to itself. Hiroshima was prepared at Auschwitz." Warning that every murderer kills twice, the second time when trying to make us forget his crime, Wiesel cautioned: "To forget is to hand him his second victory."

Declaring that Auschwitz could not be explained with God or without God, Wiesel asked: "What made one people turn overnight into murderers, another into victims, all others into accomplices? Why the silence in Washington, the Vatican? Why didn't our own Jewish leaders go to the extremes of their capabilities? Why didn't they go mad?" Why, he continued, "the silence on the part of our friends and protectors?"

He charged that in 1942 and 1943 American Jewish leaders, President Roosevelt and the State Department knew of the destruction of Europe's Jews "and they did nothing." How many Jewish leaders "tore their clothes in mourning?", Wiesel asked. "How many marched on Washington? How many weddings took place without music?" If only Roosevelt had spoken earlier, the French marched into the Rhineland, if someone did anything, it (the Holocaust) could not have happened.

3000 ATTENDING MEETING TO COMMEMORATE HOLOCAUST TOLD JEWS ARE BEING MADE SCAPEGOATS FOR SOCIAL, ECONOMIC CRISIS

Buenos Aires, April 11 (JTA)--More than 3000 persons, many of them youthful, attended a mass meeting here to commemorate the Holocaust. The meeting, held in this city's largest theater, the Rex, was co-sponsored by the Delegacion de Asociaciones Israelitas Argentinas (DAIA), the central organization of Argentina; the Buenos Aires Kehilla, the Argentine Zionist Organization, the Association of the Survivors of Nazism and other societies.

Israeli Ambassador Eliezer Doron said it was not surprising that there was still anti-Semitism in the world 29 years after the crushing of the Warsaw Ghetto. The Western world, he said, cannot be absolved for its "indifference and weakness in the face of our catastrophe," which he said was repeated in 1967 before the Six-Day War.

The DAIA's general secretary, Nehemias Resnitsky, said that it was astonishing that it was possible for anti-Semitism to be spreading through this country today in an "Argentine version of the 'Protocols of the Elders of Zion.'" At this time, he declared, "we must emphasize that Argentina faces a social and economic crisis, and spreading this libel is an attempt to charge the Jewish community with this situation, trying to convert it into a scapegoat."

Resnitsky urged political parties, labor unions, business leaders and intellectuals not to fall for this line, which he attributed to Arab propagandists. He also called on Argentina's Arab community--"with which we have lived in peace and harmony"--not to let itself be "dragged into this provocation." Also addressing the meeting were Buenos Aires Chief

Rabbi Dr. David Kahana, who spoke in Yiddish, and Rafi Milberg, representing youth.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR HOLOCAUST VICTIMS

TEL AVIV, April 11 (JTA)--Sirens wailed for two minutes at noon today, bringing traffic to a standstill all over Israel as thousands stood in the streets observing a period of silence in memory of the Jews who perished in the Nazi Holocaust. Work was halted in offices and factories. Special prayers were recited in synagogues. The city's main thoroughfares were darkened last night and all places of entertainment were closed.

LINDSAY URGES KIEV OFFICIAL TO LET JEWS HOLD MEMORIAL MEETING

NEW YORK, April 11 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay sent a cable yesterday to the chairman of the Kiev City Council urging that "Soviet Jews be allowed to congregate freely to memorialize those who perished at the hands of the Nazis." Lindsay sent his cable on the eve of memorial services which Jews in Kiev planned to hold to mark the 29th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and to observe a day of remembrance for the victims of Nazism. The Kiev Jews applied to the City Council for the necessary permit.

Lindsay said in his cable, "I strongly urge that proper treatment be accorded the participants in this significant event. It is vital that Soviet Jews be permitted to maintain their heritage and to remember their fallen parents and brothers in the traditional manner of their people." The Mayor noted that thousands of New Yorkers of all faiths will commemorate today the victims of the Nazi Holocaust.

"Inasmuch as Soviet Jews are denied religious and cultural rights, this observance takes on even greater significance," the cable said. "The world must not forget that tragic period and must re-enforce its determination to stand fast against oppression and persecution."

PEARL TELLS COURT THAT MANDATED SERVICES ACT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

NEW YORK, April 11 (JTA)--The Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL) argued in federal court here today that the 1970 New York State Mandated Services Act--allocating \$28 million per year to nonpublic schools for examination and record-keeping purposes--was "unconstitutional on its face and in its application" because it gave state funds to religious schools in violation of the First Amendment. The Mandated Services Act appropriates \$28 million annually for nonpublic schools to be distributed on a per-pupil formula of \$27 for each child in grades 1 through 6 and \$45 for each student in grades 7 through 12.

Arguing before a three-judge panel, PEARL's attorney Leo Pfeffer said the state grants were impermissible under the decisions of the US Supreme Court last June barring public funds for church-operated schools. PEARL--a coalition of 33 civic, religious, education, labor and civil rights organizations in New York--successfully sued to bar \$33 million in state funds for teacher salary payments under the 1971 Secular Educational Services Act. A three-judge federal panel struck down that law in January, declaring it to be "substantially similar" to those ruled unconstitutional last June by the Supreme Court.

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She said the French police lacked "humanity" and claimed that "those who slander my husband today should be proud to have a Trepper living in their midst, if only for a few days." She was referring to allegations in intelligence circles that Trepper had collaborated with the Gestapo after his arrest by German agents in Paris in 1944. A French radio broadcast quoted Trepper today as saying that if he were in France he would sue the police and intelligence services for slander.

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Mrs. Trepper, granted a temporary visa to visit her son Michael in Copenhagen, told the interviewers that all she and her husband wanted was "to go to Israel and end our lives in quiet and in peace." She ridiculed the suggestion that Trepper, whom Hitler once called "Europe's greatest spy," would be dangerous to the West. "Work is definitely over for us. This sort of work was finished nearly 30 years ago," she said.

AJ CONGRESS ASESAILS OSCAR AWARD FOR THE CARTOON 'THE CRUNCH BIRD'

NEW YORK, April 11 (JTA)--The American Jewish Congress today criticized the award last night of an Oscar to the animated short subject, "The Crunch Bird," as "a regrettable act of insensitivity toward the Jewish community." Rabbi Yaakov Rosenberg of Philadelphia, chairman of the AJ Congress Commission on Jewish Affairs, deplored the use of Yiddish dialect and ethnic caricature "for comic purposes."

He said this may have been an acceptable form of humor two generations ago. "Today," he stated, "the world has learned, to its sorrow, that holding up to ridicule members of minority groups for the way they speak or act or look not only injures the victims of such attack but corrupts society as a whole."

Rabbi Rosenberg termed "The Crunch Bird" an offensive piece of cinema and "therefore unworthy of the high professional and ethical standards which the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences seeks to honor in its annual distribution of awards." He expressed the hope that the Oscar given to the two-minute cartoon "will not serve to encourage other film makers to imitate its vulgarity." The producer of "The Crunch Bird" could not be reached immediately for comment.

Tel Aviv police are investigating the possibility of arson in a fire that broke out today in the conference room of the headquarters of the National Religious Party. The fire was quickly put out and damage was negligible.

year. In some planes they comprise two-thirds of the passengers whereas last year they usually accounted for about one-third, Dominitz said.

Pat Theories Don't Hold

But the Georgian Republic has only about 80,000 Jews compared to close to three million throughout the USSR. In the Baltic states alone there are 200,000 and it was anyone's guess as to why the Georgians are being let out now, Dominitz said. He said it was possible that the Soviet authorities wanted to get rid of the least assimilable elements. Georgian Jews live in clans and jealously guard their way of life and Orthodox religious practices, he said.

Dominitz could not account for the seemingly catch-as-catch-can policy by which Soviet authorities issue visas. He said the theory that "trouble-makers" are being let out does not hold because some of the most vocal advocates of Jewish emigration have been persecuted and remain in the Soviet Union while others who have campaigned just as fervently are now in Israel.

The Georgian Jews present special problems for Israeli absorption authorities. The journalists were taken on a tour of Kiryat Malachi where a large number of Georgian Jews have been settled under the auspices of the Chabad hasidim. Teachers and advisers have been sent to them on orders from the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Menachem Mendel Schneersohn.

But a visit to a factory in the township revealed that many Georgian Jews have difficulty adapting themselves to work discipline. In their native country they were mostly small shopkeepers. Here they report late to their shifts and often refuse to work in the afternoon or evening. The factory produces concrete telephone pylons and parts of pre-fabricated houses. But the Georgian workers do not make an effort to do their work properly, the journalists observed.

ISRAELI-FRANCO DIPLOMATIC CLASH AVERTED OVER OPENING OF EXHIBIT

JERUSALEM, April 11 (JTA)--A new diplomatic clash between France and Israel appeared to have been averted today when it was agreed that both Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem and the Mayor of Paris would officiate at the opening of a Paris exhibit here April 24 in connection with French culture week. French authorities had objected to Kollek's appearance in his official capacity because it might be construed as recognition by France of Israel's sovereignty over united Jerusalem.

Suggestions by the French that Kollek should not attend the opening or attend only as a private individual were angrily rejected by Israeli officials who threatened to cancel the exhibit and ship the displays back to France.

According to authoritative sources here, a settlement was reached today although there is a residue of ill feeling among Israelis who considered the French attitude a direct insult. The French Embassy in Tel Aviv reportedly approved the new plan and Embassy circles claimed today that the episode stemmed from a "misunderstanding."

Attitude Termed Preposterous

Members of a French good-will mission here, headed by Alain Poher, President of the French Senate, and consisting of several high ranking Gaullist party leaders, were apparently appalled by their government's attitude and the settlement was attributed by knowledgeable sources here to their intervention with the French Ambassador, Francis Hure.

The delegation attended ceremonies yesterday naming a Jerusalem street after the late French Gen. Pierre Koenig, a World War II hero and cham-

pion of Franco-Israeli amity. After the ceremony, two members of the delegation, Gaullist Gen. De Benouville and Jacques Soustelle, engaged Ambassador Hure in a heated discussion. According to a French-speaking journalist present, they labeled their government's attitude "preposterous" and insulting to a friendly nation.

Earlier, Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban said on a radio program that it was "intolerable" that France should try to lay down the law as to who should receive the Mayor of Paris and in what capacity.

BOLIVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL ARE FRIENDLY

TEL AVIV, April 11 (JTA)--Mario Gutierrez, the Foreign Minister of Bolivia, arrived here last night for a week-long visit to Israel. He was welcomed at the airport by Foreign Minister Abba Eban who said he hoped the visit would strengthen the ties between Israel and Bolivia. Gutierrez responded by observing that "despite the great distance there are close, friendly relations between Bolivia and Israel." During his visit Gutierrez will sign agreements for cooperation in the cultural and mutual aid fields.

PLO BRANDS HUSSEIN CRIMINAL, CALLS FOR ECONOMIC BOYCOTT AGAINST JORDAN

JERUSALEM, April 11 (JTA)--King Hussein of Jordan was branded a "criminal" by the Congress of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Cairo which urged all Arab states to follow Egypt's example and break off diplomatic relations with Amman, Cairo radio reported today. The PLO meeting was attended by representatives of most Palestinian terrorist groups, including Yassir Arafat, the El Fatah chief. It called on the Arab states to apply an economic boycott against Jordan in the same manner that the Arabs boycott Israel.

The PLO's resolution stemmed from Hussein's recent proposal to create a federation of the east and west banks of the Jordan, a move regarded in some Arab circles as tantamount to making a separate peace with Israel. The PLO denounced the Hussein plan as a de facto recognition of Israel in its pre-1967 borders which is contrary to Arab policy and aspirations. The Congress said that the State of Israel in its present form must disappear. There was talk of trying King Hussein in absentia but no indication of what court could try him.

Observers here believe that the various Arab states will each be guided by its own interests regarding its future relations with Jordan regardless of the PLO's resolution. They noted that Egypt severed relations with Jordan before the Congress met.

MOMENTUM FOR SOLIDARITY DAY MOUNTS

NEW YORK, April 11 (JTA)--Richard Maass, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, announced today that "the response to Solidarity Sunday for Soviet Jewry has been tremendous. In communities across the country, individuals and organizations are mobilizing to demonstrate their concern on April 30 for the problems of Soviet Jews." An intensive drive to collect signatures on a petition urging President Nixon to include the issue of Soviet Jewry on his agenda when he meets with Soviet leaders in Moscow next month has been going on for several weeks, Maass added.

One third of all Israeli high school students attend boarding schools, the highest ratio in the world.

WIESEL CHARGES ALLIED GOVERNMENTS, JEWISH LEADERS FAILED TO COME TO AID OF JEWS WHO PERISHED IN THE HOLOCAUST

NEW YORK, April 11 (JTA)--Some 1500 students and faculty members at Yeshiva University sat enthralled last night in the university's Lamport Auditorium as Elie Wiesel "wrote" a verbal novel of the Holocaust and its meaning for our times. Addressing the university's annual Holocaust Memorial Day Observance, Wiesel castigated American Jewish leaders and the American, British and Allied governments of World War II for failing to come to the aid of the Jews who perished in the ghettos and concentration camps.

"Jews were killed at Auschwitz, but mankind died at Auschwitz," Wiesel said. "What mankind did to Jews at Auschwitz it did to itself. Hiroshima was prepared at Auschwitz." Warning that every murderer kills twice, the second time when trying to make us forget his crime, Wiesel cautioned: "To forget is to hand him his second victory."

Declaring that Auschwitz could not be explained with God or without God, Wiesel asked: "What made one people turn overnight into murderers, another into victims, all others into accomplices? Why the silence in Washington, the Vatican? Why didn't our own Jewish leaders go to the extremes of their capabilities? Why didn't they go mad?" Why, he continued, "the silence on the part of our friends and protectors?"

He charged that in 1942 and 1943 American Jewish leaders, President Roosevelt and the State Department knew of the destruction of Europe's Jews "and they did nothing." How many Jewish leaders "tore their clothes in mourning?", Wiesel asked. "How many marched on Washington? How many weddings took place without music?" If only Roosevelt had spoken earlier, the French marched into the Rhineland, if someone did anything, it (the Holocaust) could not have happened.

3000 ATTENDING MEETING TO COMMEMORATE HOLOCAUST TOLD JEWS ARE BEING MADE SCAPEGOATS FOR SOCIAL, ECONOMIC CRISIS

Buenos Aires, April 11 (JTA)--More than 3000 persons, many of them youthful, attended a mass meeting here to commemorate the Holocaust. The meeting, held in this city's largest theater, the Rex, was co-sponsored by the Delegacion de Asociaciones Israelitas Argentinas (DAIA), the central organization of Argentina; the Buenos Aires Kehilla, the Argentine Zionist Organization, the Association of the Survivors of Nazism and other societies.

Israeli Ambassador Eliezer Doron said it was not surprising that there was still anti-Semitism in the world 29 years after the crushing of the Warsaw Ghetto. The Western world, he said, cannot be absolved for its "indifference and weakness in the face of our catastrophe," which he said was repeated in 1967 before the Six-Day War.

The DAIA's general secretary, Nehemias Resnitsky, said that it was astonishing that it was possible for anti-Semitism to be spreading through this country today in an "Argentine version of the 'Protocols of the Elders of Zion.'" At this time, he declared, "we must emphasize that Argentina faces a social and economic crisis, and spreading this libel is an attempt to charge the Jewish community with this situation, trying to convert it into a scapegoat."

Resnitsky urged political parties, labor unions, business leaders and intellectuals not to fall for this line, which he attributed to Arab propagandists. He also called on Argentina's Arab community--"with which we have lived in peace and harmony"--not to let itself be "dragged into this provocation." Also addressing the meeting were Buenos Aires Chief

Rabbi Dr. David Kahana, who spoke in Yiddish, and Rafi Milberg, representing youth.

PERIOD OF SILENCE FOR HOLOCAUST VICTIMS

TEL AVIV, April 11 (JTA)--Sirens wailed for two minutes at noon today, bringing traffic to a standstill all over Israel as thousands stood in the streets observing a period of silence in memory of the Jews who perished in the Nazi Holocaust. Work was halted in offices and factories. Special prayers were recited in synagogues. The city's main thoroughfares were darkened last night and all places of entertainment were closed.

LINDSAY URGES KIEV OFFICIAL TO LET JEWS HOLD MEMORIAL MEETING

NEW YORK, April 11 (JTA)--Mayor John V. Lindsay sent a cable yesterday to the chairman of the Kiev City Council urging that "Soviet Jews be allowed to congregate freely to memorialize those who perished at the hands of the Nazis." Lindsay sent his cable on the eve of memorial services which Jews in Kiev planned to hold to mark the 29th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising and to observe a day of remembrance for the victims of Nazism. The Kiev Jews applied to the City Council for the necessary permit.

Lindsay said in his cable, "I strongly urge that proper treatment be accorded the participants in this significant event. It is vital that Soviet Jews be permitted to maintain their heritage and to remember their fallen parents and brothers in the traditional manner of their people." The Mayor noted that thousands of New Yorkers of all faiths will commemorate today the victims of the Nazi Holocaust.

"Inasmuch as Soviet Jews are denied religious and cultural rights, this observance takes on even greater significance," the cable said. "The world must not forget that tragic period and must re-enforce its determination to stand fast against oppression and persecution."

PEARL TELLS COURT THAT MANDATED SERVICES ACT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

NEW YORK, April 11 (JTA)--The Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL) argued in federal court here today that the 1970 New York State Mandated Services Act--allocating \$28 million per year to nonpublic schools for examination and record-keeping purposes--was "unconstitutional on its face and in its application" because it gave state funds to religious schools in violation of the First Amendment. The Mandated Services Act appropriates \$28 million annually for nonpublic schools to be distributed on a per-pupil formula of \$27 for each child in grades 1 through 6 and \$45 for each student in grades 7 through 12.

Arguing before a three-judge panel, PEARL's attorney Leo Pfeffer said the state grants were impermissible under the decisions of the US Supreme Court last June barring public funds for church-operated schools. PEARL--a coalition of 33 civic, religious, education, labor and civil rights organizations in New York--successfully sued to bar \$33 million in state funds for teacher salary payments under the 1971 Secular Educational Services Act. A three-judge federal panel struck down that law in January, declaring it to be "substantially similar" to those ruled unconstitutional last June by the Supreme Court.

The Valley Jewish Community Center and Temple of North Hollywood, Calif. will hold its 2nd Annual "Israel Expo" on April 16.