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TEL AVIV, April 12 (JTA)--Police are investigating threatening letters received recently by Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren. The letters warned that he would "meet a most horrible death" and said that a recent fire at his home was "just a warning." One letter contained a knife blade and was signed with the Hebrew letters NGS meaning "against Shlomo Goren." Rabbi Goren was formerly the chief chaplain of Israel's armed forces. As the leading candidate for the post of Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi of Israel he has come under attack from religious extremists who consider him "too liberal." Rabbi Goren said he did not know who was behind the letters or why they were sent.

WEILER SAYS JEWISH TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW CAN HELP ALLEVIATE HOUSING SHORTAGE

JERUSALEM, April 12 (JTA)--For the first time in Israel's history, world Jewry is being asked to send not only money or immigrants but technical know-how, Jack D. Weiler, chairman of the Jewish Agency's housing committee, said today. The American realtor addressed an international conference of housing experts meeting here this week to seek ways to alleviate Israel's severe housing shortage. Weiler said the essential problem was how to build better, faster and cheaper. He noted that the housing construction lag is creating social problems.

The conference was also addressed by Jewish Agency Chairman Louis A. Pincus who said solution of the housing problem was urgent for social reasons. He said a greater availability of reasonably priced housing would ease the tension between the settled population and new immigrants for whom housing is provided irrespective of the former's needs.

FRICITION BETWEEN MAPAM, LABOR PARTY REKINDLED OVER BEDOUIN RELOCATION

TEL AVIV, April 12 (JTA)--Friction developed between Mapam and the Labor Party again today over an area in the southern Gaza Strip and Northern Sinai which was cordoned off by the Army for security reasons. Mapam protested the move last month which involved the relocation of several thousand Bedouins. The issue came up again today after the Mapam secretariate gave its blessings to a press conference at which Mapam kibbutz members made accusations against Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Gen. Ario Sharon, commander of the Southern Command.

The Mapam members protested against the eviction of the Bedouins and the manner in which it was carried out. They said Dayan was in the area during the operation. Defense Ministry sources denied that he was. An Army spokesman denied Mapam charges that the military had misled the public by providing incorrect information on the operation. Labor Party leaders, angered by the Mapam accusations, have asked Premier Golda Meir to intervene. She is expected to meet with Mapam leaders within a few days.

1000 EL AL OFFICE CLERKS JOIN STRIKE Seamen's Union Threaten To Strike

TEL AVIV, April 12 (JTA)--One thousand El Al office clerks joined 500 workshop employees in a strike today protesting a government back-to-work order which forced striking ground maintenance crews to return to their jobs last night. The El Al management and board of directors

met tonight to decide how to deal with the worsening labor situation that has virtually crippled Israel's national airline.

Labor strife also loomed on another front today as the Seamen's Union announced that it would strike all Zim ships in Israel and foreign ports on April 27 in protest against "flags of convenience."

The El Al maintenance crews, who returned to their jobs at midnight under pressure of the government order, expressed their displeasure by resorting to a rule-book slowdown that delayed two of the four flights El Al had scheduled for today. Flight stewards meanwhile were meeting to decide whether to join the workshop gangs in support of the maintenance crews.

Pilots and flight engineers were reported to be drafting a resolution protesting the back-to-work order issued by Transport Minister Shimon Peres. The strike of clerical employees forced senior El Al officials to man ticket counters at all of the company's offices. Most El Al passengers were still being booked on other airlines. The emergency measures are expected to continue until the labor dispute is settled.

Could Tie Up Merchant Marine

The threat of a seamen's strike which would tie up a substantial portion of Israel's merchant marine was touched off by the fact that Zim's two new container ships fly the West German flag and are manned in part by Germans. The first of the two 35,000 deadweight ton vessels, the Zim New York, arrived in New York yesterday on her maiden voyage. Zim managing director Moshe Kashti explained that the vessels, built in Italy, were purchased at a bargain price on condition that they fly the West German flag for the time being.

Chaim Zucker, secretary of the Seamen's Union, said the seamen were not objecting specifically to the German flag but to all flags of convenience. Of 15 new ships building for Zim, only two are intended to fly the Israeli flag. Zucker warned that the manning of Israeli ships by German seamen could lead to serious German-Jewish confrontations. He demanded a government ruling that Israeli ships can fly only the national flag.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS HELD IN BRUSSELS, AMSTERDAM, RUMBULI

BRUSSELS, April 12 (JTA)--Louis Najor, the Belgian Minister of Labor and a former resistance fighter, was the principal speaker at a memorial meeting here last night marking the 29th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. He spoke of the heroism of the ghetto fighters and all others who gave their lives for freedom.

But, he observed, their sacrifices may have been in vain because the world is still not free from wars and oppression. Najor praised Israel's accomplishments and expressed hope for peace in the Middle East so that Israel could set an example of humane evolution that other nations might follow. The memorial was organized by the Belgian Zionist Federation and the Belgian section of the World Jewish Congress.

Fewer than 250 persons attended the annual memorial for Jewish war dead in Amsterdam Monday night. The disappointing turnout was attributed to lack of advance publicity. The memorial was organized by Dutch Jewish student and youth organizations. It was held at the "Holland Schouwburg," a former theater used by the Nazis in 1942-43 as an assembly center for Jews awaiting deportation.

(Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today in London that about 300 Latvian Jews participated last Sunday at a memorial meeting for Holocaust victims at Rumbuli, near Riga. Services were held at

the site of the mass graves of Jews murdered by the Nazis and their Latvian collaborators. Police were on hand but did not interfere, the sources reported.)

LESSONS OF HOLOCAUST MUST BE APPLIED TO ASSURE ISRAEL'S FUTURE SECURITY

TEL AVIV, April 12 (JTA)--The lessons of the Nazi Holocaust must be applied to assure Israel's future security. That theme was sounded by both Premier Golda Meir and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan speaking today at memorial assemblies commemorating the six million Jews destroyed by the Nazis. Mrs. Meir spoke at a ghetto fighters' kibbutz in Western Galilee. Dayan addressed an audience estimated at 10,000 at Yad Mordecai, a kibbutz north of the Gaza Strip named in memory of Mordecai Anilewicz, the commander of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising of 1943.

Mrs. Meir said, "We must learn the lesson of the Holocaust. Before the eyes of the whole world it was possible to murder and burn six million people. From that bitter, unprecedented experience we must know that we cannot rely on anyone. We can rely only on ourselves."

Dayan said, "The Holocaust memories must be translated into everyday terms here at Yad Mordecai which was a buffer protecting Tel Aviv in 1948 and a neighbor of the Gaza Strip ever since. We must never let the Strip serve as a base for Egyptian tanks or for hostile operations against Israel. We must not permit a young generation (of Arabs) to grow up in the Strip as in a hothouse on dreams of destroying Israel."

He added that "In our own generation of revival, we cannot ignore the problem presented by the 350,000 Arabs of the Strip--100,000 of them refugees. We must strive for the best possible human relations and neighborly ties." Dayan stressed that the purpose of remembering the Holocaust was not merely to ensure that it is not forgotten but to ensure that it will never happen again.

UKRAINIAN JEW IMPRISONED IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL APPEALS TO UN FOR HELP

UNITED NATIONS, April 12 (JTA)--An appeal from a Ukrainian Jew, who was confined to a mental hospital March 4 after applying for migration to Israel, was presented today to Roberto E. Guyer of Argentina, Undersecretary General for Special Political Affairs, by Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah. Informed sources here said Guyer reacted sympathetically to the plea from Yuri Brind, a 42-year-old master-engraver of Kharkov, whose smuggled letter was sent April 5--but apparently has not yet been delivered--to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and to the Human Rights Commission. Waldheim is now in Europe.

Brind wrote that he applied for emigration Jan. 13, but on Feb. 1 his home was searched and thereafter he was "subjected to a series of harassments" until the KGB (secret police) took him forcibly to the asylum "although I am perfectly healthy in every respect." Since being confined March 4, Brind said, "all my efforts to secure an interview with a doctor have been to no avail." On April 3, he reported, he went on a hunger strike "in protest against the treatment meted out to me." He concluded: "I repeat that I have committed no crime, and I appeal to you to help me get out of this hell."

During the first half of 1971, more than 27,000 former concentration camp inmates requested identity claim forms, it was reported today by the International Red Cross in West Germany.

COLPA SAYS COURT ACTION ON STATE AID TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS NOT FINAL ACTION

NEW YORK, April 12 (JTA)--Proponents of state aid to private schools expressed regret today at the ruling yesterday by a three-man Federal District Court curtailing such aid in New York State until it decides whether the 1970 Mandated Services Act is constitutional. "We are naturally unhappy that there will now be a delay in the payment to yeshivos of critically needed funds," said Marcel Weber, an attorney for the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA).

"However," he added, "we have every reason to believe that the court will vindicate the principle that parochial schools are entitled to be paid for what are essentially state-directed activities," a reference to required testing and record-keeping. Noting that "the court's (final) decision is expected well before June 15, which is the final date for payment under the law," Weber stressed that yesterday's ruling "is in no way to be construed as a decision reflecting on the merits of this case, as would a formal litigated preliminary injunction."

COLPA represented two yeshivos--Rambam in Brooklyn and Bais Yaakov in Queens, in yesterday's court hearing. Opponents of the aid were represented by the Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty. At immediate issue is \$14 million scheduled to go to private schools between April 15 and June 15. Since passage of the Mandated Services Act, \$42 million has been channeled to private schools by the state.

Meanwhile, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia has endorsed last week's ruling by a three-judge federal court in the Pennsylvania capital banning state reimbursement to parents for private-school tuition. The JCRC stated that "we are convinced that private religiously sponsored schools can and must be financed by the community that they serve and not by government funds.... While we are deeply committed to an effective system of Jewish education, we are also convinced that the well-being of the American Jewish community is inextricably linked with the principle of separation of church and state."

Tribute To Dr. Louis Finkelstein

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY RECEIVES \$1M FROM UNITED SYNAGOGUE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

NEW YORK, April 12 (JTA)--The National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America, whose Torah Fund annually raises about \$1 million for the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, labored for only nine months this time around in order to pay tribute to the Seminary's retiring Chancellor Dr. Louis Finkelstein and as a birthday salute to the educator who will be 77 years old June 14.

At a well-attended lunch yesterday afternoon, Women's League president Mrs. Henry N. Rapaport presented Dr. Finkelstein with a \$1 million check for the Seminary and a set of the 16-volume Encyclopaedia Judaica. The 76-year-old scholar, will leave his post June 30 after more than three decades' leadership of the Seminary, the last 21 as Chancellor. Dr. Finkelstein called the record-setting Torah Fund drive a "remarkable" and "monumental" achievement.

Seminary Chancellor-elect Dr. Bernard Mandelbaum said Conservative Judaism "must keep pace with the needs of the hour" while remaining true to its past, and must be sensitive to the demands of Jewish youth. President-elect Dr. Gerson D. Cohen also noted that although there are "challenges to be faced," American Jewry can cite a "record of tremendous achievement" and that "despite the inroads of alienation and assimilation we have achieved so much."

Dr. Cohen said Dr. Finkelstein had "perceived the need and the possibility of raising a native generation who will contribute to the chain of Jewish tradition in quality and in quantity." Mrs. Rapaport commented that the women of the 200,000-member League were dedicated to both Jewish tradition and social concern. She also took issue with what she called the denigration of the Jewish mother, who "has given the world such an inordinate number of outstanding Jewish sons and daughters who have taken their places of leadership in every field of human endeavor for the betterment of mankind."

22 STATES ASK NIXON TO AID SOVIET JEWS

WASHINGTON, April 12 (JTA)--Twenty-two states have, up to now, asked President Nixon to intervene on behalf of the religious, cultural and emigration rights of Soviet Jews when he visits Moscow next month, it was reported at the 12th plenary session of the B'nai B'rith's International Council which opened here today.

According to Herman Edelsberg, director of the Council, the request was contained in proclamations signed by the governors of Maine, Louisiana, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Utah and Idaho. In the 16 other states, the President was asked to act in resolutions passed by the state legislatures. The states are Colorado; Connecticut; Florida; Georgia; Indiana; Kentucky; Massachusetts; Michigan; Missouri; Nebraska; New York; Rhode Island; Tennessee; Virginia; and Wisconsin, and Kansas.

2200 ATTEND HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MEETING

TORONTO, April 12 (JTA)--A record crowd of 2200 attended the annual Holocaust memorial here yesterday sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress. There was no guest speaker and no speeches other than brief remarks by CJCongress regional chairman David Satok and Memorial Committee chairman Mrs. L. Frieberg. Three local cantors--Joseph Cooper, Martin Rosenblum and Severin Weingort, all survivors of concentration camps--participated in song and liturgy. Fifteen local rabbis led the prayers. An original narrative and song recital based on Holocaust history was presented.

JEWISH COUPLE IN KIEV STAGE HUNGER STRIKE

LONDON, April 12 (JTA)--A Jewish couple in Kiev began today a three-day hunger strike to protest attempts to deprive the wife of custody of her ten-year-old daughter by a previous marriage. The couple, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Bernstein, claim the legal proceedings started by Mrs. Bernstein's former husband, were instigated by Soviet authorities after the Bernsteins applied for visas to go to Israel, Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today.

Meanwhile, the British Dental Association has written to the Soviet Ambassador and the secretary of the Soviet Medical Scientific Society in Moscow to protest against the continued imprisonment of Boris Azernikov, a Jewish dentist. The letter was signed by Alastair Mackie, secretary of the Dental Association. Azernikov had applied for a visa to go to Israel.

Gen. Uzzl Narkiss, director general of the Immigration and Absorption Department of the Jewish Agency in Israel, is in the US for a three-week visit to discuss immigration and absorption problems for Americans in Israel. He will meet with leaders of American Jewry and with emissaries to the Israel Aliyah Center in N.Y.



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Farrell admitted under questioning that he had advised the PO that it could legally destroy the matzo as a health hazard but said the ADL should have been informed before it was done. Kohler said he was not informed in advance. Biglin claimed the PO had never received a formal request to hold the matzos for distribution to charitable institutions. Kohler said he had consulted with PO officials but was never told a formal request was necessary.

POLICE PROBING THREATENING LETTERS SENT TO RABBI GOREN

TEL AVIV, April 12 (JTA)--Police are investigating threatening letters received recently by Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren. The letters warned that he would "meet a most horrible death" and said that a recent fire at his home was "just a warning." One letter contained a knife blade and was signed with the Hebrew letters NGS meaning "against Shlomo Goren." Rabbi Goren was formerly the chief chaplain of Israel's armed forces. As the leading candidate for the post of Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi of Israel he has come under attack from religious extremists who consider him "too liberal." Rabbi Goren said he did not know who was behind the letters or why they were sent.

WEILER SAYS JEWISH TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW CAN HELP ALLEVIATE HOUSING SHORTAGE

JERUSALEM, April 12 (JTA)--For the first time in Israel's history, world Jewry is being asked to send not only money or immigrants but technical know-how, Jack D. Weiler, chairman of the Jewish Agency's housing committee, said today. The American realtor addressed an international conference of housing experts meeting here this week to seek ways to alleviate Israel's severe housing shortage. Weiler said the essential problem was how to build better, faster and cheaper. He noted that the housing construction lag is creating social problems.

The conference was also addressed by Jewish Agency Chairman Louis A. Pincus who said solution of the housing problem was urgent for social reasons. He said a greater availability of reasonably priced housing would ease the tension between the settled population and new immigrants for whom housing is provided irrespective of the former's needs.

FRICITION BETWEEN MAPAM, LABOR PARTY REKINDLED OVER BEDOON RELOCATION

TEL AVIV, April 12 (JTA)--Friction developed between Mapam and the Labor Party again today over an area in the southern Gaza Strip and Northern Sinai which was cordoned off by the Army for security reasons. Mapam protested the move last month which involved the relocation of several thousand Bedouins. The issue came up again today after the Mapam secretariate gave its blessings to a press conference at which Mapam kibbutz members made accusations against Defense Minister Moshe Dayan and Gen. Ario Sharon, commander of the Southern Command.

The Mapam members protested against the eviction of the Bedouins and the manner in which it was carried out. They said Dayan was in the area during the operation. Defense Ministry sources denied that he was. An Army spokesman denied Mapam charges that the military had misled the public by providing incorrect information on the operation. Labor Party leaders, angered by the Mapam accusations, have asked Premier Golda Meir to intervene. She is expected to meet with Mapam leaders within a few days.

1000 EL AL OFFICE CLERKS JOIN STRIKE Seamen's Union Threaten To Strike

TEL AVIV, April 12 (JTA)--One thousand El Al office clerks joined 500 workshop employees in a strike today protesting a government back-to-work order which forced striking ground maintenance crews to return to their jobs last night. The El Al management and board of directors

met tonight to decide how to deal with the worsening labor situation that has virtually crippled Israel's national airline.

Labor strife also loomed on another front today as the Seamen's Union announced that it would strike all Zim ships in Israel and foreign ports on April 27 in protest against "flags of convenience."

The El Al maintenance crews, who returned to their jobs at midnight under pressure of the government order, expressed their displeasure by resorting to a rule-book slowdown that delayed two of the four flights El Al had scheduled for today. Flight stewards meanwhile were meeting to decide whether to join the workshop gangs in support of the maintenance crews.

Pilots and flight engineers were reported to be drafting a resolution protesting the back-to-work order issued by Transport Minister Shimon Peres. The strike of clerical employees forced senior El Al officials to man ticket counters at all of the company's offices. Most El Al passengers were still being booked on other airlines. The emergency measures are expected to continue until the labor dispute is settled.

Could Tie Up Merchant Marine

The threat of a seamen's strike which would tie up a substantial portion of Israel's merchant marine was touched off by the fact that Zim's two new container ships fly the West German flag and are manned in part by Germans. The first of the two 35,000 deadweight ton vessels, the Zim New York, arrived in New York yesterday on her maiden voyage. Zim managing director Moshe Kashti explained that the vessels, built in Italy, were purchased at a bargain price on condition that they fly the West German flag for the time being.

Chaim Zucker, secretary of the Seamen's Union, said the seamen were not objecting specifically to the German flag but to all flags of convenience. Of 15 new ships building for Zim, only two are intended to fly the Israeli flag. Zucker warned that the manning of Israeli ships by German seamen could lead to serious German-Jewish confrontations. He demanded a government ruling that Israeli ships can fly only the national flag.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS HELD IN BRUSSELS, AMSTERDAM, RUMBULI

BRUSSELS, April 12 (JTA)--Louis Najor, the Belgian Minister of Labor and a former resistance fighter, was the principal speaker at a memorial meeting here last night marking the 29th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. He spoke of the heroism of the ghetto fighters and all others who gave their lives for freedom.

But, he observed, their sacrifices may have been in vain because the world is still not free from wars and oppression. Najor praised Israel's accomplishments and expressed hope for peace in the Middle East so that Israel could set an example of humane evolution that other nations might follow. The memorial was organized by the Belgian Zionist Federation and the Belgian section of the World Jewish Congress.

Fewer than 250 persons attended the annual memorial for Jewish war dead in Amsterdam Monday night. The disappointing turnout was attributed to lack of advance publicity. The memorial was organized by Dutch Jewish student and youth organizations. It was held at the "Holland Schouwburg," a former theater used by the Nazis in 1942-43 as an assembly center for Jews awaiting deportation.

(Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today in London that about 300 Latvian Jews participated last Sunday at a memorial meeting for Holocaust victims at Rumbuli, near Riga. Services were held at

the site of the mass graves of Jews murdered by the Nazis and their Latvian collaborators. Police were on hand but did not interfere, the sources reported.)

LESSONS OF HOLOCAUST MUST BE APPLIED TO ASSURE ISRAEL'S FUTURE SECURITY

TEL AVIV, April 12 (JTA)--The lessons of the Nazi Holocaust must be applied to assure Israel's future security. That theme was sounded by both Premier Golda Meir and Defense Minister Moshe Dayan speaking today at memorial assemblies commemorating the six million Jews destroyed by the Nazis. Mrs. Meir spoke at a ghetto fighters' kibbutz in Western Galilee. Dayan addressed an audience estimated at 10,000 at Yad Mordecai, a kibbutz north of the Gaza Strip named in memory of Mordecai Anilewicz, the commander of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising of 1943.

Mrs. Meir said, "We must learn the lesson of the Holocaust. Before the eyes of the whole world it was possible to murder and burn six million people. From that bitter, unprecedented experience we must know that we cannot rely on anyone. We can rely only on ourselves."

Dayan said, "The Holocaust memories must be translated into everyday terms here at Yad Mordecai which was a buffer protecting Tel Aviv in 1948 and a neighbor of the Gaza Strip ever since. We must never let the Strip serve as a base for Egyptian tanks or for hostile operations against Israel. We must not permit a young generation (of Arabs) to grow up in the Strip as in a hothouse on dreams of destroying Israel."

He added that "In our own generation of revival, we cannot ignore the problem presented by the 350,000 Arabs of the Strip--100,000 of them refugees. We must strive for the best possible human relations and neighborly ties." Dayan stressed that the purpose of remembering the Holocaust was not merely to ensure that it is not forgotten but to ensure that it will never happen again.

UKRAINIAN JEW IMPRISONED IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL APPEALS TO UN FOR HELP

UNITED NATIONS, April 12 (JTA)--An appeal from a Ukrainian Jew, who was confined to a mental hospital March 4 after applying for migration to Israel, was presented today to Roberto E. Guyer of Argentina, Undersecretary General for Special Political Affairs, by Israeli Ambassador Yosef Tekoah. Informed sources here said Guyer reacted sympathetically to the plea from Yuri Brind, a 42-year-old master-engraver of Kharkov, whose smuggled letter was sent April 5--but apparently has not yet been delivered--to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and to the Human Rights Commission. Waldheim is now in Europe.

Brind wrote that he applied for emigration Jan. 13, but on Feb. 1 his home was searched and thereafter he was "subjected to a series of harassments" until the KGB (secret police) took him forcibly to the asylum "although I am perfectly healthy in every respect." Since being confined March 4, Brind said, "all my efforts to secure an interview with a doctor have been to no avail." On April 3, he reported, he went on a hunger strike "in protest against the treatment meted out to me." He concluded: "I repeat that I have committed no crime, and I appeal to you to help me get out of this hell."

During the first half of 1971, more than 27,000 former concentration camp inmates requested identity claim forms, it was reported today by the International Red Cross in West Germany.

COLPA SAYS COURT ACTION ON STATE AID TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS NOT FINAL ACTION

NEW YORK, April 12 (JTA)--Proponents of state aid to private schools expressed regret today at the ruling yesterday by a three-man Federal District Court curtailing such aid in New York State until it decides whether the 1970 Mandated Services Act is constitutional. "We are naturally unhappy that there will now be a delay in the payment to yeshivos of critically needed funds," said Marcel Weber, an attorney for the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA).

"However," he added, "we have every reason to believe that the court will vindicate the principle that parochial schools are entitled to be paid for what are essentially state-directed activities," a reference to required testing and record-keeping. Noting that "the court's (final) decision is expected well before June 15, which is the final date for payment under the law," Weber stressed that yesterday's ruling "is in no way to be construed as a decision reflecting on the merits of this case, as would a formal litigated preliminary injunction."

COLPA represented two yeshivos--Rambam in Brooklyn and Bais Yaakov in Queens, in yesterday's court hearing. Opponents of the aid were represented by the Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty. At immediate issue is \$14 million scheduled to go to private schools between April 15 and June 15. Since passage of the Mandated Services Act, \$42 million has been channeled to private schools by the state.

Meanwhile, the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Philadelphia has endorsed last week's ruling by a three-judge federal court in the Pennsylvania capital banning state reimbursement to parents for private-school tuition. The JCRC stated that "we are convinced that private religiously sponsored schools can and must be financed by the community that they serve and not by government funds.... While we are deeply committed to an effective system of Jewish education, we are also convinced that the well-being of the American Jewish community is inextricably linked with the principle of separation of church and state."

Tribute To Dr. Louis Finkelstein

JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY RECEIVES \$1M FROM UNITED SYNAGOGUE WOMEN'S LEAGUE

NEW YORK, April 12 (JTA)--The National Women's League of the United Synagogue of America, whose Torah Fund annually raises about \$1 million for the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, labored for only nine months this time around in order to pay tribute to the Seminary's retiring Chancellor Dr. Louis Finkelstein and as a birthday salute to the educator who will be 77 years old June 14.

At a well-attended lunch yesterday afternoon, Women's League president Mrs. Henry N. Rapaport presented Dr. Finkelstein with a \$1 million check for the Seminary and a set of the 16-volume Encyclopedia Judaica. The 76-year-old scholar, will leave his post June 30 after more than three decades' leadership of the Seminary, the last 21 as Chancellor. Dr. Finkelstein called the record-setting Torah Fund drive a "remarkable" and "monumental" achievement.

Seminary Chancellor-elect Dr. Bernard Mandelbaum said Conservative Judaism "must keep pace with the needs of the hour" while remaining true to its past, and must be sensitive to the demands of Jewish youth. President-elect Dr. Gerson D. Cohen also noted that although there are "challenges to be faced," American Jewry can cite a "record of tremendous achievement" and that "despite the inroads of alienation and assimilation we have achieved so much."

Dr. Cohen said Dr. Finkelstein had "perceived the need and the possibility of raising a native generation who will contribute to the chain of Jewish tradition in quality and in quantity." Mrs. Rapaport commented that the women of the 200,000-member League were dedicated to both Jewish tradition and social concern. She also took issue with what she called the denigration of the Jewish mother, who "has given the world such an inordinate number of outstanding Jewish sons and daughters who have taken their places of leadership in every field of human endeavor for the betterment of mankind."

22 STATES ASK NIXON TO AID SOVIET JEWS

WASHINGTON, April 12 (JTA)--Twenty-two states have, up to now, asked President Nixon to intervene on behalf of the religious, cultural and emigration rights of Soviet Jews when he visits Moscow next month, it was reported at the 12th plenary session of the B'nai B'rith's International Council which opened here today.

According to Herman Edelsberg, director of the Council, the request was contained in proclamations signed by the governors of Maine, Louisiana, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Utah and Idaho. In the 16 other states, the President was asked to act in resolutions passed by the state legislatures. The states are Colorado; Connecticut; Florida; Georgia; Indiana; Kentucky; Massachusetts; Michigan; Missouri; Nebraska; New York; Rhode Island; Tennessee; Virginia; and Wisconsin, and Kansas.

2200 ATTEND HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MEETING

TORONTO, April 12 (JTA)--A record crowd of 2200 attended the annual Holocaust memorial here yesterday sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress. There was no guest speaker and no speeches other than brief remarks by CJCongress regional chairman David Satok and Memorial Committee chairman Mrs. L. Frieberg. Three local cantors--Joseph Cooper, Martin Rosenblum and Severin Weingort, all survivors of concentration camps--participated in song and liturgy. Fifteen local rabbis led the prayers. An original narrative and song recital based on Holocaust history was presented.

JEWISH COUPLE IN KIEV STAGE HUNGER STRIKE

LONDON, April 12 (JTA)--A Jewish couple in Kiev began today a three-day hunger strike to protest attempts to deprive the wife of custody of her ten-year-old daughter by a previous marriage. The couple, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Bernstein, claim the legal proceedings started by Mrs. Bernstein's former husband, were instigated by Soviet authorities after the Bernsteins applied for visas to go to Israel, Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today.

Meanwhile, the British Dental Association has written to the Soviet Ambassador and the secretary of the Soviet Medical Scientific Society in Moscow to protest against the continued imprisonment of Boris Azernikov, a Jewish dentist. The letter was signed by Alastair Mackie, secretary of the Dental Association. Azernikov had applied for a visa to go to Israel.

Gen. Uzzl Narkiss, director general of the Immigration and Absorption Department of the Jewish Agency in Israel, is in the US for a three-week visit to discuss immigration and absorption problems for Americans in Israel. He will meet with leaders of American Jewry and with emissaries to the Israel Aliyah Center in N.Y.