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COLLEGE STUDENTS HISS SOVIET STUDENTS FOR TERMING ISRAEL AN AGGRESSOR

NEW YORK, April 20 (JTA)--Three Soviet students, on a tour of American college campuses, were hissed and booed yesterday when they criticized Israel and referred to its "war of aggression" during a debate at Kirkland College in Clinton, NY. The Russians were debating three students from Kirkland and Hamilton colleges.

Meanwhile, the University of Maryland cancelled a debate that was to have been held there last night between the Russian visitors and U. of Maryland students. The university said the debate was cancelled because of "unsettled campus conditions." About 300 students demonstrated yesterday on the campus against the renewed bombing of North Vietnam and on Tuesday night more than 1000 staged a protest rally.

The Jewish Defense League claimed, however, that it was responsible for canceling the debate. Dr. William G. Perl, head of the JDL's Washington office, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the JDL had warned the office of Dr. Charles E. Bishop, Chancellor of the university, that the debate could lead to "possibly dangerous protests" if it took place. The tour of the Soviet students, sponsored by the National Speech Communications Association, a private organization in New York, is a project to discuss "How Might The US and the USSR Contribute to the Cause of Peace."

KGB Agents, Not Students

According to Dr. Perl, "this whole debate is a fraud. These are not student debaters but professional government employees. They are KGB agents trained for years in the art of deception and propaganda. Because of their professional status they should be barred from legitimate collegiate debates." The three students are between 25 and 35 years old.

The itinerary of the Soviet students places them in smaller communities and campuses where there are relatively few Jews. Their tour is unlike that of the Soviet group last year that visited major American cities and were rebuffed by the Jewish communities. There is some indication that the tour of the Soviet students was planned to prevent a repetition of last year's fiasco.

A chair in the cultural history of Moroccan Jewry will be established at Tel Aviv University. The project is an outgrowth of the recent World Congress of Moroccan Jewry.

TEMPORARY COMPROMISE REACHED BY FACTIONS IN MADRID'S JEWISH COMMUNITY

MADRID, April 20 (JTA)--Warring factions in Madrid's troubled Jewish community agreed to a temporary compromise today after a British rabbi mediating their dispute warned the community leaders to make peace "so that what appeared in the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Bulletins does not become an irrevocable fact."

Rabbi Abraham Rose, of the London-based Conference of European Rabbis, was referring to a dispatch in the March 9, 1972 issue of the JTA's Daily News Bulletin which reported that a "serious internal dispute...threatened to split the (Madrid Jewish) community into two bodies, one Sephardic and the other Ashkenazic." His warning was contained in telegrams to Roberto Bensadon Laredo, 42, president of the Jewish community here, and Max Mazin, 49, the opposition leader.

The community's general assembly, acting on the telegrams, agreed today to elect a temporary care-taker committee to serve for about a year until passions cool. The committee will be charged with the task of holding democratic community elections in the spring of 1973 and restoring peace between the opposing factions.

Only a few hundred Jews lived in Spain directly after World War II, most of them refugees from European communities destroyed by the Nazis. At present, there are about 10,000 Jews in Spain, according to Laredo. He told the JTA that about 6000 of them--60 percent--live in Madrid and Barcelona, the two largest cities. But organized Jewish communities exist in seven other Spanish localities, including Ceuta, the Balearic Islands and the Canary Islands. An association for Judeo-Christian Friendship has been active in Spain since 1961, Laredo said. He said it was founded at Jewish initiative to counteract anti-Semitic activities by right-wing extremists during the trial of Adolf Eichmann in Israel.

ISRAELI DIPLOMAT URGES ONE-WORLD APPROACH TO THIRD-WORLD PROBLEMS Proposes Joint Middle East Fund To Improve Living Standards

SANTIAGO, Chile, April 20 (JTA)--An Israeli diplomat said here yesterday that some of the burning problems of the "third world"--the world of developing nations--"can only be solved by a one-world approach." The course of cooperation "to wipe out the huge patches of poverty which pockmarks the world map" was urged by Gideon Rafael, Israel Ambassador to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

Rafael, a former Israel Ambassador to the UN, warned in his speech to the international gathering that "a one-world approach is incompatible with attitudes of double-standards. The claims for freedom of trade and free access to world markets cannot coexist with trade boycotts, unfair trade practices or political intervention in existing trade relations," he said in what was an apparent reference to the Arab boycott of Israel and the black-listing of firms trading with Israel.

More Welfare, Less Warfare

"The claims for universal freedom of navigation is incompatible with selective blockade measures," Rafael said. He warned that "The magnitude of the economic, social and demographic needs which developed and developing countries will have to meet during the remaining last quarter of this century, make it imperative to marshal human and material resources in the most economic and rational way."

Asserting that "The waste of man's meager means for destructive purposes has retarded the progress of mankind," Rafael observed that in the Middle East, "where people so urgently need more welfare and less warfare, immense human resources have been squandered in a senseless arms race."

He proposed the establishment of a joint Middle East fund, within the framework of an ultimate peace settlement, to which all participants would contribute a substantial percentage of their budgets which they are now allocating for armaments and military purposes. The fund, he said, would be used toward rural and industrial development in the region and to improve the living standards of low income groups. "Such a fund could well serve as a pilot project and as an encouragement for similar action in other parts of the world," Rafael said.

QUEBEC OFFICIAL SAYS JEWS AID GOVERNMENT TO REJECT DEMANDS OF SEPARATISTS

MONTREAL, April 20 (JTA)--Quebec's Minister of Manpower and Immigration, Jean Bienvenue, has welcomed the support of the Jewish community in helping maintain provincial unity. "The presence in great numbers of Jews in the province of Quebec is assisting the government in rejecting French-Canadian separatism," he told an audience of 300 Jews of the Loge L'Alliance B'nai B'rith de Montreal, the only French-speaking Jewish lodge in North America, on the occasion of its installation of its new executive committee, headed by realtor Nat Siegler.

"Thanks to your presence in this province, we are able to deflate the arrogance of separatists and reject separatism," Bienvenue declared. "We call you all French-Canadians," Mrs. Francoise Laporte, a citizenship judge and the widow of Quebec Labor Minister Pierre Laporte, who was slain by Quebec terrorists in Oct. 1970, received an ovation when she told the lodge members she felt "at home" among Jews. Siegler announced that trees will be planted in Israel's Martyrs' Forest in memory of Laporte.

MRS. TREPPER VOWS SHE WILL GO TO ISRAEL

COPENHAGEN, April 20 (JTA)--Mrs. Elisabeth Trepper, wife of former master-spy Leopold Trepper, said here yesterday that she would go to Israel whether or not the Polish government granted her a visa. Mrs. Trepper, who arrived here April 8 to visit one of her sons, Michael Brojde, refused last week to return her passport to Warsaw as requested by the Polish Embassy here and asked that her visa request be answered by letter from Warsaw. The Embassy said yesterday that her application had been forwarded to the Polish Foreign Ministry.

Mrs. Trepper said she would wait until April 27 for a reply, and that if turned down would go to Israel anyway. Her present visa is good only for Denmark and France. Mrs. Trepper said the prominent French writer Andre Malraux had promised to speak with Polish authorities about her husband's application in Feb. for a visa to Israel. She said the health of the former leader of the wartime "Red Orchestra" partisan ring has deteriorated.

Mayor Rashid Shawa of Gaza said Thursday that the inhabitants of the Gaza Strip may have to ask the UN to take over the Strip to prevent its annexation by Israel. Shawa, who was recently in trouble with Israeli authorities for sheltering a wanted terrorist, made his remarks at a press conference.

STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS IT KNOWS OF NO PLANS TO MOVE U.S. EMBASSY IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 20 (JTA)--The State Department said today it had no knowledge of proposals in Congress to move the US Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Such a proposal was made last month by Rep. Gerald R. Ford (R.Mich.), the House Minority Leader. It was endorsed yesterday by Sen. Robert P. Griffin (R.Mich.), the Senate Minority Whip, who spoke at a luncheon of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

Questioned by newsmen, State Department spokesman Charles Bray said "I know of no plan to uproot the Embassy from Tel Aviv." Asked if either Ford or Griffin had made such recommendation to the State Department, Bray replied, "I haven't a clue."

Bray had no comment on Premier Golda Meir's visit to Rumania early next month which was announced today in Jerusalem and Bucharest. He said he had no information on reports from Cairo that President Anwar Sadat would visit Moscow prior to President Nixon's arrival there May 22.

RABBI BERZON; EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT FOR WOMEN POSES NO THREAT TO JUDAISM

NEW YORK, April 19 (JTA)--The Rabbinical Council of America issued a statement of principle yesterday which declared that the equal rights amendment for women passed by Congress and now making its way through various state legislatures "poses no threat to the practice of Judaism in the United States." In a report to the RCA executive board, Rabbi Bernard L. Berzon, RCA president said "while we have not taken any position on whether or not this amendment is necessary, the implications which some have sought to draw that there were religious reasons why the amendment should not be passed must be rejected."

This was an apparent reference to four Orthodox Jewish organizations who issued a statement April 3 opposing the amendment as inimical to "our rights to continue practicing our faith as we have done for the past three centuries in America." This stance was immediately assailed by a leader of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations as "self-destructive and anachronistic" and "turning back to the Middle Ages."

Judaism, Rabbi Berzon said, "was the first to recognize the status of the woman and to give her freedoms which were previously unknown and as such it has nothing to fear from this amendment." To imply that this amendment will "affect our ability to practice our religious tenets freely, is to display a lack of faith in the American institution and the American way of life," he stated.

MAY 3 TRIAL DATE SET FOR DEMONSTRATORS

LOS ANGELES, April 20 (JTA)--Trial date has been set for May 3 for five demonstrators who staged a demonstration last month inside the Shrine Auditorium at a performance of the Osipov Balalaika Orchestra of the Soviet Union. Among the defendants are Zev Yaroslavsky, chairman of the California Students for Soviet Jews, and Si Frumkin of the Southern California Council for Soviet Jews. The two were arraigned last month on charges of disturbing the peace.

Yaroslavsky and Frumkin, and three other defendants pleaded not guilty to the charge. The demonstrators are accused of hanging banners over the balcony of the Shrine reading "Let My People Go," and "Save Soviet Jews." Balloons were allegedly thrown over the balcony at the same time. "We are pleading not guilty," said Yaroslavsky, "because we honestly don't believe that we have committed a viola-

tion of the law. We waited until the first act was over, and it was only after intermission had begun that our activity began as well." This was the first arrest for either Yaroslavsky and Frumkin.

Rob Titcher, one of the defendants, stood trial last week and was found guilty of the charge of disturbing the peace. Sentencing date was not set. Titcher has said that he will ask for a retrial on the basis that one officer's testimony was not credible.

MORE JEWS INVOLVED IN JEWISH LIFE

NEW YORK, April 20 (JTA)--Some 500 Labor Zionist leaders, scheduled to attend a leadership conference this weekend at Grossingers, will be told that "there is ample evidence that there is more involvement on the part of American Jews in Jewish life today than in recent years." This view will be presented by Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, president of the Labor Zionist Alliance, in his address at the opening session tomorrow night.

In remarks prepared for the session, he states that there is more enrollment in Jewish courses in all types of schools, more contributors to various Jewish campaigns, more children are receiving a Jewish education and there is more interaction of American Jews with Israel.

Citing various statistics on involvement of Jews in Jewish life, Dr. Shapiro notes that about 500,000 Jewish youths receive some kind of Jewish education in various schools. Of these, some 70,000 students are enrolled in all-day Jewish schools. More than a thousand courses in Jewish subjects are offered at American colleges and universities, he states, and about 20,000 American Jewish youths spend the summer in Israel in organized and volunteer programs.

But, Dr. Shapiro adds, Jewish organizations are finding it very difficult to obtain qualified Jewish personnel to sustain the increased activity in Jewish life, and notes that there is a division in Jewish life. The division is similar to that of a time when Jews were divided between Hasidim and Mitnagdim--the former expressing fervor as against those with total cold logic. "The challenge of our time," he continues, "is to combine within each individual those two qualities." Dr. Shapiro is professor of Contemporary Jewish Thought at the School for Jewish Communal Service, Los Angeles, and is editor of the Jewish Frontier.

BARUCH KARU, WRITER, CRITIC, LEXICOGRAPHER, DIES AT 83

TEL AVIV, April 20 (JTA)--Baruch Karu, prominent writer, translator, critic and lexicographer, died here yesterday, Independence Day, at the age of 83. Born in Czernowitz, near Odessa, with the surname Krupnik, Mr. Karu arrived in Palestine in 1932 and worked for the dailies Haaretz and Haboker. He translated many classics, including Simon Dubnow's 10-volume "History of the Jewish People," Vladimir Jabotinsky's novel "Shimshon" ("Samson"), D.H. Lawrence's "Lady Chatterley's Lover" and works by Stefan Zweig, Franz Werfel, Arthur Koestler, Andre Schwarz-bart and Charles Dickens. Mr. Karu twice won the Tchernichowsky Prize, Israel's top literary award. He also compiled "A Dictionary of the Talmud" and "A Dictionary of Living Aramaic."

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pioneering," Rabbi Tanenbaum said that papers will be presented by African scholars from Senegal, the Cameroons, Volta, Zaire, Nigeria, Kenya, Ethiopia, South Africa and Ghana, as well as by Jewish scholars.

INDEMNITY TO BE PAID FOR ART WORKS CONFISCATED BY NAZIS

BONN, April 20 (JTA)--An International High Court for Restitution sitting in West Berlin, has ruled that the Bonn government must pay indemnity for all art works belonging to Jews that were confiscated by the Nazis during World War II. The ruling was announced after the court heard the case of a French Jew who lost all his property, including works of art, during the German occupation of France. The court included judges from the US, England, France, Sweden and West Germany. Up to now, Germany was required to indemnify Jews only for articles of personal property lost to the Nazis. The court ruled that art objects belong in that category.

COLLEGE STUDENTS HISS SOVIET STUDENTS FOR TERMING ISRAEL AN AGGRESSOR

NEW YORK, April 20 (JTA)--Three Soviet students, on a tour of American college campuses, were hissed and booed yesterday when they criticized Israel and referred to its "war of aggression" during a debate at Kirkland College in Clinton, NY. The Russians were debating three students from Kirkland and Hamilton colleges.

Meanwhile, the University of Maryland cancelled a debate that was to have been held there last night between the Russian visitors and U. of Maryland students. The university said the debate was cancelled because of "unsettled campus conditions." About 300 students demonstrated yesterday on the campus against the renewed bombing of North Vietnam and on Tuesday night more than 1000 staged a protest rally.

The Jewish Defense League claimed, however, that it was responsible for canceling the debate. Dr. William G. Perl, head of the JDL's Washington office, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the JDL had warned the office of Dr. Charles E. Bishop, Chancellor of the university, that the debate could lead to "possibly dangerous protests" if it took place. The tour of the Soviet students, sponsored by the National Speech Communications Association, a private organization in New York, is a project to discuss "How Might The US and the USSR Contribute to the Cause of Peace."

KGB Agents, Not Students

According to Dr. Perl, "this whole debate is a fraud. These are not student debaters but professional government employees. They are KGB agents trained for years in the art of deception and propaganda. Because of their professional status they should be barred from legitimate collegiate debates." The three students are between 25 and 35 years old.

The itinerary of the Soviet students places them in smaller communities and campuses where there are relatively few Jews. Their tour is unlike that of the Soviet group last year that visited major American cities and were rebuffed by the Jewish communities. There is some indication that the tour of the Soviet students was planned to prevent a repetition of last year's fiasco.

A chair in the cultural history of Moroccan Jewry will be established at Tel Aviv University. The project is an outgrowth of the recent World Congress of Moroccan Jewry.

TEMPORARY COMPROMISE REACHED BY FACTIONS IN MADRID'S JEWISH COMMUNITY

MADRID, April 20 (JTA)--Warring factions in Madrid's troubled Jewish community agreed to a temporary compromise today after a British rabbi mediating their dispute warned the community leaders to make peace "so that what appeared in the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Bulletins does not become an irrevocable fact."

Rabbi Abraham Rose, of the London-based Conference of European Rabbis, was referring to a dispatch in the March 9, 1972 issue of the JTA's Daily News Bulletin which reported that a "serious internal dispute...threatened to split the (Madrid Jewish) community into two bodies, one Sephardic and the other Ashkenazic." His warning was contained in telegrams to Roberto Bensadon Laredo, 42, president of the Jewish community here, and Max Mazin, 49, the opposition leader.

The community's general assembly, acting on the telegrams, agreed today to elect a temporary care-taker committee to serve for about a year until passions cool. The committee will be charged with the task of holding democratic community elections in the spring of 1973 and restoring peace between the opposing factions.

Only a few hundred Jews lived in Spain directly after World War II, most of them refugees from European communities destroyed by the Nazis. At present, there are about 10,000 Jews in Spain, according to Laredo. He told the JTA that about 6000 of them--60 percent--live in Madrid and Barcelona, the two largest cities. But organized Jewish communities exist in seven other Spanish localities, including Ceuta, the Balearic Islands and the Canary Islands. An association for Judeo-Christian Friendship has been active in Spain since 1961, Laredo said. He said it was founded at Jewish initiative to counteract anti-Semitic activities by right-wing extremists during the trial of Adolf Eichmann in Israel.

ISRAELI DIPLOMAT URGES ONE-WORLD APPROACH TO THIRD-WORLD PROBLEMS Proposes Joint Middle East Fund To Improve Living Standards

SANTIAGO, Chile, April 20 (JTA)--An Israeli diplomat said here yesterday that some of the burning problems of the "third world"--the world of developing nations--"can only be solved by a one-world approach." The course of cooperation "to wipe out the huge patches of poverty which pockmarks the world map" was urged by Gideon Rafael, Israel Ambassador to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

Rafael, a former Israel Ambassador to the UN, warned in his speech to the international gathering that "a one-world approach is incompatible with attitudes of double-standards. The claims for freedom of trade and free access to world markets cannot coexist with trade boycotts, unfair trade practices or political intervention in existing trade relations," he said in what was an apparent reference to the Arab boycott of Israel and the black-listing of firms trading with Israel.

More Welfare, Less Warfare

"The claims for universal freedom of navigation is incompatible with selective blockade measures," Rafael said. He warned that "The magnitude of the economic, social and demographic needs which developed and developing countries will have to meet during the remaining last quarter of this century, make it imperative to marshal human and material resources in the most economic and rational way."

Asserting that "The waste of man's meager means for destructive purposes has retarded the progress of mankind," Rafael observed that in the Middle East, "where people so urgently need more welfare and less warfare, immense human resources have been squandered in a senseless arms race."

He proposed the establishment of a joint Middle East fund, within the framework of an ultimate peace settlement, to which all participants would contribute a substantial percentage of their budgets which they are now allocating for armaments and military purposes. The fund, he said, would be used toward rural and industrial development in the region and to improve the living standards of low income groups. "Such a fund could well serve as a pilot project and as an encouragement for similar action in other parts of the world," Rafael said.

QUEBEC OFFICIAL SAYS JEWS AID GOVERNMENT TO REJECT DEMANDS OF SEPARATISTS

MONTREAL, April 20 (JTA)--Quebec's Minister of Manpower and Immigration, Jean Bienvenue, has welcomed the support of the Jewish community in helping maintain provincial unity. "The presence in great numbers of Jews in the province of Quebec is assisting the government in rejecting French-Canadian separatism," he told an audience of 300 Jews of the Loge L'Alliance B'nai B'rith de Montreal, the only French-speaking Jewish lodge in North America, on the occasion of its installation of its new executive committee, headed by realtor Nat Siegler.

"Thanks to your presence in this province, we are able to deflate the arrogance of separatists and reject separatism," Bienvenue declared. "We call you all French-Canadians," Mrs. Francoise Laporte, a citizenship judge and the widow of Quebec Labor Minister Pierre Laporte, who was slain by Quebec terrorists in Oct. 1970, received an ovation when she told the lodge members she felt "at home" among Jews. Siegler announced that trees will be planted in Israel's Martyrs' Forest in memory of Laporte.

MRS. TREPPER VOWS SHE WILL GO TO ISRAEL

COPENHAGEN, April 20 (JTA)--Mrs. Elisabeth Trepper, wife of former master-spy Leopold Trepper, said here yesterday that she would go to Israel whether or not the Polish government granted her a visa. Mrs. Trepper, who arrived here April 8 to visit one of her sons, Michael Brojde, refused last week to return her passport to Warsaw as requested by the Polish Embassy here and asked that her visa request be answered by letter from Warsaw. The Embassy said yesterday that her application had been forwarded to the Polish Foreign Ministry.

Mrs. Trepper said she would wait until April 27 for a reply, and that if turned down would go to Israel anyway. Her present visa is good only for Denmark and France. Mrs. Trepper said the prominent French writer Andre Malraux had promised to speak with Polish authorities about her husband's application in Feb. for a visa to Israel. She said the health of the former leader of the wartime "Red Orchestra" partisan ring has deteriorated.

Mayor Rashid Shawa of Gaza said Thursday that the inhabitants of the Gaza Strip may have to ask the UN to take over the Strip to prevent its annexation by Israel. Shawa, who was recently in trouble with Israeli authorities for sheltering a wanted terrorist, made his remarks at a press conference.

STATE DEPARTMENT SAYS IT KNOWS OF NO PLANS TO MOVE U.S. EMBASSY IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, April 20 (JTA)--The State Department said today it had no knowledge of proposals in Congress to move the US Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Such a proposal was made last month by Rep. Gerald R. Ford (R.Mich.), the House Minority Leader. It was endorsed yesterday by Sen. Robert P. Griffin (R.Mich.), the Senate Minority Whip, who spoke at a luncheon of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

Questioned by newsmen, State Department spokesman Charles Bray said "I know of no plan to uproot the Embassy from Tel Aviv." Asked if either Ford or Griffin had made such recommendation to the State Department, Bray replied, "I haven't a clue."

Bray had no comment on Premier Golda Meir's visit to Rumania early next month which was announced today in Jerusalem and Bucharest. He said he had no information on reports from Cairo that President Anwar Sadat would visit Moscow prior to President Nixon's arrival there May 22.

RABBI BERZON; EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT FOR WOMEN POSES NO THREAT TO JUDAISM

NEW YORK, April 19 (JTA)--The Rabbinical Council of America issued a statement of principle yesterday which declared that the equal rights amendment for women passed by Congress and now making its way through various state legislatures "poses no threat to the practice of Judaism in the United States." In a report to the RCA executive board, Rabbi Bernard L. Berzon, RCA president said "while we have not taken any position on whether or not this amendment is necessary, the implications which some have sought to draw that there were religious reasons why the amendment should not be passed must be rejected."

This was an apparent reference to four Orthodox Jewish organizations who issued a statement April 3 opposing the amendment as inimical to "our rights to continue practicing our faith as we have done for the past three centuries in America." This stance was immediately assailed by a leader of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations as "self-destructive and anachronistic" and "turning back to the Middle Ages."

Judaism, Rabbi Berzon said, "was the first to recognize the status of the woman and to give her freedoms which were previously unknown and as such it has nothing to fear from this amendment." To imply that this amendment will "affect our ability to practice our religious tenets freely, is to display a lack of faith in the American Institution and the American way of life," he stated.

MAY 3 TRIAL DATE SET FOR DEMONSTRATORS

LOS ANGELES, April 20 (JTA)--Trial date has been set for May 3 for five demonstrators who staged a demonstration last month inside the Shrine Auditorium at a performance of the Osipov Balalaika Orchestra of the Soviet Union. Among the defendants are Zev Yaroslavsky, chairman of the California Students for Soviet Jews, and Si Frumkin of the Southern California Council for Soviet Jews. The two were arraigned last month on charges of disturbing the peace.

Yaroslavsky and Frumkin, and three other defendants pleaded not guilty to the charge. The demonstrators are accused of hanging banners over the balcony of the Shrine reading "Let My People Go," and "Save Soviet Jews." Balloons were allegedly thrown over the balcony at the same time. "We are pleading not guilty," said Yaroslavsky, "because we honestly don't believe that we have committed a viola-

tion of the law. We waited until the first act was over, and it was only after intermission had begun that our activity began as well." This was the first arrest for either Yaroslavsky and Frumkin.

Rob Titcher, one of the defendants, stood trial last week and was found guilty of the charge of disturbing the peace. Sentencing date was not set. Titcher has said that he will ask for a retrial on the basis that one officer's testimony was not credible.

MORE JEWS INVOLVED IN JEWISH LIFE

NEW YORK, April 20 (JTA)--Some 500 Labor Zionist leaders, scheduled to attend a leadership conference this weekend at Grossingers, will be told that "there is ample evidence that there is more involvement on the part of American Jews in Jewish life today than in recent years." This view will be presented by Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, president of the Labor Zionist Alliance, in his address at the opening session tomorrow night.

In remarks prepared for the session, he states that there is more enrollment in Jewish courses in all types of schools, more contributors to various Jewish campaigns, more children are receiving a Jewish education and there is more interaction of American Jews with Israel.

Citing various statistics on involvement of Jews in Jewish life, Dr. Shapiro notes that about 500,000 Jewish youths receive some kind of Jewish education in various schools. Of these, some 70,000 students are enrolled in all-day Jewish schools. More than a thousand courses in Jewish subjects are offered at American colleges and universities, he states, and about 20,000 American Jewish youths spend the summer in Israel in organized and volunteer programs.

But, Dr. Shapiro adds, Jewish organizations are finding it very difficult to obtain qualified Jewish personnel to sustain the increased activity in Jewish life, and notes that there is a division in Jewish life. The division is similar to that of a time when Jews were divided between Hasidim and Mitnagdim--the former expressing fervor as against those with total cold logic. "The challenge of our time," he continues, "is to combine within each individual those two qualities." Dr. Shapiro is professor of Contemporary Jewish Thought at the School for Jewish Communal Service, Los Angeles, and is editor of the Jewish Frontier.

BARUCH KARU, WRITER, CRITIC, LEXICOGRAPHER, DIES AT 83

TEL AVIV, April 20 (JTA)--Baruch Karu, prominent writer, translator, critic and lexicographer, died here yesterday, Independence Day, at the age of 83. Born in Czernowitz, near Odessa, with the surname Krupnik, Mr. Karu arrived in Palestine in 1932 and worked for the dailies Haaretz and Haboker. He translated many classics, including Simon Dubnow's 10-volume "History of the Jewish People," Vladimir Jabotinsky's novel "Shimshon" ("Samson"), D.H. Lawrence's "Lady Chatterley's Lover" and works by Stefan Zweig, Franz Werfel, Arthur Koestler, Andre Schwarz-bart and Charles Dickens. Mr. Karu twice won the Tchernichowsky Prize, Israel's top literary award. He also compiled "A Dictionary of the Talmud" and "A Dictionary of Living Aramaic."

Two synagogues, six blocks apart in the Borough Park section of Brooklyn, were vandalized yesterday. Swastikas were painted on the front doors, police reported today.