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The majority findings of the government investigating committee were widely attacked for allegedly condoning unethical practices. Friedman was bitter. After handing his resignation to Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, the oil executive claimed that he was "a victim of a demon's dance, a witch hunt and dangerous hysteria in the streets."

New Controls Will Be Complex

The Cabinet today was to have taken up the panel's findings in the Netivei Neft case, including the recommendation by the minority member that Friedman be dismissed. Instead it assailed those persons casting "aspersions" on the panel and criticized the panel itself for having questioned the competence of Deputy Finance Minister Zvi Dinstein whose task it was to oversee the operations of Netivei Neft.

The panel's majority report, concurred in by its chairman, Supreme Court Justice Albert Vitkon and industrialist Avraham Kalir, faulted Dr. Dinstein for failing to lay down clear guidelines for Netivei Neft but conceded that this was an administrative shortcoming and not a reflection on Dinstein's integrity. The minority member, Reserves Maj. Gen. Meir Zorea, was tougher on Dinstein, claiming that his lack of proper supervision disqualified him from passing on Friedman's merits.

The Cabinet, nevertheless, thanked all members of the panel for their work. Shamgar said the proposed new controls will entail a greater expense than is now devoted to the purpose by the Finance Ministry and will necessarily be complex in their operation. They will have to take into account the different functions of State-owned corporations which range from supplying electric power to producing phosphates for export, the Attorney General said.

CRACKDOWN ON KHARKOV JEWS SEEKING VISAS

LONDON, April 30 (JTA)--Jews in Kharkov are experiencing increasing difficulties in obtaining exit visas. Only 18 families received visas during the month of April, Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today. According to the sources, the main obstacle now is getting the character reference which must accompany visa applications. The ovir, the local visa office is inordinately slow. It issues application forms only on Fridays and deals with applications three times a week only.

Many Jewish families are afraid to apply because it could mean immediate dismissal from their jobs while months can pass before they hear from the visa office, the sources said. The homes of a number of visa applicants have been searched by the KGB, the secret police.

Jews applying for visas are warned to wait quietly and some have been threatened with arrest for creating public disorder if they protest delays. Nevertheless, young people in particular are protesting vehemently against the administrative obstacles, the sources reported.

Some 8,000 Gaza Strip residents poured into Israel today as regulations requiring special permits to enter Israel were lifted.

200,000 MARCH IN SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET JEWRY; URGE NIXON TO HELP

NEW YORK, April 30 (JTA)--An estimated 200,000 people today expressed solidarity with Soviet Jewry and called on President Nixon to utilize his trip to Moscow to help Soviet Jews achieve their right to live as Jews or to emigrate to Israel and elsewhere. The event was the National Solidarity Day for Soviet Jewry which in New York was coordinated by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Carrying banners stating, "Mr. Nixon - Intervene for Soviet Jews," "Save the Russian Jews," and "Let My People Go," the participants marched from the assembly point at 68th Street and Fifth Avenue to the Dag Hammarskjold Plaza opposite the United Nations where a mass rally was held. Three hours after the march began, police reported that people were backed up all the way to the assembly point. (Similar demonstrations took place in 100 cities across the nation. Full details of these rallies will be reported in tomorrow's News Bulletin.)

While these events were taking place, Jews in the Soviet Union, many of whom are under threat of police action, held vigils and began hunger strikes to coincide with the rallies in this country. Jerry Goodman, executive director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, the organization which sponsored Solidarity Day, announced that messages had been received from Jews in the USSR expressing their "determination to continue the struggle for human rights."

Marching at the head of the parade here were three Russian Jewish women whose relatives are presently in Soviet labor camps, Boris Kochubievsky, Sen. Jacob K. Javits (N.Y.), all the Borough Presidents, many New York Congressmen, City Council members and state and local officials. Mayor John V. Lindsay declared today National Solidarity Day.

Kochubievsky, who in 1967 was among the first Soviet Jews to demonstrate for freedom, said that the German holocaust began when the Jews were thrown into prison camps, just as is happening today in the Soviet Union. Speaking in Russian, with the aid of a translator, the Jewish freedom fighter declared that "the Soviets use the most refined methods of barbarism - life in prison camps leads to insanity and suicide." Kochubievsky, who recently emigrated to Israel after spending three years in a Soviet labor camp, expressed the hope that Nixon would discuss the plight of Soviet Jewry during his summit conference. "Tomorrow may be too late," he said, "we cannot let the holocaust be repeated."

Stand Together With Brothers In Russia

Katya Palatnik, Serafima Kaminsky and Mindl Veinger urged Americans - Jews and non-Jews - to stand together with their brethren in Russia in demanding the freedom of the Jewish prisoners of conscience. Rabbi Gilbert Klapperman, chairman of the NYCSJ, said: "We have just completed part of the long march through Jewish history. Our men, women, and children have marched today to tell the world that our people's present oppression in the Soviet Union must come to an end."

Javits stressed the importance of demonstrations and protest marches such as today's and urged Jews to support the United Jewish Appeal in providing Israel with the needed funds for settling the Russian immigrants. Citing the emigration of 13,000 Jews last year and the anticipated emigration this year, Javits expressed the belief that "protest works." Continuing, he said "I am satisfied, deeply convinced, that President Nixon will have the subject of

freeing Soviet Jews on his agenda at the summit conference." His statement was greeted with thunderous ovation and applause.

A group of young people from the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, dressed in prison clothes to represent the Soviet-Jewish prisoners of conscience, danced to music with their arms around each other's shoulders, to symbolize the overwhelming mood of the demonstration--one of protest, action and solidarity.

Supportive Demonstrations In Other Countries

According to Richard Maass, chairman of the NCSJ, expressions of supportive demonstrations were reported from England, Australia, Israel and the World Union of Jewish Students. In a statement Maass declared: "The knowledge that as we in New York were joining together to demonstrate solidarity, the rest of the nation, Soviet Jews, and people in other countries were also focusing on the problems of Soviet Jewry, was overwhelming and encouraging. I am more certain than ever that our voices will not go unheard, and that the Soviet Union will bend in light of such an unusual display of unanimity."

AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ACKNOWLEDGES CRITICISM OVER SLOW PACE OF TRIALS

JERUSALEM, April 30 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Rudolph Kirchschlaeger of Austria says there is criticism in his country as well as in Israel over the slow pace of war crimes prosecution in Austria, the many acquittals and the light sentences. Dr. Kirchschlaeger, the first Austrian Foreign Minister to visit Israel, expressed that view Friday at a working session with Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

Eban raised the question of war crimes trials and the complaint that Austria has not provided just compensation to Jewish victims of Nazism. On the latter point, Dr. Kirchschlaeger said that Austria itself had been recognized by all countries as a victim of Nazism and that requests for redress must therefore be directed to Germany rather than to Austria.

He said, however, that a committee operates in Vienna under the aegis of the Austrian Finance Ministry which considers claims for compensation. He said that the questions raised by Eban would be conveyed to his government.

SOVIET PLEDGE OF AID TO EGYPT NO CAUSE FOR IMMEDIATE CONCERN

JERUSALEM, April 30 (JTA)--The Soviet pledge of more military aid to Egypt, contained in a communique issued following President Anwar Sadat's departure yesterday from Moscow was viewed as a negative development by Israeli officials but apparently not a cause for immediate concern. The Sadat trip, his second to the Soviet capital in two months, was described by some observers as "perfunctory" and the Soviet pledges as little more than lip service not likely to alter the current situation.

The consensus in authoritative sources here was that this time the Russians gave Sadat only verbal support. Nevertheless, the sources warned that even words of encouragement to the Arabs tended to develop a momentum of its own. They recalled that it was Soviet encouragement that set the Arab states to massing their forces in 1967 which led to the Six-Day War. Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, who left today for the US for a meeting tomorrow with Secretary of State William P. Rogers, said the Moscow communique would doubtlessly strengthen extremist elements in Egypt.

SOVIET JEWISH ACTIVIST FACES PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION; THREE OTHERS FEAR ARREST

NEW YORK, April 30 (JTA)--One of the 10 Soviet Jewish activists ordered last week to report for military duty has been ordered to see a psychiatrist, according to Jewish sources in the Soviet Union. The sources said Victor Yakhout, a scientist and an officer in the Red Army reserve, faces a psychiatric examination. Yakhout is regarded as one of the most militant of the Jewish reservists protesting their call-up orders. All have applied for exit visas to go to Israel. The orders to report for duty are seen as a device to get the most militant Jewish activists out of Moscow before President Nixon arrives there for summit talks on May 22.

The Chicago branch of the American Jewish Committee reported that Mrs. Anna Levin of Sverdlovsk has appealed to Jews abroad to intervene with Soviet officials to prevent the arrests of her husband and herself and another Jewish protestor, Vladimir Markman.

According to the AJCommittee, the KGB publicly accused Markman of anti-Soviet activities and Mrs. Levin fears that she and her husband, Mark, may be arrested along with Markman although they were not involved in protests. She urged Jews to intervene with Interior Minister Oriashin Pavlovich and the Jewish Affairs official, Pavel Petrovich, both of Sverdlovsk. The Levins are the parents of six-year-old twin sons.

METHODISTS REPUDIATE ANTI-SEMITISM, CALL FOR NEW DIALOGUE WITH JEWS

ATLANTA, April 30 (JTA)--The United Methodist Church ended its quadrennial general conference here Friday with a call for repudiation of anti-Semitism and "a new dimension in dialogue with Jews." The resolution on Christian-Jewish relations was described by one theologian, the Rev. Dr. Albert C. Outler of Dallas, as the first time the 10.5 million-member church had made explicit its disavowal of anti-Semitism.

The resolution observed that "The persecution by Christians of Jews throughout centuries calls for clear repentance." The resolution also stressed that in dialogues with Jews "an aim of conversion or proselytizing cannot be condoned."

Greece Is Out This Summer

JEWISH COUPLE SAY ANTI-SEMITIC REMARKS BY BISHOP OF CHIOS LED TO DECISION

NEW YORK, April 30 (JTA)--Mrs. Roslyn Myers and her husband, Judge Allen M. Myers of the Civil Court of New York City, will not be vacationing in Greece this summer as they had a number of times in the past few years. In a letter to the Greek Consulate General dated April 24, of which a copy was sent to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Mrs. Myers cited anti-Semitic statements made by the Bishop of Chios as the basis for the decision not to visit Greece.

In her letter, Mrs. Myers stated that it was "with great dismay that I read in the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Weekly News Digest of March 17 that the Bishop of Chios, in Athens, on Greek Orthodoxy Day, before a distinguished audience including government officials, denounced the Jews and quoted from a notorious anti-Semitic forgery to substantiate his accusations."

On March 13, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Daily News Bulletin reported that the Bishop of Zion, asserting that Greek Jews and Zionist organizations are controlling the Freemasons and Rotarians and adversely influencing Greek youth. This report was subsequently carried in the JTA Weekly News Digest.

In a telephone interview today, Mrs. Myers told the

JTA, "It is incumbent on the Greek government to disavow the Bishop's statement, which concerns the 6500 Greek citizens of Jewish faith." Noting the "innate anti-Semitism" of the Greek Orthodox Church, she said the Church's support of the government has led the government to be lenient with the Church. "But," she said, "the government must learn that if they accept this kind of support they will lose other friends."

REP. ABZUG URGES NIXON TO IMPLEMENT HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AID SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, April 30 (JTA)--Rep. Bella Abzug (D,N.Y.) called today on President Nixon to implement "with dispatch" a recently passed House resolution calling for a four-point program of executive action on behalf of Soviet Jews. The militant Manhattan Congresswoman utilized the occasion of National Solidarity Day for Soviet Jews to prod the President to act on the resolution which she co-sponsored.

It would have the President call on Soviet authorities to permit free expression and free exercise of religion by all citizens of the USSR; utilize US contacts with Moscow to seek an end to discrimination against religious minorities; ask that the Soviet government permit free emigration by its citizens as guaranteed by the UN Declaration of Human Rights; and to raise in the UN General Assembly the question of Soviet violations of the Declaration against Jews and other minorities.

"We must demonstrate our concern for those Jews who would remain in the Soviet Union as well as for those who wish to emigrate to Israel and other countries," Rep. Abzug said today in a statement released to mark the march and rally for Soviet Jewry in which she participated.

SENATE TO ACT TO RESTORE USIA FUNDS

WASHINGTON, April 30 (JTA)--The Senate will act tomorrow on a move to restore to the US Information Agency the full amount of its request for \$194 million for operating expenses in the year beginning July 1. The action, to be introduced by Sen. Gale W. McGee (D,Wyo.), would assure continuation of the present complement of Voice of America broadcasts including the Russian language religious program which contains content of Jewish interest.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee by a 9-4 vote, has recommended cutting \$45 million off the USIA budget request. The State Department, which supplies policy guidance to USIA, said the committee's measure would mean a drastic reduction of all USIA activities.

The VOA, which is a part of USIA, lengthened its religious program and added Jewish content beginning last Dec. 12 after strong representations were made in Congress for Yiddish programs to be beamed to the Soviet Union to encourage Jews there to maintain their culture.

Yiddish broadcasts are not included in VOA programs but an official said special features of Jewish interest are broadcast in Russian to the Soviet Union from time to time apart from the religious program. Among the features was a half-hour Passover program on the first seder night.

WJC PROTESTS BERGEN-BELSEN VANDALISM

NEW YORK, April 30 (JTA)--Rabbi Joseph Karasick, chairman of the American Section of the World Jewish Congress, sent a telegram to Rolf Pauls, German Ambassador in Washington, expressing dismay at the desecration of the Jewish monument and cemetery at Bergen-Belsen.



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by the State Registrar of companies. The government, however, reserves the right to dismiss the management of such firms.

Whether it would have done so in the Netivei Neft case remains a moot question. Mordechai Friedman, managing director of the company operating captured Egyptian oil wells in the Sinai, resigned Friday amid a public clamor for his ouster even though the panel had cleared him by a 2-1 vote of charges of wrong-doing.

The majority findings of the government investigating committee were widely attacked for allegedly condoning unethical practices. Friedman was bitter. After handing his resignation to Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, the oil executive claimed that he was "a victim of a demon's dance, a witch hunt and dangerous hysteria in the streets."

New Controls Will Be Complex

The Cabinet today was to have taken up the panel's findings in the Netivei Neft case, including the recommendation by the minority member that Friedman be dismissed. Instead it assailed those persons casting "aspersions" on the panel and criticized the panel itself for having questioned the competence of Deputy Finance Minister Zvi Dinstein whose task it was to oversee the operations of Netivei Neft.

The panel's majority report, concurred in by its chairman, Supreme Court Justice Albert Vitkon and industrialist Avraham Kalir, faulted Dr. Dinstein for failing to lay down clear guidelines for Netivei Neft but conceded that this was an administrative shortcoming and not a reflection on Dinstein's integrity. The minority member, Reserves Maj. Gen. Meir Zorea, was tougher on Dinstein, claiming that his lack of proper supervision disqualified him from passing on Friedman's merits.

The Cabinet, nevertheless, thanked all members of the panel for their work. Shamgar said the proposed new controls will entail a greater expense than is now devoted to the purpose by the Finance Ministry and will necessarily be complex in their operation. They will have to take into account the different functions of State-owned corporations which range from supplying electric power to producing phosphates for export, the Attorney General said.

CRACKDOWN ON KHARKOV JEWS SEEKING VISAS

LONDON, April 30 (JTA)--Jews in Kharkov are experiencing increasing difficulties in obtaining exit visas. Only 18 families received visas during the month of April, Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today. According to the sources, the main obstacle now is getting the character reference which must accompany visa applications. The ovir, the local visa office is inordinately slow. It issues application forms only on Fridays and deals with applications three times a week only.

Many Jewish families are afraid to apply because it could mean immediate dismissal from their jobs while months can pass before they hear from the visa office, the sources said. The homes of a number of visa applicants have been searched by the KGB, the secret police.

Jews applying for visas are warned to wait quietly and some have been threatened with arrest for creating public disorder if they protest delays. Nevertheless, young people in particular are protesting vehemently against the administrative obstacles, the sources reported.

Some 8,000 Gaza Strip residents poured into Israel today as regulations requiring special permits to enter Israel were lifted.

200,000 MARCH IN SOLIDARITY WITH SOVIET JEWRY; URGE NIXON TO HELP

NEW YORK, April 30 (JTA)--An estimated 200,000 people today expressed solidarity with Soviet Jewry and called on President Nixon to utilize his trip to Moscow to help Soviet Jews achieve their right to live as Jews or to emigrate to Israel and elsewhere. The event was the National Solidarity Day for Soviet Jewry which in New York was coordinated by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Carrying banners stating, "Mr. Nixon - Intervene for Soviet Jews," "Save the Russian Jews," and "Let My People Go," the participants marched from the assembly point at 68th Street and Fifth Avenue to the Dag Hammarskjold Plaza opposite the United Nations where a mass rally was held. Three hours after the march began, police reported that people were backed up all the way to the assembly point. (Similar demonstrations took place in 100 cities across the nation. Full details of these rallies will be reported in tomorrow's News Bulletin.)

While these events were taking place, Jews in the Soviet Union, many of whom are under threat of police action, held vigils and began hunger strikes to coincide with the rallies in this country. Jerry Goodman, executive director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, the organization which sponsored Solidarity Day, announced that messages had been received from Jews in the USSR expressing their "determination to continue the struggle for human rights."

Marching at the head of the parade here were three Russian Jewish women whose relatives are presently in Soviet labor camps, Boris Kochubievsky, Sen. Jacob K. Javits (N.Y.), all the Borough Presidents, many New York Congressmen, City Council members and state and local officials. Mayor John V. Lindsay declared today National Solidarity Day.

Kochubievsky, who in 1967 was among the first Soviet Jews to demonstrate for freedom, said that the German holocaust began when the Jews were thrown into prison camps, just as is happening today in the Soviet Union. Speaking in Russian, with the aid of a translator, the Jewish freedom fighter declared that "the Soviets use the most refined methods of barbarism - life in prison camps leads to insanity and suicide." Kochubievsky, who recently emigrated to Israel after spending three years in a Soviet labor camp, expressed the hope that Nixon would discuss the plight of Soviet Jewry during his summit conference. "Tomorrow may be too late," he said, "we cannot let the holocaust be repeated."

Stand Together With Brothers In Russia

Katya Palatnik, Serafima Kaminsky and Mindl Veinger urged Americans - Jews and non-Jews - to stand together with their brethren in Russia in demanding the freedom of the Jewish prisoners of conscience. Rabbi Gilbert Klapperman, chairman of the NYCSJ, said: "We have just completed part of the long march through Jewish history. Our men, women, and children have marched today to tell the world that our people's present oppression in the Soviet Union must come to an end."

Javits stressed the importance of demonstrations and protest marches such as today's and urged Jews to support the United Jewish Appeal in providing Israel with the needed funds for settling the Russian immigrants. Citing the emigration of 13,000 Jews last year and the anticipated emigration this year, Javits expressed the belief that "protest works." Continuing, he said "I am satisfied, deeply convinced, that President Nixon will have the subject of

freeing Soviet Jews on his agenda at the summit conference." His statement was greeted with thunderous ovation and applause.

A group of young people from the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, dressed in prison clothes to represent the Soviet-Jewish prisoners of conscience, danced to music with their arms around each other's shoulders, to symbolize the overwhelming mood of the demonstration--one of protest, action and solidarity.

Supportive Demonstrations In Other Countries

According to Richard Maass, chairman of the NCSJ, expressions of supportive demonstrations were reported from England, Australia, Israel and the World Union of Jewish Students. In a statement Maass declared: "The knowledge that as we in New York were joining together to demonstrate solidarity, the rest of the nation, Soviet Jews, and people in other countries were also focusing on the problems of Soviet Jewry, was overwhelming and encouraging. I am more certain than ever that our voices will not go unheard, and that the Soviet Union will bend in light of such an unusual display of unanimity."

AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ACKNOWLEDGES CRITICISM OVER SLOW PACE OF TRIALS

JERUSALEM, April 30 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Rudolph Kirchschlaeger of Austria says there is criticism in his country as well as in Israel over the slow pace of war crimes prosecution in Austria, the many acquittals and the light sentences. Dr. Kirchschlaeger, the first Austrian Foreign Minister to visit Israel, expressed that view Friday at a working session with Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

Eban raised the question of war crimes trials and the complaint that Austria has not provided just compensation to Jewish victims of Nazism. On the latter point, Dr. Kirchschlaeger said that Austria itself had been recognized by all countries as a victim of Nazism and that requests for redress must therefore be directed to Germany rather than to Austria.

He said, however, that a committee operates in Vienna under the aegis of the Austrian Finance Ministry which considers claims for compensation. He said that the questions raised by Eban would be conveyed to his government.

SOVIET PLEDGE OF AID TO EGYPT NO CAUSE FOR IMMEDIATE CONCERN

JERUSALEM, April 30 (JTA)--The Soviet pledge of more military aid to Egypt, contained in a communique issued following President Anwar Sadat's departure yesterday from Moscow was viewed as a negative development by Israeli officials but apparently not a cause for immediate concern. The Sadat trip, his second to the Soviet capital in two months, was described by some observers as "perfunctory" and the Soviet pledges as little more than lip service not likely to alter the current situation.

The consensus in authoritative sources here was that this time the Russians gave Sadat only verbal support. Nevertheless, the sources warned that even words of encouragement to the Arabs tended to develop a momentum of its own. They recalled that it was Soviet encouragement that set the Arab states to massing their forces in 1967 which led to the Six-Day War. Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, who left today for the US for a meeting tomorrow with Secretary of State William P. Rogers, said the Moscow communique would doubtlessly strengthen extremist elements in Egypt.

SOVIET JEWISH ACTIVIST FACES PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION; THREE OTHERS FEAR ARREST

NEW YORK, April 30 (JTA)--One of the 10 Soviet Jewish activists ordered last week to report for military duty has been ordered to see a psychiatrist, according to Jewish sources in the Soviet Union. The sources said Victor Yakhout, a scientist and an officer in the Red Army reserve, faces a psychiatric examination. Yakhout is regarded as one of the most militant of the Jewish reservists protesting their call-up orders. All have applied for exit visas to go to Israel. The orders to report for duty are seen as a device to get the most militant Jewish activists out of Moscow before President Nixon arrives there for summit talks on May 22.

The Chicago branch of the American Jewish Committee reported that Mrs. Anna Levin of Sverdlovsk has appealed to Jews abroad to intervene with Soviet officials to prevent the arrests of her husband and herself and another Jewish protestor, Vladimir Markman.

According to the AJCommittee, the KGB publicly accused Markman of anti-Soviet activities and Mrs. Levin fears that she and her husband, Mark, may be arrested along with Markman although they were not involved in protests. She urged Jews to intervene with Interior Minister Orlashin Pavlovich and the Jewish Affairs official, Pavel Petrovich, both of Sverdlovsk. The Levins are the parents of six-year-old twin sons.

METHODISTS REPUDIATE ANTI-SEMITISM, CALL FOR NEW DIALOGUE WITH JEWS

ATLANTA, April 30 (JTA)--The United Methodist Church ended its quadrennial general conference here Friday with a call for repudiation of anti-Semitism and "a new dimension in dialogue with Jews." The resolution on Christian-Jewish relations was described by one theologian, the Rev. Dr. Albert C. Outler of Dallas, as the first time the 10.5 million-member church had made explicit its disavowal of anti-Semitism.

The resolution observed that "The persecution by Christians of Jews throughout centuries calls for clear repentance." The resolution also stressed that in dialogues with Jews "an aim of conversion or proselytizing cannot be condoned."

Greece Is Out This Summer

JEWISH COUPLE SAY ANTI-SEMITIC REMARKS BY BISHOP OF CHIOS LED TO DECISION

NEW YORK, April 30 (JTA)--Mrs. Roslyn Myers and her husband, Judge Allen M. Myers of the Civil Court of New York City, will not be vacationing in Greece this summer as they had a number of times in the past few years. In a letter to the Greek Consulate General dated April 24, of which a copy was sent to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Mrs. Myers cited anti-Semitic statements made by the Bishop of Chios as the basis for the decision not to visit Greece.

In her letter, Mrs. Myers stated that it was "with great dismay that I read in the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Weekly News Digest of March 17 that the Bishop of Chios, in Athens, on Greek Orthodoxy Day, before a distinguished audience including government officials, denounced the Jews and quoted from a notorious anti-Semitic forgery to substantiate his accusations."

On March 13, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Daily News Bulletin reported that the Bishop of Zion, asserting that Greek Jews and Zionist organizations are controlling the Freemasons and Rotarians and adversely influencing Greek youth. This report was subsequently carried in the JTA Weekly News Digest.

In a telephone interview today, Mrs. Myers told the

JTA, "It is incumbent on the Greek government to disavow the Bishop's statement, which concerns the 6500 Greek citizens of Jewish faith." Noting the "innate anti-Semitism" of the Greek Orthodox Church, she said the Church's support of the government has led the government to be lenient with the Church. "But," she said, "the government must learn that if they accept this kind of support they will lose other friends."

REP. ABZUG URGES NIXON TO IMPLEMENT HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AID SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, April 30 (JTA)--Rep. Bella Abzug (D,N.Y.) called today on President Nixon to implement "with dispatch" a recently passed House resolution calling for a four-point program of executive action on behalf of Soviet Jews. The militant Manhattan Congresswoman utilized the occasion of National Solidarity Day for Soviet Jews to prod the President to act on the resolution which she co-sponsored.

It would have the President call on Soviet authorities to permit free expression and free exercise of religion by all citizens of the USSR; utilize US contacts with Moscow to seek an end to discrimination against religious minorities; ask that the Soviet government permit free emigration by its citizens as guaranteed by the UN Declaration of Human Rights; and to raise in the UN General Assembly the question of Soviet violations of the Declaration against Jews and other minorities.

"We must demonstrate our concern for those Jews who would remain in the Soviet Union as well as for those who wish to emigrate to Israel and other countries," Rep. Abzug said today in a statement released to mark the march and rally for Soviet Jewry in which she participated.

SENATE TO ACT TO RESTORE USIA FUNDS

WASHINGTON, April 30 (JTA)--The Senate will act tomorrow on a move to restore to the US Information Agency the full amount of its request for \$194 million for operating expenses in the year beginning July 1. The action, to be introduced by Sen. Gale W. McGee (D,Wyo.), would assure continuation of the present complement of Voice of America broadcasts including the Russian language religious program which contains content of Jewish interest.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee by a 9-4 vote, has recommended cutting \$45 million off the USIA budget request. The State Department, which supplies policy guidance to USIA, said the committee's measure would mean a drastic reduction of all USIA activities.

The VOA, which is a part of USIA, lengthened its religious program and added Jewish content beginning last Dec. 12 after strong representations were made in Congress for Yiddish programs to be beamed to the Soviet Union to encourage Jews there to maintain their culture.

Yiddish broadcasts are not included in VOA programs but an official said special features of Jewish interest are broadcast in Russian to the Soviet Union from time to time apart from the religious program. Among the features was a half-hour Passover program on the first seder night.

WJC PROTESTS BERGEN-BELSEN VANDALISM

NEW YORK, April 30 (JTA)--Rabbi Joseph Karasick, chairman of the American Section of the World Jewish Congress, sent a telegram to Rolf Pauls, German Ambassador in Washington, expressing dismay at the desecration of the Jewish monument and cemetery at Bergen-Belsen.