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The spokesman said the contract called for three small subs of a coastal type, adding that "We are just as willing to build for the Arabs. We're shipbuilders, not politicians." Lord Lothian said the government was satisfied that Egypt has not obtained indirectly, British equipment "that we should not have been willing to supply directly."

#### ALLON: PEACE, SECURITY, DEPEND ON U.S. MAINTAINING ROLE AS WORLD POWER

NEW YORK, May 2 (JTA)--Israel's Deputy Premier Yigal Allon warned today that isolationism could lead to world conflict, and, therefore, the United States has to maintain its posture as a world power. He said the maintenance of American credibility as a major power was indispensable if peace and security are to be maintained in the world. Allon addressed a closed meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

The gist of his remarks were reported afterwards by Jacob Stein, Conference chairman. He said Allon reiterated that Israel was ready to meet with her Arab neighbors "as equals" and called on Egypt to opt for a political solution of its dispute with Israel rather than military action. Allon also termed the emigration of Russian Jews one of the major events of modern Jewish history. He reportedly said Israel was grateful for every Jew permitted to leave the USSR for Israel but called on Soviet authorities to be more liberal and generous in permitting those who wish to leave to do so. According to Stein, Allon stressed the importance of world public opinion in persuading Soviet leaders in that direction.

Stein also reported that Allon referred to King Hussein's victory over terrorists in Jordan and the restoration of "a stable regime" in that country. He noted that the death of President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt removed the one leader who could claim to speak on behalf of the Arab world. Since his death, each Arab country has become increasingly independent, Allon was reported to have said.

#### MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS PROCEED QUIETLY

JERUSALEM, May 2 (JTA)--Municipal elections were held without incident today in 12 towns and villages in the Judea region of the West Bank. By the time the polls closed tonight, nearly 87 percent of the eligible voters had cast ballots, 12 percent more than in the last elections held there under Jordanian rule in 1963. Some 190 candidates competed for fewer than 100 seats on village and town councils.

There was no competition in Hebron where incumbent Mayor Sheikh Mohammed Ali Jaabari and his nine councilmen were unopposed and thus automatically re-elected. Today's voting marked the second stage of the first West Bank elections held under Israeli auspices. The elections were conducted according to Jordanian law. Ten towns in the Samaria region elected new councilmen on March 28 when more than 90 percent of the eligible voters turned out.

YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in New York will sponsor a series of lectures on the Holocaust and Jewish cultural subjects May 7-10.

## FUNDS RESTORED TO USIA GIVE HOPE TO SOVIET JEWS, SUPPORTERS DECLARE

WASHINGTON, May 2 (JTA)--Supporters of yesterday's successful Senate attempt to restore the United States Information Agency's full 1972-73 budget request of \$194 million declared among numerous arguments that the USIA's Voice of America gives hope to Soviet Jews. The Senate voted 57-15 in overruling the Foreign Relations Committee and its chairman, J. William Fulbright (D., Ark.), who wanted a 25 percent cut. The Nixon administration backed the full sum.

Sen. James L. Buckley (R-C.N.Y.), pointing out that "the Kremlin is not insensitive (to) internal and external pressures which have been generated by USIA," said: "I think we saw that most spectacularly at the trial in Leningrad of a group of Jews who were accused of the 'hideous crime' of wanting to escape to Israel." He was referring to the commutation of death sentences following international appeals. Sen. William E. Brock III (R., Tenn.) said the VOA was valuable if it helped effect "even token immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel."

Supporters of the full sum noted that the VOA's current schedule of 780 broadcast hours weekly would be cut to 454 under the Fulbright plan, fewer than Albania's 480. By comparison, the Soviet Union broadcasts 1903 hours weekly in 84 languages, China 1304 hours, and Egypt 1022 hours in 33 languages.

Fulbright's backers included Sen. Frank Church (D., Ida.), Alan Cranston (D., Calif.), Harold E. Hughes (D., Ia.), Edward M. Kennedy (D., Mass.), William Proxmire (D., Wis.), Adlai E. Stevenson III (D., Ill.), and Stuart Symington (D., Mo.).

## TV STATION TO FIGHT SUIT SEEKING TO REVOKE ITS LICENSE FOR REFUSING TO SHOW PROGRAM CALLED 'THE PASSOVER'

NEW YORK, May 2 (JTA)--The vice-president-general manager of WOR-TV continued today to decline substantive comment on the petition announced yesterday as having been filed with the Federal Communications Commission requesting removal of the station's license for rejecting a program called "The Passover."

Robert L. Glaser, explained to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the matter was in the hands of the station's attorneys, who were giving it "active" attention. He was, however, willing to state: "No, we shouldn't lose our license." The licenses of all New York stations are due for renewal June 1.

"The Passover," produced by the American Board of Missions to the Jews, has as its theme the Christian significance of the Jewish seder. It was offered to 11 other television stations, most or all of which also rejected it. WOR-TV, deluged by protests from the New York Board of Rabbis and other Jewish groups, decided last year not to "offend" them by airing the show. The Mission Board's petition to the FCC called this "improper influence or pressure from outside sources."

The Board also challenged WOR-TV's position that the program proselytizes, pointing out that the station "carries at least two other programs which proselytize, Oral Roberts and Billy Graham." Roberts is seen Sunday mornings, Dr. Graham twice a year. Glaser said he did not consider either evangelist a proselytizer.

Glaser also protested the Mission Board's use, on its stationery, of Hebrew lettering and the name Beth Sar Shalom Hebrew-Christian Fellowship. He called this "a certain amount of deception" as it represents the Protestant group as a "genuine, bona fide Jewish" organization. WOR-TV and WOR-

AM-FM Radio are licensed to RKO General.

Terry Delaney, mass communications director of the 33-branch, 75-minister Mission Board, told the JTA that the petition was filed after months of negotiations with the station with "no apparent success." He said the Board is "very much pro-Israel, both divinely and politically" and "obviously against anti-Semitism." It has not, however, taken a public position on the dispensation of the administered Arab territories or on public aid to private schools or prayer in public schools, Delaney added.

## TAFT URGES NIXON TO INCLUDE SOVIET JEWRY ON HIS SUMMIT MEETING AGENDA 20 Jews Ask To Meet With Nixon

WASHINGTON, May 2 (JTA)--Sen. Robert Taft (R., Ohio) called yesterday upon President Nixon to include in his visit to the Soviet Union a frank discussion on the subject of religious freedom and the plight of the Jewish people in the Soviet Union, especially of those who wish to immigrate to Israel. The Senator issued his statement after placing a telephone call to Gavriel Shapiro in Moscow and, he said, hearing from Shapiro about the oppression suffered by him and others who are seeking to emigrate to Israel.

Taft said Shapiro described the force being used to keep Jews away from the Moscow synagogue and the brutal beatings of young Jews in the vicinity of the synagogue. Shapiro also said, Taft reported, that he and a group of 10 other professionals are "being terrorized and used as examples for other Jews." He was apparently referring to those who in recent days had been called to active duty in the Soviet Army Reserves.

Taft said Shapiro told him that he and 19 other Moscow Jews had written yesterday to Nixon asking for an audience with him or his representative during his Soviet visit. Taft said he told Shapiro, "I don't know whether the letter has been delivered or whether the President will be able to act in accordance with it, but I am sure that I express the hope of all Americans that those Jews who wish to leave Russia are allowed to in accordance with human rights guaranteed by the Charter of the United Nations."

The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry said yesterday that the letter Shapiro referred to called upon Nixon as "the head of a great state" to help the 20 signatories emigrate to Israel. The signers included Shapiro, Mikhail Klachkin, Boris Kogan, Anatoly Novikov and Valentine Prussakov.

## CANAL ACCORD EFFORTS TEMPORARILY KO'D

WASHINGTON, May 2 (JTA)--Joseph J. Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, said today that the US effort to bring about an Arab-Israeli agreement for reopening the Suez Canal is "largely in temporary suspension" but that the "door still remains open regardless of all the difficulties." Sisco told a national foreign policy conference at the State Department for leaders in higher education that the American striving to reopen the canal has not become a "lost opportunity."

A deep sense of frustration has come over Egypt because of its inability to regain the Sinai but, Sisco said, Cairo has "a realistic appreciation that the exercise of the military option is not in the interest of Arabs or Israelis and carries with it a serious risk of major power involvement." The USSR and the US, he said in responding to a question, are both interested in the maintenance of the cease-fire but he doubted whether their long-range interests were similar.

**11TH SOVIET JEW CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY**

NEW YORK, May 2 (JTA)--Another Soviet Jewish activist--the 11th in recent days--has been called to active duty in the Soviet Army Reserves, reputedly to remove him from Moscow during President Nixon's visit later this month. The new draftee, Leonid Yoffe, was called up for two years, compared with two months for the other 10 activists, according to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Yoffe is a 28-year-old mathematician-poet who has been teaching Hebrew to activist leaders. He is described by fellow activists as "an important part of the movement." The NCSJ also reported that an earlier draftee, Mikhail Klitchkin, was dragged out of bed early yesterday morning, taken for a medical examination and ordered to report Thursday for active duty. He reportedly said he would "never go of my own volition."

**CANNISTER TOSSED INTO TASS OFFICE Causes Smoke Damage, Fire; No Injuries**

WASHINGTON, May 2 (JTA)--A homemade device was flung into the front room of the National Press Building offices of Tass, the Soviet news agency, at around 10:30 this morning, causing considerable smoke damage and some fire but injuring none and apparently not affecting the communications apparatus. Police Capt. C.E. Rinaldi showed newsmen a scorched cannister found just inside the door. The wall against which it lay was also blackened. The only visible fire damage was a burned pillow on a chair near the front door. Smoke billowed through the inside corridor on the second floor of the press building.

Rinaldi said he was in "no position to say right now who or why" in regard to the placing of the device, but that it was "safe to assume that it was a deliberate act." He called the damage "minor." Rinaldi and Lt. A.J. Mercurio said witnesses claimed they saw a man running down the corridor. Tass has been the scene of three demonstrations for Soviet Jewry in the past 18 months by Jewish Defense League members. But a JDL spokesman denied that the JDL was responsible for the smoke bomb. He said, however, that the organization applauded the act whoever was responsible.

**HOLIDAY INN REGRETS RENTING ROOM TO NEO-NAZI GROUP, JEWISH FEDERATION SAYS**

TRENTON, May 2 (JTA)--The Holiday Inn here has expressed regret at any offense caused to the general and Jewish communities by its renting of a room April 23 to three dozen neo-Nazis celebrating Hitler's birthday, it was reported today by the Jewish Federation of Trenton. As reported earlier, the Inn accepted a reservation under the name "Mountain Church of Jesus Christ," thinking it was just "another religious group," but after learning of its true identity maintained the arrangement for what it called legal reasons and for fear of bodily harm to other guests.

Milton A. Feinberg, Federation executive director, added to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "the Inn management admitted (to the Federation) that its concern was due in part to the cancellation of a number of functions at the Inn because of the incident"--an allusion to both the gathering and subsequent fistcuffs.

Feinberg reported that meetings with "acknowledged molders of public opinion," including clergymen, have resulted in "a positive response from all approached." Additionally, he said, Federation leaders conferred with Robert Kohler of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Sidney Keilner of the American Jewish Committee and Mrs. Mari-

lyn Askin of the American Jewish Congress.

"Strategies were developed for enabling the Community Relations Council (of the Federation) to handle the current problem as well as the necessary tactics if a similar situation were to arise, as it was agreed was likely," said Feinberg. He noted that the conference of Jewish, Protestant and Catholic leaders in the Trenton community with the Holiday Inn management resulted in the expression of regret.

In a joint statement to JTA, Clive B. Klatzkin, Federation president, and Dr. Menachem Raab, CRC president said: "The Trenton Jewish community through the Federation's community relations arm, reacted immediately, positively and without panic with a series of actions designed to reassure our own community as well as the community in general that we are alert not only to the menace of rabid anti-Jewish prejudices but to the possibility of fanning the flames of bigotry through injudicious publicity in the name of 'hate'."

**SALE OF \$15M STOCK IN ISRAEL BANK OF AGRICULTURE LAUNCHED**

NEW YORK, May 2 (JTA)--At the request of the government of Israel, a new \$15 million issue of Preferred shares in the Israel Bank of Agriculture was placed on sale today by Capital for Israel, Inc. Sam Rothberg, president of CFI, said that the new shares of IBA which pay 7.5% were issued "to provide funds for agricultural development at a time when almost all of Israel's resources are being used to meet urgent priorities of defense and immigrant absorption."

The Israel Bank of Agriculture was established in April 1951 by the government of Israel which supplied the original capital for the bank and now owns approximately 93% of its outstanding voting stock. It is the largest agricultural bank in the country and accounts for 60% of all long term and medium term financing of agricultural projects. As of Sept. 30, 1971, outstanding loans of the Israel Bank of Agriculture totalled approximately \$104 million and its surplus amounted to \$5,930,000. The 7.5% Preference "C" shares of IBA are being offered at \$100 and purchasers will be asked to buy a minimum of 10 shares (\$1000).

**Proceeds From Stock Sale Aid Israel**

Proceeds from the sale of the new issue of stock of the Israel Bank of Agriculture will be utilized to help Israel expand agricultural exports to help improve the country's balance of trade; increase the production of food for its growing population; and provide jobs for its new immigrants including those from Soviet Russia. Emphasizing the importance of agricultural development in the rebuilding of Israel, Rothberg said:

"From the earliest beginnings of the Jewish State, the development of agriculture or work on the land has been a predominant factor in the realization of its goals as a free nation." Continuing, he stated: "In the past 20 years agricultural production in Israel grew from \$83 million to \$615 million and agricultural exports rose from \$17 million to \$155.2 million. As a result of this growth Israel now produces about 78% of its own food needs."

A motion deploring the harassment of Jewish scientists in the Soviet Union who have applied for exit visas to go to Israel was introduced today in the House of Commons by Greville Janner. Appended to the motion was a list naming the scientists who have been harassed. Janner asked the Foreign Secretary whether he would make representations to the Soviet government regarding the harassment of Jewish scientists.





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The spokesman said the contract called for three small subs of a coastal type, adding that "We are just as willing to build for the Arabs. We're shipbuilders, not politicians." Lord Lothian said the government was satisfied that Egypt has not obtained indirectly, British equipment "that we should not have been willing to supply directly."

#### ALLON: PEACE, SECURITY, DEPEND ON U.S. MAINTAINING ROLE AS WORLD POWER

NEW YORK, May 2 (JTA)--Israel's Deputy Premier Yigal Allon warned today that isolationism could lead to world conflict, and, therefore, the United States has to maintain its posture as a world power. He said the maintenance of American credibility as a major power was indispensable if peace and security are to be maintained in the world. Allon addressed a closed meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

The gist of his remarks were reported afterwards by Jacob Stein, Conference chairman. He said Allon reiterated that Israel was ready to meet with her Arab neighbors "as equals" and called on Egypt to opt for a political solution of its dispute with Israel rather than military action. Allon also termed the emigration of Russian Jews one of the major events of modern Jewish history. He reportedly said Israel was grateful for every Jew permitted to leave the USSR for Israel but called on Soviet authorities to be more liberal and generous in permitting those who wish to leave to do so. According to Stein, Allon stressed the importance of world public opinion in persuading Soviet leaders in that direction.

Stein also reported that Allon referred to King Hussein's victory over terrorists in Jordan and the restoration of "a stable regime" in that country. He noted that the death of President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt removed the one leader who could claim to speak on behalf of the Arab world. Since his death, each Arab country has become increasingly independent, Allon was reported to have said.

#### MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS PROCEED QUIETLY

JERUSALEM, May 2 (JTA)--Municipal elections were held without incident today in 12 towns and villages in the Judea region of the West Bank. By the time the polls closed tonight, nearly 87 percent of the eligible voters had cast ballots, 12 percent more than in the last elections held there under Jordanian rule in 1963. Some 190 candidates competed for fewer than 100 seats on village and town councils.

There was no competition in Hebron where incumbent Mayor Sheikh Mohammed Ali Jaabari and his nine councilmen were unopposed and thus automatically re-elected. Today's voting marked the second stage of the first West Bank elections held under Israeli auspices. The elections were conducted according to Jordanian law. Ten towns in the Samaria region elected new councilmen on March 28 when more than 90 percent of the eligible voters turned out.

YIVO Institute for Jewish Research in New York will sponsor a series of lectures on the Holocaust and Jewish cultural subjects May 7-10.

## FUNDS RESTORED TO USIA GIVE HOPE TO SOVIET JEWS, SUPPORTERS DECLARE

WASHINGTON, May 2 (JTA)--Supporters of yesterday's successful Senate attempt to restore the United States Information Agency's full 1972-73 budget request of \$194 million declared among numerous arguments that the USIA's Voice of America gives hope to Soviet Jews. The Senate voted 57-15 in overruling the Foreign Relations Committee and its chairman, J. William Fulbright (D., Ark.), who wanted a 25 percent cut. The Nixon administration backed the full sum.

Sen. James L. Buckley (R-C.N.Y.), pointing out that "the Kremlin is not insensitive (to) internal and external pressures which have been generated by USIA," said: "I think we saw that most spectacularly at the trial in Leningrad of a group of Jews who were accused of the 'hideous crime' of wanting to escape to Israel." He was referring to the commutation of death sentences following international appeals. Sen. William E. Brock III (R., Tenn.) said the VOA was valuable if it helped effect "even token immigration of Soviet Jews to Israel."

Supporters of the full sum noted that the VOA's current schedule of 780 broadcast hours weekly would be cut to 454 under the Fulbright plan, fewer than Albania's 480. By comparison, the Soviet Union broadcasts 1903 hours weekly in 84 languages, China 1304 hours, and Egypt 1022 hours in 33 languages.

Fulbright's backers included Sen. Frank Church (D., Ida.), Alan Cranston (D., Calif.), Harold E. Hughes (D., Ia.), Edward M. Kennedy (D., Mass.), William Proxmire (D., Wis.), Adlai E. Stevenson III (D., Ill.), and Stuart Symington (D., Mo.).

## TV STATION TO FIGHT SUIT SEEKING TO REVOKE ITS LICENSE FOR REFUSING TO SHOW PROGRAM CALLED 'THE PASSOVER'

NEW YORK, May 2 (JTA)--The vice-president-general manager of WOR-TV continued today to decline substantive comment on the petition announced yesterday as having been filed with the Federal Communications Commission requesting removal of the station's license for rejecting a program called "The Passover."

Robert L. Glaser, explained to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the matter was in the hands of the station's attorneys, who were giving it "active" attention. He was, however, willing to state: "No, we shouldn't lose our license." The licenses of all New York stations are due for renewal June 1.

"The Passover," produced by the American Board of Missions to the Jews, has as its theme the Christian significance of the Jewish seder. It was offered to 11 other television stations, most or all of which also rejected it. WOR-TV, deluged by protests from the New York Board of Rabbis and other Jewish groups, decided last year not to "offend" them by airing the show. The Mission Board's petition to the FCC called this "improper influence or pressure from outside sources."

The Board also challenged WOR-TV's position that the program proselytizes, pointing out that the station "carries at least two other programs which proselytize, Oral Roberts and Billy Graham." Roberts is seen Sunday mornings, Dr. Graham twice a year. Glaser said he did not consider either evangelist a proselytizer.

Glaser also protested the Mission Board's use, on its stationery, of Hebrew lettering and the name Beth Sar Shalom Hebrew-Christian Fellowship. He called this "a certain amount of deception" as it represents the Protestant group as a "genuine, bona fide Jewish" organization. WOR-TV and WOR-

AM-FM Radio are licensed to RKO General.

Terry Delaney, mass communications director of the 33-branch, 75-minister Mission Board, told the JTA that the petition was filed after months of negotiations with the station with "no apparent success." He said the Board is "very much pro-Israel, both divinely and politically" and "obviously against anti-Semitism." It has not, however, taken a public position on the dispensation of the administered Arab territories or on public aid to private schools or prayer in public schools, Delaney added.

## TAFT URGES NIXON TO INCLUDE SOVIET JEWRY ON HIS SUMMIT MEETING AGENDA 20 Jews Ask To Meet With Nixon

WASHINGTON, May 2 (JTA)--Sen. Robert Taft (R., Ohio) called yesterday upon President Nixon to include in his visit to the Soviet Union a frank discussion on the subject of religious freedom and the plight of the Jewish people in the Soviet Union, especially of those who wish to immigrate to Israel. The Senator issued his statement after placing a telephone call to Gavriel Shapiro in Moscow and, he said, hearing from Shapiro about the oppression suffered by him and others who are seeking to emigrate to Israel.

Taft said Shapiro described the force being used to keep Jews away from the Moscow synagogue and the brutal beatings of young Jews in the vicinity of the synagogue. Shapiro also said, Taft reported, that he and a group of 10 other professionals are "being terrorized and used as examples for other Jews." He was apparently referring to those who in recent days had been called to active duty in the Soviet Army Reserves.

Taft said Shapiro told him that he and 19 other Moscow Jews had written yesterday to Nixon asking for an audience with him or his representative during his Soviet visit. Taft said he told Shapiro, "I don't know whether the letter has been delivered or whether the President will be able to act in accordance with it, but I am sure that I express the hope of all Americans that those Jews who wish to leave Russia are allowed to in accordance with human rights guaranteed by the Charter of the United Nations."

The Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry said yesterday that the letter Shapiro referred to called upon Nixon as "the head of a great state" to help the 20 signatories emigrate to Israel. The signers included Shapiro, Mikhail Klachkin, Boris Kogan, Anatoly Novikov and Valentine Prussakov.

## CANAL ACCORD EFFORTS TEMPORARILY KO'D

WASHINGTON, May 2 (JTA)--Joseph J. Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, said today that the US effort to bring about an Arab-Israeli agreement for reopening the Suez Canal is "largely in temporary suspension" but that the "door still remains open regardless of all the difficulties." Sisco told a national foreign policy conference at the State Department for leaders in higher education that the American striving to reopen the canal has not become a "lost opportunity."

A deep sense of frustration has come over Egypt because of its inability to regain the Sinai but, Sisco said, Cairo has "a realistic appreciation that the exercise of the military option is not in the interest of Arabs or Israelis and carries with it a serious risk of major power involvement." The USSR and the US, he said in responding to a question, are both interested in the maintenance of the cease-fire but he doubted whether their long-range interests were similar.

**11TH SOVIET JEW CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY**

NEW YORK, May 2 (JTA)--Another Soviet Jewish activist--the 11th in recent days--has been called to active duty in the Soviet Army Reserves, reputedly to remove him from Moscow during President Nixon's visit later this month. The new draftee, Leonid Yoffe, was called up for two years, compared with two months for the other 10 activists, according to the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

Yoffe is a 28-year-old mathematician-poet who has been teaching Hebrew to activist leaders. He is described by fellow activists as "an important part of the movement." The NCSJ also reported that an earlier draftee, Mikhail Klitchkin, was dragged out of bed early yesterday morning, taken for a medical examination and ordered to report Thursday for active duty. He reportedly said he would "never go of my own volition."

**CANNISTER TOSSED INTO TASS OFFICE Causes Smoke Damage, Fire; No Injuries**

WASHINGTON, May 2 (JTA)--A homemade device was flung into the front room of the National Press Building offices of Tass, the Soviet news agency, at around 10:30 this morning, causing considerable smoke damage and some fire but injuring none and apparently not affecting the communications apparatus. Police Capt. C.E. Rinaldi showed newsmen a scorched cannister found just inside the door. The wall against which it lay was also blackened. The only visible fire damage was a burned pillow on a chair near the front door. Smoke billowed through the inside corridor on the second floor of the press building.

Rinaldi said he was in "no position to say right now who or why" in regard to the placing of the device, but that it was "safe to assume that it was a deliberate act." He called the damage "minor." Rinaldi and Lt. A.J. Mercurio said witnesses claimed they saw a man running down the corridor. Tass has been the scene of three demonstrations for Soviet Jewry in the past 18 months by Jewish Defense League members. But a JDL spokesman denied that the JDL was responsible for the smoke bomb. He said, however, that the organization applauded the act whoever was responsible.

**HOLIDAY INN REGRETS RENTING ROOM TO NEO-NAZI GROUP, JEWISH FEDERATION SAYS**

TRENTON, May 2 (JTA)--The Holiday Inn here has expressed regret at any offense caused to the general and Jewish communities by its renting of a room April 23 to three dozen neo-Nazis celebrating Hitler's birthday, it was reported today by the Jewish Federation of Trenton. As reported earlier, the Inn accepted a reservation under the name "Mountain Church of Jesus Christ," thinking it was just "another religious group," but after learning of its true identity maintained the arrangement for what it called legal reasons and for fear of bodily harm to other guests.

Milton A. Feinberg, Federation executive director, added to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that "the Inn management admitted (to the Federation) that its concern was due in part to the cancellation of a number of functions at the Inn because of the incident"--an allusion to both the gathering and subsequent fistcuffs.

Feinberg reported that meetings with "acknowledged molders of public opinion," including clergymen, have resulted in "a positive response from all approached." Additionally, he said, Federation leaders conferred with Robert Kohler of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Sidney Keilner of the American Jewish Committee and Mrs. Mari-

lyn Askin of the American Jewish Congress.

"Strategies were developed for enabling the Community Relations Council (of the Federation) to handle the current problem as well as the necessary tactics if a similar situation were to arise, as it was agreed was likely," said Feinberg. He noted that the conference of Jewish, Protestant and Catholic leaders in the Trenton community with the Holiday Inn management resulted in the expression of regret.

In a joint statement to JTA, Clive B. Klatzkin, Federation president, and Dr. Menachem Raab, CRC president said: "The Trenton Jewish community through the Federation's community relations arm, reacted immediately, positively and without panic with a series of actions designed to reassure our own community as well as the community in general that we are alert not only to the menace of rabid anti-Jewish prejudices but to the possibility of fanning the flames of bigotry through injudicious publicity in the name of 'hate'."

**SALE OF \$15M STOCK IN ISRAEL BANK OF AGRICULTURE LAUNCHED**

NEW YORK, May 2 (JTA)--At the request of the government of Israel, a new \$15 million issue of Preferred shares in the Israel Bank of Agriculture was placed on sale today by Capital for Israel, Inc. Sam Rothberg, president of CFI, said that the new shares of IBA which pay 7.5% were issued "to provide funds for agricultural development at a time when almost all of Israel's resources are being used to meet urgent priorities of defense and immigrant absorption."

The Israel Bank of Agriculture was established in April 1951 by the government of Israel which supplied the original capital for the bank and now owns approximately 93% of its outstanding voting stock. It is the largest agricultural bank in the country and accounts for 60% of all long term and medium term financing of agricultural projects. As of Sept. 30, 1971, outstanding loans of the Israel Bank of Agriculture totalled approximately \$104 million and its surplus amounted to \$5,930,000. The 7.5% Preference "C" shares of IBA are being offered at \$100 and purchasers will be asked to buy a minimum of 10 shares (\$1000).

**Proceeds From Stock Sale Aid Israel**

Proceeds from the sale of the new issue of stock of the Israel Bank of Agriculture will be utilized to help Israel expand agricultural exports to help improve the country's balance of trade; increase the production of food for its growing population; and provide jobs for its new immigrants including those from Soviet Russia. Emphasizing the importance of agricultural development in the rebuilding of Israel, Rothberg said:

"From the earliest beginnings of the Jewish State, the development of agriculture or work on the land has been a predominant factor in the realization of its goals as a free nation." Continuing, he stated: "In the past 20 years agricultural production in Israel grew from \$83 million to \$615 million and agricultural exports rose from \$17 million to \$155.2 million. As a result of this growth Israel now produces about 78% of its own food needs."

A motion deploring the harassment of Jewish scientists in the Soviet Union who have applied for exit visas to go to Israel was introduced today in the House of Commons by Greville Janner. Appended to the motion was a list naming the scientists who have been harassed. Janner asked the Foreign Secretary whether he would make representations to the Soviet government regarding the harassment of Jewish scientists.