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What could happen, he said, is that Jewish courses could degenerate into "cheap psychotherapy," relating to the "gut" rather than the brain, and then disintegrate when a new generation of students lost interest, as has been the case with many Black Studies programs. Dr. Neusner expressed the view that Judaic Studies were best pursued in universities, where cross-fertilization with other branches of the humanities and social sciences could take place, rather than in Jewish institutions which were "parochial and sectarian."

24-HOUR HUNGER STRIKE HELD FOR SOVIET JEWS ORDERED TO REPORT FOR ACTIVE DUTY

OTTAWA, May 11 (JTA)--A 24-hour hunger strike held to protest Soviet authorities' induction for military duty of young Moscow Jews ended this morning in front of Ottawa's Parliament with a promise from Foreign Minister Mitchell Sharp's secretary to forward the strikers' memorandum to Canadian Ambassador to Moscow, Gerald Ford, for taking up with the Soviet government. The protesters went on the hunger strike Tuesday in front of Parliament bearing two huge placards: "Trudeau, Save the Moscow 13" (there are now 14 inductees) and "Hunger Strike for Soviet Jewry."

On the threshold of Parliament, one of the protesters, Able Ingber, coordinator of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, met with Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau, who told him: "You should be happy with what the Canadian government has done so far for the reunification of Canadian families (200 of 600 requests). You should be happy with the number of Jews going out to Israel." Trudeau explained to the strikers that according to his information, the Canadian Jewish Congress and other Jewish organizations in Canada were pleased with what the Canadian government has so far achieved.

URGE YIDDISH BE IN CURRICULA OF ISRAELI PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MONTICELLO, N.Y. (JTA)--Incorporation of the study of Yiddish in the curricula of Israeli public schools and Israeli governmental grants and tax abatements to Yiddish theater and cultural institutions now provided to Israel's Hebrew theater and cultural institutions was urged here today at the 1972 convention of the Workmen's Circle.

The 1000 delegates, in the same resolution, also called on the Israel government to devote more time on radio and television to Yiddish language programs and arrange for its emissaries to Jewish communities in other countries to participate "in the strengthening of Yiddish cultural institutions" in those Jewish communities. Another resolution noted "with satisfaction the proliferation of Jewish studies departments in American universities."

**JEWISH STUDENTS AT CUNY WHO ATTEND
JEWISH SCHOOLS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
ELIGIBLE FOR CUNY TRANSFER CREDITS**

NEW YORK, May 11 (JTA)--Chancellor Robert J. Kibbee of the City University of New York announced today that Jewish students at CUNY universities, who concurrently attend Jewish schools of higher education, such as teachers seminaries and yeshivas, will be eligible to receive CUNY transfer credits--up to a maximum of 60 credits toward a baccalaureate degree--for acceptable course work in the Jewish schools.

CUNY officials said there were large numbers of Jewish CUNY students attending the Jewish institutions who successfully complete courses which are the equivalent of courses at the City University. The chancellor said he had named a five-member committee to assist both the senior and community colleges in their evaluation of the Jewish schools from which the transfer credits are presented and of the courses the credits represent.

The five-member committee, which is headed by Dr. Emanuel Rackman, CUNY professor of Judaic studies and consultant to the chancellor on Judaic studies, also has been asked to work out sets of norms and guidelines for the transfer credits. Kibbee recommended that transfer credits for the study of Talmud in yeshivas be limited to a maximum of four credits per semester, with a maximum of 32 credits toward a baccalaureate degree.

He also recommended that transfer credits for courses in Hebrew language and literature, Jewish history, Jewish philosophy and ethics, and the philosophy of Jewish education be limited toward a maximum of 60 credits toward a degree. Dr. Marvin Schick, administrative assistant to Mayor Lindsay, who proposed the idea in his function as Mayor Lindsay's liaison with CUNY, said it was his understanding the program would go into effect at the start of the next school year in September.

**ALLON SAYS CEASE-FIRE PROOF
THAT ISRAEL'S POLICY WAS CORRECT**

NEW YORK, May 11 (JTA)--Israeli Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, who has written that "defensible borders without peace are preferable to peace without defensible borders," ended his latest visit to the United States by contending today that "a prolonged cease-fire may lead to some diplomatic movement more than a state of active belligerency." He gave two reasons for this: "First, people get used to the pleasure of cease-fire. Second, a prolonged cease-fire has its own dynamics for deescalation."

At a briefing for selected newsmen, Allon said the 21-month duration of the Suez Canal cease-fire was "impressive proof" that Israel's policy was "the correct one." He explained that "many lives have been saved on both sides of the cease-fire line and the political relations between Israel and the United States have improved even more, improved Israel's public relations in the world, and above all Israel's military posture has been strengthened."

But while praising the close ties between Israel and the US, Allon said "I don't exclude the possibility" that a "misinterpretation" on territorial points could arise--"although on this trip I didn't have to confront any arguments." He also did not "exclude the possibility" that some organ of the United Nations would renew the call for Arab-Israeli negotiations. He did not specify which UN unit that might be, but neither did he mention the official intermediary, Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring.

Allon refrained from specific comment on President Nixon's decision to mine North Vietnamese harbors. He referred to "the importance of American credibility in the world arena if stability is to be preserved in the rest of the world."

Israeli Educational System Presented

The Deputy Premier, who is also Minister of Education and Culture, said his talks with government officials and Jewish leaders on US-Israeli educational ties were "most stimulating...very encouraging" and gave him "a good chance to present the Israeli system" and to "make headway in the right direction." This includes the development of Israeli "comprehensive schools," the initiation of "incentives" to increase the Israeli teacher corps, "a more regular and more systematic pre-kindergarten system," the launching--with the Jewish Agency--of a volunteer teacher "reserve corps" to work in the diaspora, and a pedagogical institute to "serve as a turning point in speeding up and improving" Israeli education.

**CANADA URGED TO AID ISRAEL'S EFFORTS
TO OPEN DIRECT TALKS WITH ARABS**

OTTAWA, May 11 (JTA)--Some 70 members of the House of Commons and the Senate, among them former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker and ex-Minister of Defense Paul Hellyer, participated in the first annual meeting of the Canada-Israel Committee here. Aaron Pollack, committee chairman, read a policy statement stressing the necessity for the Canadian government to support Israel's efforts to open direct negotiations with the Arab countries for "peace and understanding" in the Middle East.

In particular, he told the law-makers, the most reasonable and objective Canadian foreign policy will support measures to insure the right of Israel to exist and prosper as an independent Middle East state side-by-side in peace with her Arab neighbors. John Marchand, Federal Minister of Regional Development, speaking on behalf of the Trudeau government, said "If the Jewish people could survive throughout all the centuries it is quite unique; Israel is there, it exists and should be respected and Canada is happy to collaborate with her."

David Lewis, leader of the New Democratic Party, said he saw "no reason why Canada should not play an important role in bringing peace in the Middle East through her good offices." Speaking for the opposition Conservative Party, Jack Marshall, said he hoped "that Canada and Israel will continue to cooperate and help peace in the world."

Israel's Ambassador Theodor Meron, stressed the importance of the Canada-Israel Committee in bringing about a better understanding of "the problems and realities" of the Middle East today. Dr. Meron said "We are also told that we must not take seriously the Arab threats which, we are told, are made for domestic consumption. However, bitter experience has taught us that Arab declarations should be taken as seriously as, or more seriously, than by the same leaders speaking in English or French to visiting dignitaries and journalists."

RUSSIAN JEWS HAIL HIJACK RESCUE

TEL AVIV, May 11 (JTA)--A cable signed by four Leningrad Jews addressed to Chief of Staff David Elazar, received here last night, expressed greetings and best wishes to all those who took part in the "gallant and courageous operation of freeing the hijacked plane. We are proud of the dedication and devotion of our soldiers."

FISHER ANNOUNCES SUPPORT OF NIXON'S POLICY TO MINE N. VIETNAM HARBORS

WASHINGTON, May 11 (JTA)--Max M. Fisher, Detroit industrialist and Jewish philanthropist, declared today his support of President Nixon's policy of seeking to interdict war supplies to North Vietnam by blockading the Haiphong harbor and bombing rail lines bringing in such supplies overland from the People's Republic of China. Fisher, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, apparently was the first major Jewish leader to endorse the President's policy.

Fisher's endorsement declared that the President "has demonstrated great courage" and had taken "the soundest approach to both a fulfillment of America's obligations and a quest for peace which we all so fervently hope for." He added the hope that "all Americans would support the President at this time."

The endorsement statement was issued by the Committee for the Re-election of the President. Fisher is neither an officer nor a member of that committee, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told by Arthur Amolsch of the committee's press staff. The committee is headed by former Attorney General John Mitchell. While Fisher is not identified personally with the committee, he has close ties to Nixon and has long been prominent in the Republican Party. The committee statement made no reference to Fisher's leadership in the Jewish community.

The text of the statement read: "I join with many other Americans to express my support for the President's position on Vietnam as described in his speech Monday night. The President has demonstrated great courage in facing a situation in which he took a direction which represents the soundest approach to both a fulfillment of America's obligations and a quest for peace which we all so fervently hope for.

"In this regard, I call particular attention to the peace proposals contained within the President's talk and state that his offer of a withdrawal of all troops within four months after a cease-fire and return of all prisoners of war is a reasonable and generous offer to North Vietnam. I would hope that all Americans would support the President at this time."

TWO JEWISH GROUPS DENOUNCE NIXON; DEMAND END TO BLOCKADE OF HARBORS

NEW YORK, May 11 (JTA)--Two Jewish organizations assailed President Nixon's decision to mine North Vietnam harbors and bomb rail supply lines and demanded an immediate end to the blockade and total withdrawal of US troops from Southeast Asia. In separate statements today, Americans for Progressive Israel-Hashomer Hatzair and the Jewish Cultural Clubs and Societies deplored Nixon's decision as contrary to his declared intention to de-escalate the war.

"In fact, this illegal embargo of an international port invites counter-action that can only lead to world-wide war," declared Bruno Aron, chairman of the API-HH. The Socialist-Zionist group urged the immediate end of the blockade and the return to peace negotiations, and "the complete withdrawal of all United States troops from Southeast Asia" as "the only way to bring about peace and to prove that the United States respects the rights of all small nations to independence and self-determination."

The Jewish Cultural Clubs and Societies, which claims to represent 60 organizations in New York, urged their "members and all other Americans to vehemently oppose President Nixon's brinkmanship

war moves." The statement also demanded that "all United States forces be unconditionally withdrawn from Indochina, with a date being immediately set for such withdrawal."

The statement asserted that the President's decision was a "dangerous action which can lead to a world nuclear holocaust," and one which revealed the President's "image of himself as a peace-maker" as a "crude and hypocritical sham." The statement added that Jews in particular, "having experienced the horrors of genocide in World War II, should now raise their voices loud and clear before new catastrophes befall us."

AJCONGRESS REFUSES TO LET KAHANE ADDRESS CONVENTION; UNINVITED JDL LEADER DENOUNCED FOR VIEWS

CLEVELAND, May 11 (JTA)--Rabbi Meir Kahane, national chairman of the Jewish Defense League, was refused admittance to the National Biennial Convention of the American Jewish Congress here this morning after he demanded the right to address it on the subjects of Soviet Jews and American aliyah to Israel. Theodore Bikel, co-chairman of the AJCongress' National Governing Council who was chairing a plenary session when Rabbi Kahane arrived uninvited, declared that the JDL leader "has no right to bully his way into our meeting, disrupt our deliberations or otherwise force his views on us."

Bikel was incensed by a leaflet distributed by JDL followers here last night accusing the AJCongress of inaction on behalf of Soviet Jews. "We particularly regret Mr. Kahane's slanderous accusations identifying us as persons who 'stand by and do nothing' in the face of mounting Soviet oppression against the courageous Jews of the Soviet Union," Bikel said. Enumerating the many areas in which the AJCongress has been in the forefront of efforts to mobilize public support for Soviet Jews, Bikel declared, "We regard as despicable Mr. Kahane's self-seeking attempt to use the USSR's intensified attack against Jewish activists in the Soviet Union for his own personal publicity."

Jews Do Not Fear Catastrophe At Home

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, AJCongress president, repudiated the JDL leader for his contention that American Jews face a new holocaust and must emigrate en masse to Israel to save their lives. "We disagree utterly with Rabbi Kahane's hysterical opinion," Rabbi Lelyveld told newsmen outside convention headquarters. He said American Jews were settling in Israel in increasing numbers "because they wish to be part of the just and right work of building a new Jewish State, not because they fear catastrophe at home." He said "the overwhelming majority of American Jews will remain in America because America offers opportunities for freedom and growth unprecedented in the history of our people."

Rabbi Kahane told newsmen that he had wanted to discuss the plight of the Soviet Jews who have been called up for active duty in the Soviet Army Reserves. The JDL leader said he had intended to ask the convention leaders to call an emergency conference of American Jewish leaders for the purpose of seeking an immediate meeting with Pres. Nixon before he leaves for Moscow on May 22. Rabbi Kahane said he had asked AJCongress officials to allow the delegates to vote on whether or not he should be given time to address them but that this request was denied. Rabbi Lelyveld said the delegates had been canvassed and rejected the JDL leader's request.



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NEW YORK, May 11 (JTA)--A Columbia University professor warned here last night that Jewish Studies programs could become as superficial as Black Studies if based only on student demand and not on real scholarship. The statement was made by Prof. Paul Ritterband of Columbia's Sociology Department at the concluding session of the 46th annual conference of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research. Dr. Jacob Neusner of Brown University also addressed the session, which was devoted to an assessment of Judaic Studies in America. Prof. Ritterband expressed strong opposition to the idea of making Jewish Studies part of the currently "fashionable" Ethnic Studies departments.

What could happen, he said, is that Jewish courses could degenerate into "cheap psychotherapy," relating to the "gut" rather than the brain, and then disintegrate when a new generation of students lost interest, as has been the case with many Black Studies programs. Dr. Neusner expressed the view that Judaic Studies were best pursued in universities, where cross-fertilization with other branches of the humanities and social sciences could take place, rather than in Jewish institutions which were "parochial and sectarian."

24-HOUR HUNGER STRIKE HELD FOR SOVIET JEWS ORDERED TO REPORT FOR ACTIVE DUTY

OTTAWA, May 11 (JTA)--A 24-hour hunger strike held to protest Soviet authorities' induction for military duty of young Moscow Jews ended this morning in front of Ottawa's Parliament with a promise from Foreign Minister Mitchell Sharp's secretary to forward the strikers' memorandum to Canadian Ambassador to Moscow, Gerald Ford, for taking up with the Soviet government. The protesters went on the hunger strike Tuesday in front of Parliament bearing two huge placards: "Trudeau, Save the Moscow 13" (there are now 14 inductees) and "Hunger Strike for Soviet Jewry."

On the threshold of Parliament, one of the protesters, Able Ingber, coordinator of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, met with Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau, who told him: "You should be happy with what the Canadian government has done so far for the reunification of Canadian families (200 of 600 requests). You should be happy with the number of Jews going out to Israel." Trudeau explained to the strikers that according to his information, the Canadian Jewish Congress and other Jewish organizations in Canada were pleased with what the Canadian government has so far achieved.

URGE YIDDISH BE IN CURRICULA OF ISRAELI PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MONTICELLO, N.Y. (JTA)--Incorporation of the study of Yiddish in the curricula of Israeli public schools and Israeli governmental grants and tax abatements to Yiddish theater and cultural institutions now provided to Israel's Hebrew theater and cultural institutions was urged here today at the 1972 convention of the Workmen's Circle.

The 1000 delegates, in the same resolution, also called on the Israel government to devote more time on radio and television to Yiddish language programs and arrange for its emissaries to Jewish communities in other countries to participate "in the strengthening of Yiddish cultural institutions" in those Jewish communities. Another resolution noted "with satisfaction the proliferation of Jewish studies departments in American universities."

**JEWISH STUDENTS AT CUNY WHO ATTEND
JEWISH SCHOOLS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
ELIGIBLE FOR CUNY TRANSFER CREDITS**

NEW YORK, May 11 (JTA)--Chancellor Robert J. Kibbee of the City University of New York announced today that Jewish students at CUNY universities, who concurrently attend Jewish schools of higher education, such as teachers seminaries and yeshivas, will be eligible to receive CUNY transfer credits--up to a maximum of 60 credits toward a baccalaureate degree--for acceptable course work in the Jewish schools.

CUNY officials said there were large numbers of Jewish CUNY students attending the Jewish institutions who successfully complete courses which are the equivalent of courses at the City University. The chancellor said he had named a five-member committee to assist both the senior and community colleges in their evaluation of the Jewish schools from which the transfer credits are presented and of the courses the credits represent.

The five-member committee, which is headed by Dr. Emanuel Rackman, CUNY professor of Judaic studies and consultant to the chancellor on Judaic studies, also has been asked to work out sets of norms and guidelines for the transfer credits. Kibbee recommended that transfer credits for the study of Talmud in yeshivas be limited to a maximum of four credits per semester, with a maximum of 32 credits toward a baccalaureate degree.

He also recommended that transfer credits for courses in Hebrew language and literature, Jewish history, Jewish philosophy and ethics, and the philosophy of Jewish education be limited toward a maximum of 60 credits toward a degree. Dr. Marvin Schick, administrative assistant to Mayor Lindsay, who proposed the idea in his function as Mayor Lindsay's liaison with CUNY, said it was his understanding the program would go into effect at the start of the next school year in September.

**ALLON SAYS CEASE-FIRE PROOF
THAT ISRAEL'S POLICY WAS CORRECT**

NEW YORK, May 11 (JTA)--Israeli Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, who has written that "defensible borders without peace are preferable to peace without defensible borders," ended his latest visit to the United States by contending today that "a prolonged cease-fire may lead to some diplomatic movement more than a state of active belligerency." He gave two reasons for this: "First, people get used to the pleasure of cease-fire. Second, a prolonged cease-fire has its own dynamics for deescalation."

At a briefing for selected newsmen, Allon said the 21-month duration of the Suez Canal cease-fire was "impressive proof" that Israel's policy was "the correct one." He explained that "many lives have been saved on both sides of the cease-fire line and the political relations between Israel and the United States have improved even more, improved Israel's public relations in the world, and above all Israel's military posture has been strengthened."

But while praising the close ties between Israel and the US, Allon said "I don't exclude the possibility" that a "misinterpretation" on territorial points could arise--"although on this trip I didn't have to confront any arguments." He also did not "exclude the possibility" that some organ of the United Nations would renew the call for Arab-Israeli negotiations. He did not specify which UN unit that might be, but neither did he mention the official intermediary, Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring.

Allon refrained from specific comment on President Nixon's decision to mine North Vietnamese harbors. He referred to "the importance of American credibility in the world arena if stability is to be preserved in the rest of the world."

Israeli Educational System Presented

The Deputy Premier, who is also Minister of Education and Culture, said his talks with government officials and Jewish leaders on US-Israeli educational ties were "most stimulating...very encouraging" and gave him "a good chance to present the Israeli system" and to "make headway in the right direction." This includes the development of Israeli "comprehensive schools," the initiation of "incentives" to increase the Israeli teacher corps, "a more regular and more systematic pre-kindergarten system," the launching--with the Jewish Agency--of a volunteer teacher "reserve corps" to work in the diaspora, and a pedagogical institute to "serve as a turning point in speeding up and improving" Israeli education.

**CANADA URGED TO AID ISRAEL'S EFFORTS
TO OPEN DIRECT TALKS WITH ARABS**

OTTAWA, May 11 (JTA)--Some 70 members of the House of Commons and the Senate, among them former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker and ex-Minister of Defense Paul Hellyer, participated in the first annual meeting of the Canada-Israel Committee here. Aaron Pollack, committee chairman, read a policy statement stressing the necessity for the Canadian government to support Israel's efforts to open direct negotiations with the Arab countries for "peace and understanding" in the Middle East.

In particular, he told the law-makers, the most reasonable and objective Canadian foreign policy will support measures to insure the right of Israel to exist and prosper as an independent Middle East state side-by-side in peace with her Arab neighbors. John Marchand, Federal Minister of Regional Development, speaking on behalf of the Trudeau government, said "If the Jewish people could survive throughout all the centuries it is quite unique; Israel is there, it exists and should be respected and Canada is happy to collaborate with her."

David Lewis, leader of the New Democratic Party, said he saw "no reason why Canada should not play an important role in bringing peace in the Middle East through her good offices." Speaking for the opposition Conservative Party, Jack Marshall, said he hoped "that Canada and Israel will continue to cooperate and help peace in the world."

Israel's Ambassador Theodor Meron, stressed the importance of the Canada-Israel Committee in bringing about a better understanding of "the problems and realities" of the Middle East today. Dr. Meron said "We are also told that we must not take seriously the Arab threats which, we are told, are made for domestic consumption. However, bitter experience has taught us that Arab declarations should be taken as seriously as, or more seriously, than by the same leaders speaking in English or French to visiting dignitaries and journalists."

RUSSIAN JEWS HAIL HIJACK RESCUE

TEL AVIV, May 11 (JTA)--A cable signed by four Leningrad Jews addressed to Chief of Staff David Elazar, received here last night, expressed greetings and best wishes to all those who took part in the "gallant and courageous operation of freeing the hijacked plane. We are proud of the dedication and devotion of our soldiers."

FISHER ANNOUNCES SUPPORT OF NIXON'S POLICY TO MINE N. VIETNAM HARBORS

WASHINGTON, May 11 (JTA)--Max M. Fisher, Detroit industrialist and Jewish philanthropist, declared today his support of President Nixon's policy of seeking to interdict war supplies to North Vietnam by blockading the Haiphong harbor and bombing rail lines bringing in such supplies overland from the People's Republic of China. Fisher, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, apparently was the first major Jewish leader to endorse the President's policy.

Fisher's endorsement declared that the President "has demonstrated great courage" and had taken "the soundest approach to both a fulfillment of America's obligations and a quest for peace which we all so fervently hope for." He added the hope that "all Americans would support the President at this time."

The endorsement statement was issued by the Committee for the Re-election of the President. Fisher is neither an officer nor a member of that committee, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency was told by Arthur Amolsch of the committee's press staff. The committee is headed by former Attorney General John Mitchell. While Fisher is not identified personally with the committee, he has close ties to Nixon and has long been prominent in the Republican Party. The committee statement made no reference to Fisher's leadership in the Jewish community.

The text of the statement read: "I join with many other Americans to express my support for the President's position on Vietnam as described in his speech Monday night. The President has demonstrated great courage in facing a situation in which he took a direction which represents the soundest approach to both a fulfillment of America's obligations and a quest for peace which we all so fervently hope for.

"In this regard, I call particular attention to the peace proposals contained within the President's talk and state that his offer of a withdrawal of all troops within four months after a cease-fire and return of all prisoners of war is a reasonable and generous offer to North Vietnam. I would hope that all Americans would support the President at this time."

TWO JEWISH GROUPS DENOUNCE NIXON; DEMAND END TO BLOCKADE OF HARBORS

NEW YORK, May 11 (JTA)--Two Jewish organizations assailed President Nixon's decision to mine North Vietnam harbors and bomb rail supply lines and demanded an immediate end to the blockade and total withdrawal of US troops from Southeast Asia. In separate statements today, Americans for Progressive Israel-Hashomer Hatzair and the Jewish Cultural Clubs and Societies deplored Nixon's decision as contrary to his declared intention to de-escalate the war.

"In fact, this illegal embargo of an international port invites counter-action that can only lead to world-wide war," declared Bruno Aron, chairman of the API-HH. The Socialist-Zionist group urged the immediate end of the blockade and the return to peace negotiations, and "the complete withdrawal of all United States troops from Southeast Asia" as "the only way to bring about peace and to prove that the United States respects the rights of all small nations to independence and self-determination."

The Jewish Cultural Clubs and Societies, which claims to represent 60 organizations in New York, urged their "members and all other Americans to vehemently oppose President Nixon's brinkmanship

war moves." The statement also demanded that "all United States forces be unconditionally withdrawn from Indochina, with a date being immediately set for such withdrawal."

The statement asserted that the President's decision was a "dangerous action which can lead to a world nuclear holocaust," and one which revealed the President's "image of himself as a peace-maker" as a "crude and hypocritical sham." The statement added that Jews in particular, "having experienced the horrors of genocide in World War II, should now raise their voices loud and clear before new catastrophes befall us."

AJCONGRESS REFUSES TO LET KAHANE ADDRESS CONVENTION; UNINVITED JDL LEADER DENOUNCED FOR VIEWS

CLEVELAND, May 11 (JTA)--Rabbi Meir Kahane, national chairman of the Jewish Defense League, was refused admittance to the National Biennial Convention of the American Jewish Congress here this morning after he demanded the right to address it on the subjects of Soviet Jews and American aliyah to Israel. Theodore Bikel, co-chairman of the AJCongress' National Governing Council who was chairing a plenary session when Rabbi Kahane arrived uninvited, declared that the JDL leader "has no right to bully his way into our meeting, disrupt our deliberations or otherwise force his views on us."

Bikel was incensed by a leaflet distributed by JDL followers here last night accusing the AJCongress of inaction on behalf of Soviet Jews. "We particularly regret Mr. Kahane's slanderous accusations identifying us as persons who 'stand by and do nothing' in the face of mounting Soviet oppression against the courageous Jews of the Soviet Union," Bikel said. Enumerating the many areas in which the AJCongress has been in the forefront of efforts to mobilize public support for Soviet Jews, Bikel declared, "We regard as despicable Mr. Kahane's self-seeking attempt to use the USSR's intensified attack against Jewish activists in the Soviet Union for his own personal publicity."

Jews Do Not Fear Catastrophe At Home

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, AJCongress president, repudiated the JDL leader for his contention that American Jews face a new holocaust and must emigrate en masse to Israel to save their lives. "We disagree utterly with Rabbi Kahane's hysterical opinion," Rabbi Lelyveld told newsmen outside convention headquarters. He said American Jews were settling in Israel in increasing numbers "because they wish to be part of the just and right work of building a new Jewish State, not because they fear catastrophe at home." He said "the overwhelming majority of American Jews will remain in America because America offers opportunities for freedom and growth unprecedented in the history of our people."

Rabbi Kahane told newsmen that he had wanted to discuss the plight of the Soviet Jews who have been called up for active duty in the Soviet Army Reserves. The JDL leader said he had intended to ask the convention leaders to call an emergency conference of American Jewish leaders for the purpose of seeking an immediate meeting with Pres. Nixon before he leaves for Moscow on May 22. Rabbi Kahane said he had asked AJCongress officials to allow the delegates to vote on whether or not he should be given time to address them but that this request was denied. Rabbi Lelyveld said the delegates had been canvassed and rejected the JDL leader's request.