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They said the amount of money in circulation was again on the rise and that inflationary trends were continuing at an even more rapid pace, jeopardizing the nation's economic achievements. The ministerial committee recommended last night that mortgage banks be prohibited from granting housing loans for homes costing more than \$38,000 in Jerusalem or more than \$29,000 in other cities.

MOVE TO OUTLAW FAKE MEZZUZAS

JERUSALEM, May 22 (JTA)--A ministerial committee was appointed yesterday to work out enforceable legislation that would outlaw the sale of fake mezzuzas and other religious paraphernalia. The committee was assigned the task after Religious Affairs Minister Zerach Warhaftig complained at yesterday's Cabinet meeting that unwary tourists were being sold mezzuzas and phylacteries that did not conform to religious laws.

Dr. Warhaftig explained that the portions from the scriptures contained in the religious objects must be written by hand on prescribed material. He said that some purchasers opened their mezzuzas to find that the scriptural portions were reproduced by photo offset. Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro told the Cabinet that it was difficult to prosecute offenders under existing laws.

STUDENTS' NETWORK CONCLAVE IN JUNE

NEW YORK, May 22 (JTA)--The North American Jewish Students' Network announced today that it will hold its third annual convention from June 9-11 at Camp Moshava in Indian Orchard, Pa. The organization describes itself as the "umbrella and service organization for every Jewish student group in North America." It provides a communications link between the groups and organizes conferences on a regional basis.

The announcement said that 250 students are expected to attend the convention representing the entire spectrum of the Jewish student movement in the US and Canada. The program will deal with the future of the movement including the 60 Jewish student newspapers which are its voice in the community. For over a year the Jewish Telegraphic Agency has been supplying the Students' Network with its daily and weekly publications for dissemination through the student newspapers.

The announcement said that the convention would stress the issues facing the Jewish student movement and the Jewish community at large, particularly the alleged "neglect" of Jewish community needs by the established Jewish organizations.

The Israeli pavilion at an international flower show in Amsterdam was partially destroyed last night by a fire that police said was due to a short circuit. The pavilion is expected to reopen in a few days.

Peace De ResistanceSOVIET JEWS NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD,
PROPAGANDA MATERIAL TELIS NEWSMEN

MOSCOW, May 22 (JTA)--American newsmen arriving with President Nixon's entourage today were greeted by a smorgasbord of Soviet propaganda materials laid out on the long curving bar in the press center of the Intourist Hotel here. The materials included an English translation of the paperback edition of "On the Jewish Street" by Aron Vergelis, editor-in-chief of the Yiddish literary monthly "Sovietish Heimland," and the Oct. 1971 edition of "Soviet Life," an English-language monthly distributed by the Soviet government in the US, containing a handsomely illustrated feature story depicting "A Jewish Family."

The article, by Irina Kalitenko, was framed by photographs showing a grandfatherly man in a yarmulka and tallis, looking, presumably, into a prayer book; a short-skirted young woman hugging a matronly, smiling mother-in-law; and a young boy blowing a horn. The caption described them as "workers" and "students." The cover itself was illustrated with a photo of a pretty woman and two handsome men all elegantly dressed in the fashion of the British horsey set. It was not clear whether this too was supposed to illustrate a "Jewish family."

Warned Not To Wander Around

The plane carrying American reporters accompanying President Nixon landed at Moscow's Vnukovo Airport before the Presidential plane. The newsmen were treated in a businesslike manner and were warned at the outset not to "wander around" without first registering at the Intourist Hotel. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency reporter was luckier than some of his colleagues in finding his identity badge and other credentials waiting for him at the airport. The credentials of quite a few other newsmen were unaccountably delayed.

The Intourist Hotel is a modern, comfortably appointed hostelry in downtown Moscow. After watching a 15-minute telecast of President Nixon's arrival in his 12th floor room, the JTA reporter visited the press center and its array of press releases, speech texts, books and magazines, mostly in English. The Vergelis book was translated by Mariam Katz from the original Yiddish issued last year by Novosti, the Soviet Union's external press agency. After browsing a while, the JTA reporter was courteously asked by a pleasant-looking woman of about 35 if he wished a copy of the Vergelis book. Asked why she offered him that particular book, she replied in good English that the book was very popular.

FREIGHTER, FOUR MILES FROM DESTINATION,
FORCED TO TRAVEL 220 MILES TO REACH IT

TEL AVIV, May 22 (JTA)--The 7500 ton West German freighter Hamburger Vliet had to steam 220 miles last night to get from the Jordanian port of Aqaba to the Israeli port of Eilat which are only four miles apart. The vessel, which discharged cargo at Aqaba, was scheduled to load 7000 tons of phosphates for Singapore at Eilat. Both ports are at the head of the Gulf of Aqaba and within sight of each other. But Jordanian authorities will not clear a vessel bound directly for an Israeli port. The Hamburger Vliet obliged them by steaming 110 miles down the Gulf to the mouth of the Straits of Tiran and then turning around and steaming back the same distance to Eilat.

CENSUS STIRS CONSENSUS

JERUSALEM, May 22 (JTA)--Israel began tak-

ing its first national census in 11 years yesterday and the first citizens counted were President Zalman Shazar and Premier Golda Meir. The head-count will take ten days and will cover only Israeli territory within the boundaries that existed before the June, 1967 Six-Day War. A separate census was held in East Jerusalem and the occupied territories shortly after the Six-Day War. The Israeli population is estimated at 3.2 million.

The current census is being taken for statistical and planning purposes and includes housing. But several thousand ultra-Orthodox Israelis led by zealots of the Neturei Karta sect, refuse to be counted and spread posters all over Jerusalem today urging other "God-fearing Jews" to do the same.

According to a spokesman for the sect which does not recognize the sovereignty of a Jewish State, a population count before the coming of the "Messiah" is permitted only in fulfillment of religious commandments, for "holy" reasons of another kind or in the event that war is imminent. Followers of the Neturei Karta have refused to participate in previous censuses and have not accepted identity cards.

NUMBER OF ISRAELI DELEGATES TO FUTURE
WZCONGRESSES TO BE RE-EXAMINED

JERUSALEM, May 22 (JTA)--The World Zionist Executive, opening a three-day plenary meeting here today, adopted a resolution calling for a re-examination of the number of Israeli delegates to future World Zionist Congresses. Israel has been assured of an automatic 40 percent of the delegates. The allocation of seats up to now has been on the basis of results of the last Knesset elections and is limited to declared Zionist parties. Both standards are to be revised.

A special committee appointed to revise the constitution has been appointed, headed by Louis Pincus, chairman of the WZO Executive. Moshe Rosetti, former Knesset clerk, will coordinate the committee which will consist of members of the WZO Executive, representatives of Zionist organizations and Zionist federations abroad, and Itzhak Navon, chairman of the Zionist General Council (Actions Committee).

NRP HIT AGAIN BY ARSON

TEL AVIV, May 22 (JTA)--Police are investigating the latest in a recent series of arson attempts against the headquarters of the National Religious Party here and various other NRP property in the Tel Aviv area. A fire broke out this morning near tanks of bottled gas in the NRP headquarters cafeteria. It was put out without causing damage.

Several pupils of the Monte Sinai Public School in Mexico City, owned by the Monte Sinai Jewish community, were hurt by youthful vandals belonging to a gang that has been harassing and terrorizing school children here. The building is situated near the Jewish Sports Centre. Four pupils, all boys, were hospitalized for slight injuries. The incident is believed not to have been anti-Semitic in nature.

A leading expert on Soviet affairs said yesterday he was certain President Nixon will discuss the issue of Soviet Jewry in his summit meeting. Prof. Zbigniew Brzezinski, director of the Research Institute on Communist Affairs at Columbia University, told the JTA in Washington he believed Nixon would bring up the Soviet Jewry problem in terms of its being an impediment to improved US-USSR relations.

BLACK OFFICIAL TERMS BLACK CONVENTION RESOLUTION ON ISRAEL AN INSULT TO BOTH ISRAEL AND AMERICAN JEWRY

NEW YORK, May 22 (JTA)--The city's highest-ranking Black official considers the National Black Political Convention's resolution on Israel a "gratuitous insult" to both Israel and American Jewry. Manhattan Borough President Percy E. Sutton told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency through a spokesman today that he also "feels strongly" that a resolution on Israel has no place in a National Black Political Agenda.

"He personally supports Israel very strongly," the spokesman said. "He feels it was wrong to single out Israel for comment." The resolution originally adopted March 12 in Gary, Ind., recommended the "dismantling" of Israel. In its revised form, unveiled Friday in Washington, the resolution condemns Israel's "expansionist policy" and "forceful occupation" of Arab territory. It was revised to meet objections from prominent Black leaders including Convention officials, the NAACP and the Congressional Black Caucus.

In a letter to the three co-chairmen of the Convention, Sutton also questioned whether the Israel resolution--and the "equally disturbing" one on school busing--are representative of American Black opinion, inasmuch as they were passed with only a small percentage of the delegates present.

He wrote: "No Black person interested in the development of the underdeveloped countries of Africa should find it necessary to destruct Israel to construct Black Africa. The destruction of Israel for the purpose of constructing Black Africa is a supernatural concept which, in my view, neither reflects the views of the delegates who attended the Convention nor the thinking of the Black community nationally, nor has it ever been the expressed view of a single head of state of an African nation. Why then, should it be advanced as a position of the Black Political Convention? The answer is--it should not."

The resolution on busing originally condemned it outright, then in the revised version scored its use as a political issue. Sutton supports busing to achieve integration. The NAACP quit the Convention last week over its "separatist and nationalist" Agenda, especially its "repugnant" resolutions--even as revised--on Israel and busing. Of the Convention's co-chairmen, two--Mayor Richard G. Hatcher of Gary, Ind., and Rep. Charles C. Diggs, Jr. (D.Mich.)--object to the Israel resolution, while the third--Imamu Amiri Baraka of Newark, N.J., the poet formerly known as LeRoi Jones--backs it. Sutton wants a "thorough review" of the two disputed measures.

ABZUG URGES NIXON TO RAISE QUESTIONS OF ISRAEL, SOVIET JEWRY, AT SUMMIT

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, Ohio, May 22 (JTA)--Rep. Bella S. Abzug (D.N.Y.) today called on President Nixon to use his meetings in Moscow "to remind the Soviet government that the people of Israel and their government are determined to survive as a nation" and to "express the concern of the American people about the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union." The Manhattan Congresswoman made her remarks in an address to a breakfast meeting of the Women's Division of Bonds for Israel. The meeting marked "Sponsors Day," during which participants purchased a minimum of \$1000 worth of Israeli bonds.

Noting that Nixon will be discussing many vital issues, Mrs. Abzug stated that the President should also use his meeting in Moscow to remind the Soviet government that the people of Israel and their gov-

ernment are also determined to survive as a nation. "They will fight if necessary to guarantee that survival, although they would, of course, prefer to live in peace."

Vietnam And Israel Worlds Apart

The Congresswoman also expressed the hope that the President will express the concern of the American people about the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union. "Those who wish to leave the Soviet Union must be allowed to leave, without any impediments, and those who wish to stay must be assured of their freedom to worship as they please and to uphold and preserve Jewish traditions," she said.

Referring to erroneous comparisons between the war in Vietnam and the cause of Israel, Rep. Abzug declared that the American people "have never had any difficulty in distinguishing between the immorality of our government's support for a repressive one-man regime in South Vietnam and the morality of our support for the democratic government of Israel, which has a right to survive and must survive as a nation with secure and defensible borders. Israel has never asked us for soldiers because its people have the will and the capacity to defend themselves."

TWO SOVIET JEWISH FAMILIES REUNITED IN THE U.S.

NEW YORK, May 22 (JTA)--Two family reunions involving Soviet Jews took place last yesterday when two planes landed at Kennedy Airport on direct flights from Moscow, it was reported by United Hias Service, the worldwide Jewish migration agency. Bertha Braun arrived together with her 20-year-old daughter, Maria, to join her sister Helen Itzkowitz of Brooklyn, N.Y., ending a separation of over 20 years. Mrs. Braun, a widow, comes from Vinogradov, a city in the Carpathian region. Maria plans to continue her schooling here. The newcomers will be assisted in their resettlement by the New York Association for New Americans.

Herman and Laya Braun (no relationship to the other arriving family) and their 15-year-old son, Peter, will be reunited with Morris Braun of Bridgeport, Conn., who had not seen his brother since they were sent to different concentration camps during World War II. A third brother resides in Los Angeles. The family will be resettled in Bridgeport, Conn., with the aid of the local Jewish Family Service. An older son, Josef, who was unable to leave directly for the US with his parents, has already been assisted in reaching Rome where he is being processed for US immigration under the US Attorney General's parole authority. This family comes from Chust, in the Carpathian region.

AMA TO CO-SPONSOR MEDICAL TOUR IN ISRAEL

CHICAGO, May 22 (JTA)--The American Medical Association will co-sponsor with the three principal medical institutions in Israel a 1973 medical conference in Tel Aviv. The undertaking is a part of AMA's continued interest in the area of international health and marks the first attempt at co-sponsoring a formal meeting abroad. The 14-day trip will include scientific presentations by leading Israeli authorities as well as visits to medical schools and other medical and research facilities. Dr. Albert B. Sabin, president of the Weizmann Institute of Science, is the guest host. Also participating in the scientific portion of the program are the Hebrew University - Hadassah Medical School of Jerusalem and the Tel Aviv University Medical School.



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JERUSALEM, May 22 (JTA)--Bank of Israel experts warned today that inflation is still rampant in Israel and urged the government to take "swift and efficient" steps to curb it to avert grave consequences to the economy. One measure they advocated was the immediate imposition of an added value tax. The experts said that a measure adopted last night by the ministerial economic committee banning mortgages for expensive dwellings was not enough.

They said the amount of money in circulation was again on the rise and that inflationary trends were continuing at an even more rapid pace, jeopardizing the nation's economic achievements. The ministerial committee recommended last night that mortgage banks be prohibited from granting housing loans for homes costing more than \$38,000 in Jerusalem or more than \$29,000 in other cities.

MOVE TO OUTLAW FAKE MEZZUZAS

JERUSALEM, May 22 (JTA)--A ministerial committee was appointed yesterday to work out enforceable legislation that would outlaw the sale of fake mezzuzas and other religious paraphernalia. The committee was assigned the task after Religious Affairs Minister Zerach Warhaftig complained at yesterday's Cabinet meeting that unwary tourists were being sold mezzuzas and phylacteries that did not conform to religious laws.

Dr. Warhaftig explained that the portions from the scriptures contained in the religious objects must be written by hand on prescribed material. He said that some purchasers opened their mezzuzas to find that the scriptural portions were reproduced by photo offset. Justice Minister Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro told the Cabinet that it was difficult to prosecute offenders under existing laws.

STUDENTS' NETWORK CONCLAVE IN JUNE

NEW YORK, May 22 (JTA)--The North American Jewish Students' Network announced today that it will hold its third annual convention from June 9-11 at Camp Moshava in Indian Orchard, Pa. The organization describes itself as the "umbrella and service organization for every Jewish student group in North America." It provides a communications link between the groups and organizes conferences on a regional basis.

The announcement said that 250 students are expected to attend the convention representing the entire spectrum of the Jewish student movement in the US and Canada. The program will deal with the future of the movement including the 60 Jewish student newspapers which are its voice in the community. For over a year the Jewish Telegraphic Agency has been supplying the Students' Network with its daily and weekly publications for dissemination through the student newspapers.

The announcement said that the convention would stress the issues facing the Jewish student movement and the Jewish community at large, particularly the alleged "neglect" of Jewish community needs by the established Jewish organizations.

The Israeli pavilion at an international flower show in Amsterdam was partially destroyed last night by a fire that police said was due to a short circuit. The pavilion is expected to reopen in a few days.

Peace De ResistanceSOVIET JEWS NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD,
PROPAGANDA MATERIAL TELIS NEWSMEN

MOSCOW, May 22 (JTA)--American newsmen arriving with President Nixon's entourage today were greeted by a smorgasbord of Soviet propaganda materials laid out on the long curving bar in the press center of the Intourist Hotel here. The materials included an English translation of the paperback edition of "On the Jewish Street" by Aron Vergelis, editor-in-chief of the Yiddish literary monthly "Sovietish Heimland," and the Oct. 1971 edition of "Soviet Life," an English-language monthly distributed by the Soviet government in the US, containing a handsomely illustrated feature story depicting "A Jewish Family."

The article, by Irina Kalitenko, was framed by photographs showing a grandfatherly man in a yarmulka and tallis, looking, presumably, into a prayer book; a short-skirted young woman hugging a matronly, smiling mother-in-law; and a young boy blowing a horn. The caption described them as "workers" and "students." The cover itself was illustrated with a photo of a pretty woman and two handsome men all elegantly dressed in the fashion of the British horsey set. It was not clear whether this too was supposed to illustrate a "Jewish family."

Warned Not To Wander Around

The plane carrying American reporters accompanying President Nixon landed at Moscow's Vnukovo Airport before the Presidential plane. The newsmen were treated in a businesslike manner and were warned at the outset not to "wander around" without first registering at the Intourist Hotel. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency reporter was luckier than some of his colleagues in finding his identity badge and other credentials waiting for him at the airport. The credentials of quite a few other newsmen were unaccountably delayed.

The Intourist Hotel is a modern, comfortably appointed hostelry in downtown Moscow. After watching a 15-minute telecast of President Nixon's arrival in his 12th floor room, the JTA reporter visited the press center and its array of press releases, speech texts, books and magazines, mostly in English. The Vergelis book was translated by Mariam Katz from the original Yiddish issued last year by Novosti, the Soviet Union's external press agency. After browsing a while, the JTA reporter was courteously asked by a pleasant-looking woman of about 35 if he wished a copy of the Vergelis book. Asked why she offered him that particular book, she replied in good English that the book was very popular.

FREIGHTER, FOUR MILES FROM DESTINATION,
FORCED TO TRAVEL 220 MILES TO REACH IT

TEL AVIV, May 22 (JTA)--The 7500 ton West German freighter Hamburger Vliet had to steam 220 miles last night to get from the Jordanian port of Aqaba to the Israeli port of Eilat which are only four miles apart. The vessel, which discharged cargo at Aqaba, was scheduled to load 7000 tons of phosphates for Singapore at Eilat. Both ports are at the head of the Gulf of Aqaba and within sight of each other. But Jordanian authorities will not clear a vessel bound directly for an Israeli port. The Hamburger Vliet obliged them by steaming 110 miles down the Gulf to the mouth of the Straits of Tiran and then turning around and steaming back the same distance to Eilat.

CENSUS STIRS CONSENSUS

JERUSALEM, May 22 (JTA)--Israel began tak-

ing its first national census in 11 years yesterday and the first citizens counted were President Zalman Shazar and Premier Golda Meir. The head-count will take ten days and will cover only Israeli territory within the boundaries that existed before the June, 1967 Six-Day War. A separate census was held in East Jerusalem and the occupied territories shortly after the Six-Day War. The Israeli population is estimated at 3.2 million.

The current census is being taken for statistical and planning purposes and includes housing. But several thousand ultra-Orthodox Israelis led by zealots of the Neturei Karta sect, refuse to be counted and spread posters all over Jerusalem today urging other "God-fearing Jews" to do the same.

According to a spokesman for the sect which does not recognize the sovereignty of a Jewish State, a population count before the coming of the "Messiah" is permitted only in fulfillment of religious commandments, for "holy" reasons of another kind or in the event that war is imminent. Followers of the Neturei Karta have refused to participate in previous censuses and have not accepted identity cards.

NUMBER OF ISRAELI DELEGATES TO FUTURE
WZCONGRESSES TO BE RE-EXAMINED

JERUSALEM, May 22 (JTA)--The World Zionist Executive, opening a three-day plenary meeting here today, adopted a resolution calling for a re-examination of the number of Israeli delegates to future World Zionist Congresses. Israel has been assured of an automatic 40 percent of the delegates. The allocation of seats up to now has been on the basis of results of the last Knesset elections and is limited to declared Zionist parties. Both standards are to be revised.

A special committee appointed to revise the constitution has been appointed, headed by Louis Pincus, chairman of the WZO Executive. Moshe Rosetti, former Knesset clerk, will coordinate the committee which will consist of members of the WZO Executive, representatives of Zionist organizations and Zionist federations abroad, and Itzhak Navon, chairman of the Zionist General Council (Actions Committee).

NRP HIT AGAIN BY ARSON

TEL AVIV, May 22 (JTA)--Police are investigating the latest in a recent series of arson attempts against the headquarters of the National Religious Party here and various other NRP property in the Tel Aviv area. A fire broke out this morning near tanks of bottled gas in the NRP headquarters cafeteria. It was put out without causing damage.

Several pupils of the Monte Sinai Public School in Mexico City, owned by the Monte Sinai Jewish community, were hurt by youthful vandals belonging to a gang that has been harassing and terrorizing school children here. The building is situated near the Jewish Sports Centre. Four pupils, all boys, were hospitalized for slight injuries. The incident is believed not to have been anti-Semitic in nature.

A leading expert on Soviet affairs said yesterday he was certain President Nixon will discuss the issue of Soviet Jewry in his summit meeting. Prof. Zbigniew Brzezinski, director of the Research Institute on Communist Affairs at Columbia University, told the JTA in Washington he believed Nixon would bring up the Soviet Jewry problem in terms of its being an impediment to improved US-USSR relations.

BLACK OFFICIAL TERMS BLACK CONVENTION RESOLUTION ON ISRAEL AN INSULT TO BOTH ISRAEL AND AMERICAN JEWRY

NEW YORK, May 22 (JTA)--The city's highest-ranking Black official considers the National Black Political Convention's resolution on Israel a "gratuitous insult" to both Israel and American Jewry. Manhattan Borough President Percy E. Sutton told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency through a spokesman today that he also "feels strongly" that a resolution on Israel has no place in a National Black Political Agenda.

"He personally supports Israel very strongly," the spokesman said. "He feels it was wrong to single out Israel for comment." The resolution originally adopted March 12 in Gary, Ind., recommended the "dismantling" of Israel. In its revised form, unveiled Friday in Washington, the resolution condemns Israel's "expansionist policy" and "forceful occupation" of Arab territory. It was revised to meet objections from prominent Black leaders including Convention officials, the NAACP and the Congressional Black Caucus.

In a letter to the three co-chairmen of the Convention, Sutton also questioned whether the Israel resolution--and the "equally disturbing" one on school busing--are representative of American Black opinion, inasmuch as they were passed with only a small percentage of the delegates present.

He wrote: "No Black person interested in the development of the underdeveloped countries of Africa should find it necessary to destruct Israel to construct Black Africa. The destruction of Israel for the purpose of constructing Black Africa is a supernatural concept which, in my view, neither reflects the views of the delegates who attended the Convention nor the thinking of the Black community nationally, nor has it ever been the expressed view of a single head of state of an African nation. Why then, should it be advanced as a position of the Black Political Convention? The answer is--it should not."

The resolution on busing originally condemned it outright, then in the revised version scored its use as a political issue. Sutton supports busing to achieve integration. The NAACP quit the Convention last week over its "separatist and nationalist" Agenda, especially its "repugnant" resolutions--even as revised--on Israel and busing. Of the Convention's co-chairmen, two--Mayor Richard G. Hatcher of Gary, Ind., and Rep. Charles C. Diggs, Jr. (D.Mich.)--object to the Israel resolution, while the third--Imamu Amiri Baraka of Newark, N.J., the poet formerly known as LeRoi Jones--backs it. Sutton wants a "thorough review" of the two disputed measures.

ABZUG URGES NIXON TO RAISE QUESTIONS OF ISRAEL, SOVIET JEWRY, AT SUMMIT

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, Ohio, May 22 (JTA)--Rep. Bella S. Abzug (D.N.Y.) today called on President Nixon to use his meetings in Moscow "to remind the Soviet government that the people of Israel and their government are determined to survive as a nation" and to "express the concern of the American people about the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union." The Manhattan Congresswoman made her remarks in an address to a breakfast meeting of the Women's Division of Bonds for Israel. The meeting marked "Sponsors Day," during which participants purchased a minimum of \$1000 worth of Israeli bonds.

Noting that Nixon will be discussing many vital issues, Mrs. Abzug stated that the President should also use his meeting in Moscow to remind the Soviet government that the people of Israel and their gov-

ernment are also determined to survive as a nation. "They will fight if necessary to guarantee that survival, although they would, of course, prefer to live in peace."

Vietnam And Israel Worlds Apart

The Congresswoman also expressed the hope that the President will express the concern of the American people about the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union. "Those who wish to leave the Soviet Union must be allowed to leave, without any impediments, and those who wish to stay must be assured of their freedom to worship as they please and to uphold and preserve Jewish traditions," she said.

Referring to erroneous comparisons between the war in Vietnam and the cause of Israel, Rep. Abzug declared that the American people "have never had any difficulty in distinguishing between the immorality of our government's support for a repressive one-man regime in South Vietnam and the morality of our support for the democratic government of Israel, which has a right to survive and must survive as a nation with secure and defensible borders. Israel has never asked us for soldiers because its people have the will and the capacity to defend themselves."

TWO SOVIET JEWISH FAMILIES REUNITED IN THE U.S.

NEW YORK, May 22 (JTA)--Two family reunions involving Soviet Jews took place last yesterday when two planes landed at Kennedy Airport on direct flights from Moscow, it was reported by United Hias Service, the worldwide Jewish migration agency. Bertha Braun arrived together with her 20-year-old daughter, Maria, to join her sister Helen Itzkowitz of Brooklyn, N.Y., ending a separation of over 20 years. Mrs. Braun, a widow, comes from Vinogradov, a city in the Carpathian region. Maria plans to continue her schooling here. The newcomers will be assisted in their resettlement by the New York Association for New Americans.

Herman and Laya Braun (no relationship to the other arriving family) and their 15-year-old son, Peter, will be reunited with Morris Braun of Bridgeport, Conn., who had not seen his brother since they were sent to different concentration camps during World War II. A third brother resides in Los Angeles. The family will be resettled in Bridgeport, Conn., with the aid of the local Jewish Family Service. An older son, Josef, who was unable to leave directly for the US with his parents, has already been assisted in reaching Rome where he is being processed for US immigration under the US Attorney General's parole authority. This family comes from Chust, in the Carpathian region.

AMA TO CO-SPONSOR MEDICAL TOUR IN ISRAEL

CHICAGO, May 22 (JTA)--The American Medical Association will co-sponsor with the three principal medical institutions in Israel a 1973 medical conference in Tel Aviv. The undertaking is a part of AMA's continued interest in the area of international health and marks the first attempt at co-sponsoring a formal meeting abroad. The 14-day trip will include scientific presentations by leading Israeli authorities as well as visits to medical schools and other medical and research facilities. Dr. Albert B. Sabin, president of the Weizmann Institute of Science, is the guest host. Also participating in the scientific portion of the program are the Hebrew University - Hadassah Medical School of Jerusalem and the Tel Aviv University Medical School.