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JERUSALEM, May 24 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban said today that the efforts to liberate Soviet Jewry would continue until the USSR changed its policies toward Jews and Israel. Replying to an urgent agenda motion on Soviet Jewry by opposition leader Menachem Beigin of Gahal, Eban said he had hopes for the efficacy of personal intervention with the Kremlin leaders by President Nixon. He said he was confident Nixon would find the appropriate way to raise the problem for discussion with his Moscow hosts, especially as his bid to improve international coexistence has led to an increase in the harassment of Soviet Jews.

#### STATE-RUN SCHOOLS EMPHASIZE CHRISTIAN-ORIENTED SCRIPTURAL STUDIES

Jewish Community Says It Is Unacceptable

JOHANNESBURG, May 24 (JTA)--A new doctrinal emphasis in scriptural studies in South Africa's state-

run schools is causing serious concern in the Jewish community. The Congress of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies which met last week-end, instructed the Board's executive council to give the matter urgent consideration and work toward a unified position "to protect and advance the interests of Jewish parents, pupils and teachers."

Bible studies have always been part of the South African school curriculum. In the past it was broad in character and, while including the New as well as the Old Testament, was not doctrinal. New regulations, however, specify that religious instruction in State schools shall be "Christo-centric" and directed, among other things, "to prepare the pupil, through his knowledge of the Bible, to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour."

#### Jewish Community Adversely Affected

Delegates to the Congress stressed that such instruction was clearly unacceptable to Jews and recalled a provision of the Education Ordinance which states that "no pupil shall be required to be present at the giving of religious instruction, if the parent of such pupil expresses in writing any conscientious objections to such instruction."

In Cape Province the Cape Council of the Board of Jewish Deputies has urged Jewish parents to exercise their right by withdrawing their children from religious instruction classes. In other provinces the position is still under study. The Congress issued a statement acknowledging the State's desire to strengthen the religious spirit in education but expressed "concern at the possibility of the Jewish community being adversely affected" by the new regulations.

The statement said the Congress "trusts that the rights and opportunities of members of the Jewish faith, for training, appointment and advancement in the education system will be fully safeguarded."

#### RAIZA PALATNIK SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

LONDON, May 24 (JTA)--Russian Jewish political prisoner Raiza Palatnik suffered a heart attack Monday while in solitary confinement at her forced-labor camp, and was rushed to a civilian hospital at Dniepropetrovsk, Jewish sources said today. They said Russian Jews were expressing anxiety over the conditions of the 36-year-old librarian, who was sentenced last June 24 to two years' imprisonment for "distributing anti-Soviet propaganda." She is due for release next Dec. 1, the second anniversary of her arrest.

#### DRAFT RESISTER RE-ARRESTED

NEW YORK, May 24 (JTA)--Leonid Tsypin, a Moscow Jew who went into hiding two weeks ago to avoid draft callup and was subsequently arrested and then waived for nearsightedness, has been picked up again, Jewish sources in the Soviet Union indicated today. Tsypin was reportedly imprisoned but this could not be confirmed. It was also learned that when Tsypin was detained last week and asked to sign a disavowal of activism, a Jewish secret policeman named Yaroslav Karpov told him: "You do want to get out of this KGB office, don't you?" Tsypin did not sign, but was released.

Prof. Horst Gerson, of Groningen University in Amsterdam, who came to Holland as a refugee from Nazi Germany in 1935, has been awarded the annual "Joost Van Den Vondel" Prize of Muenster University in Westphalia for the promotion of Dutch-German culture. Prof. Gerson, born in Hamm, Westphalia in 1907, teaches art history.

# OFFICIAL SAYS MIDEAST ACCORD, U.S.-USSR ACCOMMODATION IN EUROPE NOT CONNECTED

Mideast Settlement Depends on Israel's

Withdrawal From 'All Territories'

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MOSCOW, May 24 (JTA)--The spokesman for the Soviet Union's leadership engaged in the summit talks with President Nixon drew a line tonight between a settlement in the Middle East and Soviet-American accommodation in Europe. L.M. Zamyaten, the general director of the Tass News Agency who is serving as director of the international press center for the Soviet-American conference, told the representatives of the world press that the Soviet government has "never connected settlement of the Middle East problem with any other situation."

Zamyaten made the statement in response to a request for comment by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's correspondent on the expression by the Austrian Foreign Minister, Dr. Rudolph Kirchschlaeger, in Salzburg last Sunday that it was "obvious" there can be no detente or peace in Europe without a settlement in the Middle East. The request for comment came after Zamyaten and Ronald Ziegler, Nixon's Press Secretary, had mentioned that the Soviet and American leaders had been discussing prospects for a European security conference which the Soviet Union has long desired.

Responding to JTA's request, Zamyaten said: "We can only comment on the Soviet view and Mr. Ziegler can comment for the United States but neither of us can comment on the Austrian point of view." Continuing, he said: "We have never connected settlement of the Middle East problem with any other situation. It is connected first of all with the withdrawal of Israel's troops from all Arab territory." Ziegler did not comment on the request.

## Mum On Mideast Talks

Afterwards, Zamyaten was asked privately by the JTA whether the Middle East was in fact discussed at today's two meetings. He declined to respond substantively, saying he would not discuss any details of the talks. This response was in keeping with the refusals by him and Ziegler in their briefing to touch on the substance of today's sessions. It was understood, however, on good authority that the Middle East in fact has not yet been discussed since the talks began Monday. There has been no indication whatsoever as to when or how the Soviet Jewry issue will arise.

Whether the Middle East will in fact be discussed is not in doubt. The timing, however, is now uncertain in view of Zamyaten's sharp comment, it was speculated, since it indicated extreme Soviet sensitivity on the joining of the two areas in a discussion on Europe. From the American point of view, it has been reliably said, detente in Europe without discussion of the Eastern Mediterranean and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization which includes Turkey cannot be possible.

In reporting on today's sessions thus far with regard to the topic of Europe, Ziegler said that a "change has taken place in the direction of easing of tensions." He noted that the quadripartite agreement on Berlin and West Germany's agreements with East Germany, Poland and Russia should promote an improvement in the international political climate.

## 6 U.S. SCIENTISTS OFFER TO TAKE PLACE OF 6 SCIENTISTS ARRESTED IN USSR

NEW YORK, May 24 (JTA)--The 70-year-old mother-in-law of Soviet Jewish activist Vladimir Slepak appealed yesterday to Soviet authorities to "free her children." Mrs. Bertha Roshkovsky, went to Israel a year ago, left behind her son-in-law; his wife, Masha; and their two

sons, Aleksander and Leonid. "I need my family," Mrs. Roshkovsky told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency at a two-hour peaceful demonstration across from the Soviet Mission. Six American scientists and social scientists joined her in protesting the USSR's Jewish policy.

The scientists were volunteering to take the places of the six Jewish scientists arrested Sunday in Moscow on the eve of President Nixon's arrival. Those volunteering were Prof. Yitzchak Greenberg of Yeshiva University; Zvi Szubia and Joseph Danto, City College; Philip Baum, American Jewish Congress; Lester Macktetz, B'nai B'rith; and Shoshana Epstein, Women's American ORT. Others demonstrating included Vitaly Svenchinsky, a former activist in the USSR, Stanley Lowell, chairman-elect of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry which organized the vigil and several Conference members wearing simulated prison garb.

The Conference chairman, Rabbi Gilbert Klapperman, said: "We must make it clear that while we favor better relations and pray for the success of the President's trip (to the USSR), Soviet Jews must not be penalized. President Nixon's trip must not be used as a pretext for destroying the Soviet Jewry freedom movement."

## WJC OFFICIAL DENIES PRESSURE ON GROUP TO MAKE IT MORE AMENABLE TO CURRENT ISRAELI AND ZIONIST POLICIES

NEW YORK, May 24 (JTA)--An official of the World Jewish Congress denied today that pressure was being brought to bear by the World Zionist Executive in Jerusalem to establish a collective leadership of the global organization more amenable to current Zionist and Israeli policies. Max Melamet, executive director of the WJC's American Section, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that recent changes in the WJC's top leadership structure were the results of decisions democratically arrived at within the Congress and representative of the views of its constituent organizations which include most Zionist groups in the US and abroad.

Melamet offered that explanation when asked to comment on a JTA dispatch from Jerusalem today reporting that the WZO Executive meeting in plenary session "decided" that the WJC should henceforth be led by a group of persons that would act collectively on policy and administrative matters. The WZO Executive said that at the annual meeting of the WJC's Governing Council in New York June 5-9, clear guidelines for the Congress' functions and for the shaping of its policy should be demanded by the Zionist Executive, the JTA dispatch said.

The WZO Executive and Dr. Nahum Goldmann president of the WJC, recently had sharp differences over policies relating to Soviet Jews. Dr. Goldmann was barred from addressing the 28th World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem last Jan. because of remarks he made in a speech in London last fall. Melamet denied that these differences had anything to do with the recent establishment of what he described as a "small inner executive" to share the top WJC leadership with its president. He said the establishment of the inner body was recommended by a committee nominated by Dr. Goldmann at the WJC's Governing Council meeting in Montreal in 1970 to re-examine the structure of the organization.

Melamet said the inner body, when fully implemented, would consist of about 15 members and would have decision-making functions should emergencies arise in the interim between meetings of the Governing Council.

**RULING BARRING TRANSFER OF JEWISH TENANTS FROM CITY PROJECT TO BE CHALLENGED**

NEW YORK, May 24 (JTA)--Simeon Golar, chairman of the New York City Housing Authority, indicated today that he will challenge a federal judge's ruling that bars the Authority from transferring Jewish tenants from other city projects to apartments on the Lower East Side specifically earmarked for Jews. Golar told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Housing Authority lawyers were studying the 26-page decision rendered yesterday by Judge Marvin E. Frankel to determine whether to appeal a temporary injunction barring the move or to take the case to court for a full hearing on its merits.

Golar said a decision would be reached in the next day or two. But he conceded that the first transfer families may not be able to move into their new apartments on June 1, as scheduled. Judge Frankel ruled that the city had violated the constitutional rights of Blacks and Puerto Ricans by giving preference to Jews seeking to move into apartments in the Seward Park Extension Urban Renewal area, a federally assisted low income housing project. He also contended that the city was violating its own regulations by failing to give first priority to former residents of the renewal area.

**No Violations Involved**

Judge Frankel acted on a law suit filed by the MFF Legal Services for Blacks and other former residents of the urban renewal site who were relocated but want to return and who claim priority. Golar denied emphatically that the city was violating either the constitutional rights of the complainants or its own regulations. He said the city's reading of its regulations differed from that of the judge. The city holds that the former site residents who had been relocated to other public housing no longer had priority for the new project.

He said Jewish families had preference in two of the project's buildings which were built adjacent to a synagogue and were originally conceived to meet the needs of Orthodox Jews who do not ride on the Sabbath. The 25-story buildings have been equipped with "Sabbath elevators" which stop automatically on each floor. Golar denied that the preference assigned to Jews violated government rules against rental discrimination in federally assisted housing on the basis of religion or ethnic origin.

He said the Housing Authority aimed at meeting the needs of all ethnic and religious groups, pointing out that large apartments were specifically earmarked for Black and Puerto Rican tenants with large families while the needs of the Jews, many of them elderly, was for small flats. Golar said that housing projects designed to meet the needs of observant Jews have been built in Williamsburg and other areas of the city without arousing complaints or infringing on the rights of other ethnic minorities.

**PORTLAND GETS FIRST JEWISH MAYOR IN OVER 50 YEARS**

PORTLAND, Ore., May 24 (JTA)--This city with a 4 percent Jewish population got its first Jewish mayor in more than half a century yesterday when City Commissioner Neil Goldschmidt won the non-partisan post with 57 percent of the vote. Goldschmidt, a 31-year-old lawyer, took a generally liberal point of view in defeating a sexagenarian independent. The incumbent did not seek reelection. The Middle East, Vietnam and busing were not issues in the campaign. Goldschmidt, who was born in Eugene, was the president of Aleph Zadek Aleph there, and is a member of Portland Lodge 65 of B'nai B'rith.

**PURDUE U. ENDS LIMITATIONS ON APPLICATIONS FROM N.Y., N.J.**

NEW YORK, May 24 (JTA)--After three years of "cooperative" and "cordial" negotiations and five policy changes, Purdue University in Indiana has agreed to cease limitations on applications from New York State and New Jersey, which have high percentages of Jews and other minorities, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith reported today. The ADL and the Purdue Hillel organization began their challenge in June 1969, contending that limitation of out-of-staters to offspring of graduates--and then only within a quota--was discriminatory to the minorities.

The new policy states that "special consideration may be given to the sons and daughters of alumni of the university provided the applicants meet the prescribed academic requirements and standards for admission." It adds that those meeting these tests "will be admitted in so far as the financial resources and the facilities of the university permit." The nonrefundable application fee imposed on out-of-staters has been eliminated, too, but the out-of-stater maximum of 25 percent remains in effect. Purdue maintains campuses at Lafayette, Hammond, Ft. Wayne and Indianapolis.

**NGO GROUPS ASSAIL RESOLUTION WHICH CHARGES ISRAEL WITH 'WAR CRIMES'**

UNITED NATIONS, May 24 (JTA)--Four Non-Governmental Organizations yesterday expressed "shock and distress" at a resolution adopted Monday by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights which stated that "grave breaches of the Fourth Geneva Convention committed by Israel in the occupied Arab territories constitute war crimes and an affront to humanity." This paragraph, part of a resolution dealing with the "Violation of Human Rights in the Territories Occupied as a Result of Hostilities in the Middle East," was passed in a separate vote of 12-8 with 10 abstentions.

The four organizations criticizing this paragraph were: World Jewish Congress, International Council of Jewish Women, Women's International Zionist Organization, and the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations.

In a letter to Karoly Szarka, president of the Economic and Social Council, the groups stated that their constituencies include hundreds of thousands of survivors of the fiendish Nazi campaigns of murder and destruction. The use of the words "war crimes" to describe Israel's administration of the territories must, the letter stated, "inevitably convey to our constituencies the impression of an attempt to equate, at least by implication, this administration with the cold-blooded systematic massive pogroms of annihilation of one of the greatest holocaust in recorded human history."

The signatories of the letter to Szarka stated that their shock and distress "is compounded by the fear that recourse to such emotion-laden connotations may exacerbate bitterness and retard initiatives toward that peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors which we all ardently desire." The NGOs appealed to the Economic and Social Council "to find a way in dealing with the Commission's report of indicating its disagreement with the juridically and factually inadmissible applications of the words 'war crimes' to the situation in the aforesaid territories." The signers noted that Israel granted permission to persons from other countries, "including the neighboring Arab states, to visit these territories."





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JERUSALEM, May 24 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Abba Eban said today that the efforts to liberate Soviet Jewry would continue until the USSR changed its policies toward Jews and Israel. Replying to an urgent agenda motion on Soviet Jewry by opposition leader Menachem Beigin of Gahal, Eban said he had hopes for the efficacy of personal intervention with the Kremlin leaders by President Nixon. He said he was confident Nixon would find the appropriate way to raise the problem for discussion with his Moscow hosts, especially as his bid to improve international coexistence has led to an increase in the harassment of Soviet Jews.

#### STATE-RUN SCHOOLS EMPHASIZE CHRISTIAN-ORIENTED SCRIPTURAL STUDIES

Jewish Community Says It Is Unacceptable

JOHANNESBURG, May 24 (JTA)--A new doctrinal emphasis in scriptural studies in South Africa's state-

run schools is causing serious concern in the Jewish community. The Congress of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies which met last week-end, instructed the Board's executive council to give the matter urgent consideration and work toward a unified position "to protect and advance the interests of Jewish parents, pupils and teachers."

Bible studies have always been part of the South African school curriculum. In the past it was broad in character and, while including the New as well as the Old Testament, was not doctrinal. New regulations, however, specify that religious instruction in State schools shall be "Christo-centric" and directed, among other things, "to prepare the pupil, through his knowledge of the Bible, to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour."

#### Jewish Community Adversely Affected

Delegates to the Congress stressed that such instruction was clearly unacceptable to Jews and recalled a provision of the Education Ordinance which states that "no pupil shall be required to be present at the giving of religious instruction, if the parent of such pupil expresses in writing any conscientious objections to such instruction."

In Cape Province the Cape Council of the Board of Jewish Deputies has urged Jewish parents to exercise their right by withdrawing their children from religious instruction classes. In other provinces the position is still under study. The Congress issued a statement acknowledging the State's desire to strengthen the religious spirit in education but expressed "concern at the possibility of the Jewish community being adversely affected" by the new regulations.

The statement said the Congress "trusts that the rights and opportunities of members of the Jewish faith, for training, appointment and advancement in the education system will be fully safeguarded."

#### RAIZA PALATNIK SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

LONDON, May 24 (JTA)--Russian Jewish political prisoner Raiza Palatnik suffered a heart attack Monday while in solitary confinement at her forced-labor camp, and was rushed to a civilian hospital at Dniepropetrovsk, Jewish sources said today. They said Russian Jews were expressing anxiety over the conditions of the 36-year-old librarian, who was sentenced last June 24 to two years' imprisonment for "distributing anti-Soviet propaganda." She is due for release next Dec. 1, the second anniversary of her arrest.

#### DRAFT RESISTER RE-ARRESTED

NEW YORK, May 24 (JTA)--Leonid Tsypin, a Moscow Jew who went into hiding two weeks ago to avoid draft callup and was subsequently arrested and then waived for nearsightedness, has been picked up again, Jewish sources in the Soviet Union indicated today. Tsypin was reportedly imprisoned but this could not be confirmed. It was also learned that when Tsypin was detained last week and asked to sign a disavowal of activism, a Jewish secret policeman named Yaroslav Karpov told him: "You do want to get out of this KGB office, don't you?" Tsypin did not sign, but was released.

Prof. Horst Gerson, of Groningen University in Amsterdam, who came to Holland as a refugee from Nazi Germany in 1935, has been awarded the annual "Joost Van Den Vondel" Prize of Muenster University in Westphalia for the promotion of Dutch-German culture. Prof. Gerson, born in Hamm, Westphalia in 1907, teaches art history.

# OFFICIAL SAYS MIDEAST ACCORD, U.S.-USSR ACCOMMODATION IN EUROPE NOT CONNECTED

Mideast Settlement Depends on Israel's

Withdrawal From 'All Territories'

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MOSCOW, May 24 (JTA)--The spokesman for the Soviet Union's leadership engaged in the summit talks with President Nixon drew a line tonight between a settlement in the Middle East and Soviet-American accommodation in Europe. L.M. Zamyaten, the general director of the Tass News Agency who is serving as director of the international press center for the Soviet-American conference, told the representatives of the world press that the Soviet government has "never connected settlement of the Middle East problem with any other situation."

Zamyaten made the statement in response to a request for comment by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's correspondent on the expression by the Austrian Foreign Minister, Dr. Rudolph Kirchschlaeger, in Salzburg last Sunday that it was "obvious" there can be no detente or peace in Europe without a settlement in the Middle East. The request for comment came after Zamyaten and Ronald Ziegler, Nixon's Press Secretary, had mentioned that the Soviet and American leaders had been discussing prospects for a European security conference which the Soviet Union has long desired.

Responding to JTA's request, Zamyaten said: "We can only comment on the Soviet view and Mr. Ziegler can comment for the United States but neither of us can comment on the Austrian point of view." Continuing, he said: "We have never connected settlement of the Middle East problem with any other situation. It is connected first of all with the withdrawal of Israel's troops from all Arab territory." Ziegler did not comment on the request.

## Mum On Mideast Talks

Afterwards, Zamyaten was asked privately by the JTA whether the Middle East was in fact discussed at today's two meetings. He declined to respond substantively, saying he would not discuss any details of the talks. This response was in keeping with the refusals by him and Ziegler in their briefing to touch on the substance of today's sessions. It was understood, however, on good authority that the Middle East in fact has not yet been discussed since the talks began Monday. There has been no indication whatsoever as to when or how the Soviet Jewry issue will arise.

Whether the Middle East will in fact be discussed is not in doubt. The timing, however, is now uncertain in view of Zamyaten's sharp comment, it was speculated, since it indicated extreme Soviet sensitivity on the joining of the two areas in a discussion on Europe. From the American point of view, it has been reliably said, detente in Europe without discussion of the Eastern Mediterranean and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization which includes Turkey cannot be possible.

In reporting on today's sessions thus far with regard to the topic of Europe, Ziegler said that a "change has taken place in the direction of easing of tensions." He noted that the quadrupartite agreement on Berlin and West Germany's agreements with East Germany, Poland and Russia should promote an improvement in the international political climate.

## 6 U.S. SCIENTISTS OFFER TO TAKE PLACE OF 6 SCIENTISTS ARRESTED IN USSR

NEW YORK, May 24 (JTA)--The 70-year-old mother-in-law of Soviet Jewish activist Vladimir Slepak appealed yesterday to Soviet authorities to "free her children." Mrs. Bertha Roshkovsky, went to Israel a year ago, left behind her son-in-law; his wife, Masha; and their two

sons, Aleksander and Leonid. "I need my family," Mrs. Roshkovsky told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency at a two-hour peaceful demonstration across from the Soviet Mission. Six American scientists and social scientists joined her in protesting the USSR's Jewish policy.

The scientists were volunteering to take the places of the six Jewish scientists arrested Sunday in Moscow on the eve of President Nixon's arrival. Those volunteering were Prof. Yitzchak Greenberg of Yeshiva University; Zvi Szubia and Joseph Danto, City College; Philip Baum, American Jewish Congress; Lester Macktetz, B'nai B'rith; and Shoshana Epstein, Women's American ORT. Others demonstrating included Vitaly Svenchinsky, a former activist in the USSR, Stanley Lowell, chairman-elect of the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry which organized the vigil and several Conference members wearing simulated prison garb.

The Conference chairman, Rabbi Gilbert Klapperman, said: "We must make it clear that while we favor better relations and pray for the success of the President's trip (to the USSR), Soviet Jews must not be penalized. President Nixon's trip must not be used as a pretext for destroying the Soviet Jewry freedom movement."

## WJC OFFICIAL DENIES PRESSURE ON GROUP TO MAKE IT MORE AMENABLE TO CURRENT ISRAELI AND ZIONIST POLICIES

NEW YORK, May 24 (JTA)--An official of the World Jewish Congress denied today that pressure was being brought to bear by the World Zionist Executive in Jerusalem to establish a collective leadership of the global organization more amenable to current Zionist and Israeli policies. Max Melamet, executive director of the WJC's American Section, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that recent changes in the WJC's top leadership structure were the results of decisions democratically arrived at within the Congress and representative of the views of its constituent organizations which include most Zionist groups in the US and abroad.

Melamet offered that explanation when asked to comment on a JTA dispatch from Jerusalem today reporting that the WZO Executive meeting in plenary session "decided" that the WJC should henceforth be led by a group of persons that would act collectively on policy and administrative matters. The WZO Executive said that at the annual meeting of the WJC's Governing Council in New York June 5-9, clear guidelines for the Congress' functions and for the shaping of its policy should be demanded by the Zionist Executive, the JTA dispatch said.

The WZO Executive and Dr. Nahum Goldmann president of the WJC, recently had sharp differences over policies relating to Soviet Jews. Dr. Goldmann was barred from addressing the 28th World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem last Jan. because of remarks he made in a speech in London last fall. Melamet denied that these differences had anything to do with the recent establishment of what he described as a "small inner executive" to share the top WJC leadership with its president. He said the establishment of the inner body was recommended by a committee nominated by Dr. Goldmann at the WJC's Governing Council meeting in Montreal in 1970 to re-examine the structure of the organization.

Melamet said the inner body, when fully implemented, would consist of about 15 members and would have decision-making functions should emergencies arise in the interim between meetings of the Governing Council.

**RULING BARRING TRANSFER OF JEWISH TENANTS FROM CITY PROJECT TO BE CHALLENGED**

NEW YORK, May 24 (JTA)--Simeon Golar, chairman of the New York City Housing Authority, indicated today that he will challenge a federal judge's ruling that bars the Authority from transferring Jewish tenants from other city projects to apartments on the Lower East Side specifically earmarked for Jews. Golar told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Housing Authority lawyers were studying the 26-page decision rendered yesterday by Judge Marvin E. Frankel to determine whether to appeal a temporary injunction barring the move or to take the case to court for a full hearing on its merits.

Golar said a decision would be reached in the next day or two. But he conceded that the first transfer families may not be able to move into their new apartments on June 1, as scheduled. Judge Frankel ruled that the city had violated the constitutional rights of Blacks and Puerto Ricans by giving preference to Jews seeking to move into apartments in the Seward Park Extension Urban Renewal area, a federally assisted low income housing project. He also contended that the city was violating its own regulations by failing to give first priority to former residents of the renewal area.

**No Violations Involved**

Judge Frankel acted on a law suit filed by the MFF Legal Services for Blacks and other former residents of the urban renewal site who were relocated but want to return and who claim priority. Golar denied emphatically that the city was violating either the constitutional rights of the complainants or its own regulations. He said the city's reading of its regulations differed from that of the judge. The city holds that the former site residents who had been relocated to other public housing no longer had priority for the new project.

He said Jewish families had preference in two of the project's buildings which were built adjacent to a synagogue and were originally conceived to meet the needs of Orthodox Jews who do not ride on the Sabbath. The 25-story buildings have been equipped with "Sabbath elevators" which stop automatically on each floor. Golar denied that the preference assigned to Jews violated government rules against rental discrimination in federally assisted housing on the basis of religion or ethnic origin.

He said the Housing Authority aimed at meeting the needs of all ethnic and religious groups, pointing out that large apartments were specifically earmarked for Black and Puerto Rican tenants with large families while the needs of the Jews, many of them elderly, was for small flats. Golar said that housing projects designed to meet the needs of observant Jews have been built in Williamsburg and other areas of the city without arousing complaints or infringing on the rights of other ethnic minorities.

**PORTLAND GETS FIRST JEWISH MAYOR IN OVER 50 YEARS**

PORTLAND, Ore., May 24 (JTA)--This city with a 4 percent Jewish population got its first Jewish mayor in more than half a century yesterday when City Commissioner Neil Goldschmidt won the non-partisan post with 57 percent of the vote. Goldschmidt, a 31-year-old lawyer, took a generally liberal point of view in defeating a sexagenarian independent. The incumbent did not seek reelection. The Middle East, Vietnam and busing were not issues in the campaign. Goldschmidt, who was born in Eugene, was the president of Aleph Zadek Aleph there, and is a member of Portland Lodge 65 of B'nai B'rith.

**PURDUE U. ENDS LIMITATIONS ON APPLICATIONS FROM N.Y., N.J.**

NEW YORK, May 24 (JTA)--After three years of "cooperative" and "cordial" negotiations and five policy changes, Purdue University in Indiana has agreed to cease limitations on applications from New York State and New Jersey, which have high percentages of Jews and other minorities, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith reported today. The ADL and the Purdue Hillel organization began their challenge in June 1969, contending that limitation of out-of-staters to offspring of graduates--and then only within a quota--was discriminatory to the minorities.

The new policy states that "special consideration may be given to the sons and daughters of alumni of the university provided the applicants meet the prescribed academic requirements and standards for admission." It adds that those meeting these tests "will be admitted in so far as the financial resources and the facilities of the university permit." The nonrefundable application fee imposed on out-of-staters has been eliminated, too, but the out-of-stater maximum of 25 percent remains in effect. Purdue maintains campuses at Lafayette, Hammond, Ft. Wayne and Indianapolis.

**NGO GROUPS ASSAIL RESOLUTION WHICH CHARGES ISRAEL WITH 'WAR CRIMES'**

UNITED NATIONS, May 24 (JTA)--Four Non-Governmental Organizations yesterday expressed "shock and distress" at a resolution adopted Monday by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights which stated that "grave breaches of the Fourth Geneva Convention committed by Israel in the occupied Arab territories constitute war crimes and an affront to humanity." This paragraph, part of a resolution dealing with the "Violation of Human Rights in the Territories Occupied as a Result of Hostilities in the Middle East," was passed in a separate vote of 12-8 with 10 abstentions.

The four organizations criticizing this paragraph were: World Jewish Congress, International Council of Jewish Women, Women's International Zionist Organization, and the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations.

In a letter to Karoly Szarka, president of the Economic and Social Council, the groups stated that their constituencies include hundreds of thousands of survivors of the fiendish Nazi campaigns of murder and destruction. The use of the words "war crimes" to describe Israel's administration of the territories must, the letter stated, "inevitably convey to our constituencies the impression of an attempt to equate, at least by implication, this administration with the cold-blooded systematic massive pogroms of annihilation of one of the greatest holocaust in recorded human history."

The signatories of the letter to Szarka stated that their shock and distress "is compounded by the fear that recourse to such emotion-laden connotations may exacerbate bitterness and retard initiatives toward that peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors which we all ardently desire." The NGOs appealed to the Economic and Social Council "to find a way in dealing with the Commission's report of indicating its disagreement with the juridically and factually inadmissible applications of the words 'war crimes' to the situation in the aforesaid territories." The signers noted that Israel granted permission to persons from other countries, "including the neighboring Arab states, to visit these territories."