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TEL AVIV, May 25 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir asked Israelis last night to volunteer more, even at the cost of self-sacrifice, to help new immigrants and the resident poor. Addressing the 45th annual meeting of the B'nai B'rith in Israel, she criticized those who charge that immigration absorption is at the expense of the country's poor. Mrs. Meir said it was time the public asked the government to take all it can from the haves for the sake of the have-nots, "for the sake of all of us to provide our children with a healthy atmosphere to grow up in." The Premier insisted that the role of Israelis was to keep their country's doors open to newcomers and accept every new Jew with love.

WZO ESTABLISHES DEPARTMENTS TO DEAL WITH SEPHARDI COMMUNITIES, YOUTH

JERUSALEM, May 25 (JTA)--The World Zionist Executive has decided to establish a department for activating Sephardi and Oriental communities abroad in Zionist work and for coordinating the efforts to close the social gap in Israel.

The Executive also decided to establish a department to deal with the younger generation in Zionist federations abroad. Anxiety had been expressed by many Zionist leaders regarding the continuation of Zionist work once the present generation of leaders bow out. This department is to be headed by the Executive's chairman, Louis Pincus, and will coordinate its activities with the Department of Organization and Information. During the coming year it will conduct a survey to ascertain the scope of the problem.

The department for Sephardi communities will be headed by Executive member Andre Narboni who represents the Sephardis on the Executive. Its director will be Mordechai Mevorach. Its task will be to coordinate the work of all the national and public bodies engaged in the specific problems of Orientals and Sephardis - mainly dealing with the social gap in Israel. The department will also be in touch with Sephardi communities in the diaspora.

The treasurer of the Executive, Leon Dulzin said that two-thirds of the entire expenditure of the Jewish Agency - as distinct from that of the World Zionist Organization - is devoted to projects connected with the Oriental and Sephardi community.

HIJACK VICTIM LEAVES HOSPITAL

TEL AVIV, May 25 (JTA)--Wilfred Kardowski, the German Jew who was shot when disguised Israeli soldiers liberated a hijacked Belgian airliner here May 9, left Tel Hashomer Hospital today with a promise to doctors and nurses that he would throw a party Sunday for all the personnel in his ward. He also invited the "angels in white"--the paratroopers dressed as technicians who shot him accidentally in their sudden attack.

Two other injured passengers were released two weeks ago, but a third, Mrs. Miriam Holtzberg, 22, died of her wounds. Two of the four Arab hijackers were killed and two were injured. Kardowski said he would return to West Germany for a rest and then resume work in Israel in July on his film about the Nahal, the Israeli Army's agricultural-military unit.

CONFIRM ARRESTS OF TSYPIN, SLEPAK

LONDON, May 25 (JTA)--Confirmation of the arrests in Moscow of Jewish activist Leonid Tsypin, plus the arrest of Aleksander Slepak, were reported today by Jewish sources in the Russian capital, Slepak--whose father, Vladimir, was arrested earlier--and Tsypin were held after asking permission to demonstrate at the Kremlin Plaza. They bring to 10 the number of Jewish activists arrested in Moscow in recent days, apparently in conjunction with President Nixon's visit.

According to the report, Aleksander Slepak went to the KGB (secret police) yesterday to ask permission for a demonstration, but Col. Yaroslav Karpov, head of the Jewish section, turned him down. When Slepak asked for a written rejection, Karpov reportedly told him: "We are no bureaucrats." Slepak reportedly replied that he therefore considered that he had the right to demonstrate.

Karpov warned him he could be arrested and sentenced to three years' imprisonment for "anti-Soviet activity." Slepak left and called another Jew from a public telephone, after which he was arrested, the sources said. Tsypin, they said, was arrested at home while calling the same third Jew, who was not identified. Aleksander Slepak and Tsypin, both 21, were earlier called up for active Army service but were rejected for health reasons.

WORLDWIDE PROTESTS INSTRUMENTAL
IN FREING 11 JEWS IN SYRIA

JERUSALEM, May 25 (JTA)--The release of 11 imprisoned Syrian Jews last week coincided with a rising tide of protests all over the world on behalf of Syria's 4500 strong Jewish community and demands for the release of four more Jewish prisoners, including Albert Elias, the kidnapped former head of the Jewish community in Beirut, Lebanon. Local members of the World Committee for Syrian Jews, which is headed by Alain Poyer, president of the French Senate, summarized the worldwide activities aimed at ending the persecution of Syrian Jews and the full restoration of their civil rights.

In London, the Minister of State for the Foreign Office, Joseph Godber, said in reply to a question in the House of Commons that his government was attentive to the plight of Syrian Jews. Some members of parliament joined members of the Board of Deputies of British Jews keeping an all night vigil outside of the Syrian Embassy.

The Syrian Embassy and the Syrian Airline office in Rome was picketed and thousands of handbills were distributed. A kiosk was set up in the Piazza Navone where passers-by were asked to sign a petition for Syrian Jews to be sent to President Hafez Assad in Damascus. Twelve newspapers carried articles on the plight of Syrian Jews and telegrams were sent to President Assad by the Italian League for Human Rights.

Petition, Cables Sent To Damascus

The Egyptian Embassy in Stockholm was picketed and the Goteborg newspaper, Goteborg Handels, published an article under the caption, "Even the Right To Cry Is Denied Syrian Jews." Amnesty International in Sweden and the Stockholm Committee for Jews in Arab Lands sent protest telegrams to Damascus. In Helsinki, well known Finnish personalities sent protests to Assad and to the United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

In Caracas, the chairman of the Parliamentary Foreign Relations Committee, who is president of the Venezuelan Committee for Syrian Jews, announced that his government has instructed its representatives to international organizations and its Ambassador in Damascus to act on behalf of Syrian Jews. The Arch-

bishop of Venezuela, Cardinal Kittinger, learned of the condition of Syrian Jews at a meeting with representatives of the Jewish community, according to the Catholic newspaper, La Religion.

In Montevideo, the Uruguayan Committee for Arab Jewry sent a protest cable to Assad. In Oslo, scores of Norwegians signed a petition to Assad urging the release of Jewish prisoners and permission for Syrian Jews to go to Israel.

B'NAI B'RITH LEADER SCORES PLOT
TO BOMB SOVIET UN MISSION

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, May 25 (JTA)--The alleged plot by four reputed members of the Jewish Defense League to bomb the Long Island residence of the Soviet Union's UN Mission was condemned today as a "shocking development" by B'nai B'rith president David M. Blumberg. Addressing the annual convention of B'nai B'rith's Caribbean District, Blumberg said that the plot, "if true, exposes the deplorable, self-defeating tactics of those who advocate this kind of senseless violence."

"The outrage," he told 300 delegates, "is compounded by the fact that President Nixon is in Moscow at this very moment seeking to establish a basis for peaceful coexistence and to safeguard the human rights of Jews in the Soviet Union, as the administration has assured us he will do." Four persons were arrested Tuesday night in the Lido Beach, L.I. Jewish Center where authorities said the suspects were assembling two fragmentation bombs. All were charged with possession of explosives and conspiracy to bomb the Soviet residence. A JDL spokesman denied that the suspects, three students and one unemployed, were members of his group.

CHILEAN JEWS FEEL AT HOME

NEW YORK, May 25 (JTA)--Gil Sinay, chairman of the Representative Committee of the Jewish community in Chile, told a seminar of the American Jewish Committee this week that Chile's 35,000 Jews felt very much at home in that country but were keenly interested in the welfare of Israel and the fate of Jews everywhere. Sinay, a lawyer and professor of financial law at the University of Chile, and a native of that country, reported that most Chilean Jews were engaged in industry or the professions. Like their Christian counterparts, some left the country when the left-wing coalition of President Salvador Allende took over, fearing that a Marxist regime might affect them unfavorably.

Of the approximately 4000 Jews who did leave, Sinay said, about half went to Israel, and the rest to Argentina, the United States, Australia, Canada and Germany. However, when it became evident that Jews as Jews were not threatened by the Allende regime, he added, a number of them returned to Chile. "Community leaders have consistently held to an attitude of watchful alertness," Sinay said. "They have urged their fellow Jews, as good Chilean citizens, to take political changes in stride. Moreover, the fact that many Jews hold government posts lends stability to the Jewish community."

The community is handicapped, Sinay said, by the lack of a rabbi. Formerly there were three, but one left in late 1970, another early in 1971, and the third at the end of that year. One reason for Sinay's visit to the United States, he asserted, was to find a rabbi for Chile. The unease by Jews over the opening of an Arab League regional office abated because neither Dr. Allende nor the country as a whole was felt to be anti-Semitic.

BUSH CANCELS OUT OF TALK SHOW THAT WOULD HAVE INCLUDED KAHANE

Jewish Leaders Urged Him Not To
Give Credence To JDL Leader

NEW YORK, May 25 (JTA)--George Bush, United States ambassador to the United Nations, apologized to Dick Cavett today for canceling out of his ABC-TV talk show tonight after agreeing to appear with Rabbi Meir Kahane, chairman of the Jewish Defense League.

In a letter to Cavett, the former Congressman conceded that he had agreed to do the show but subsequently "did an in-depth check" with "certain responsible, highly respected leaders of national Jewish organizations" who convinced him that "any move by me that would have even the slightest appearance of giving recognition or credence to Kahane would damage the serious productive and legal efforts that they and thousands of their fellow Jews have been making to alleviate the suffering of their brothers (in the Soviet Union)."

Bush explained that while it had been his original intention to "forcefully" repudiate JDL policy in Rabbi Kahane's presence, he became convinced after speaking with the Jewish leaders that he did not want to "give any standing whatsoever to Mr. Kahane."

A Matter Of Deepest Conscience

This is a "matter of deepest conscience," Bush wrote, adding in a postscript that the arrests in Lido Beach, L.I. (Long Island), yesterday of four alleged JDLers for reputedly planning to blow up the Soviet estate at Glen Cove indicated "the kinds of activities that Kahane by his conduct condones" but that other Jewish leaders deem "outrageously irresponsible."

The envoy did not name the Jewish organizations whose leaders he consulted with, but they were understood to include the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith. As ambassador to the UN, Bush is considered a member of the President's Cabinet, thus his caution at according Rabbi Kahane "recognition or credence."

Bush appeared on the Cavett show several months ago after the US lost its effort to seat both mainland China and Taiwan in the United Nations General Assembly. During that segment Bush also condemned the alleged firing into the Soviet Mission by a rifleman linked to the JDL by the police. Rabbi Kahane held a news conference today to denounce the cancellation of his appearance on the Cavett show.

Peter H. Roussel, public affairs officer for the US Mission, added to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "We didn't feel the ambassador should give credence to the things Kahane does and says. He (Kahane) has chosen to take the violent route." Al Husted, Cavett's spokesman, told the JTA: "The show was bumped because it fell apart."

MRS. HAUSER PREDICTS SENATE RATIFICATION OF GENOCIDE TREATY THIS YEAR

NEW YORK, May 25 (JTA)--Rita E. Hauser, former US representative to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, predicted last night that the Senate, after 23 years of inaction, will ratify the UN Convention on the Elimination of Genocide this year. She said that a written bi-partisan appeal, calling for a Senate vote on the genocide treaty, would be presented to Democratic Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D.Montana) "in the next few days."

"I am confident that Sen. Mansfield will act on the appeal during the current session of Congress," Mrs. Hauser told the annual New York Metropolitan Assembly of the Zionist Organization of America. Mrs. Hauser, who currently serves as vice-chairman of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, said

that 53 Senators have signed the appeal, and that there are pledges of support from at least 10 others. She said that signers include Sen. J. William Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Presidential aspirants Hubert Humphrey, George McGovern and Edmund Muskie.

Noting that there is no sound legal basis for their refusing to vote for ratification, she pointed out that 75 other nations, including Britain, France and the Soviet Union, have already approved the treaty. "Our long delay in even considering the matter of genocide has been an ongoing embarrassment to the United States as a leader in the development of international law," Mrs. Hauser said. "Senate ratification will demonstrate that the United States has never contemplated active genocide in any shape or form, and that it never will." Mrs. Hauser added that the administration has proposed enabling legislation which would define genocide as a federal crime, and that it would push for prompt enactment of this legislation once the treaty is ratified.

DIASPORA JUDAISM WILL DISINTEGRATE UNLESS CHALLENGES ARE MET CREATIVELY

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., May 25 (JTA)--The "disorganization of Judaism on the diaspora scene" was envisioned by Max M. Goldberg, of Washington, D.C., president of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, unless there is "a greater religious involvement in this era of crisis by which we can meet the challenge in the areas of Jewish youth education, and synagogue participation."

The Jewish lay leader will make this statement in his presidential report to his organization's 43rd annual convention at the opening session of its five day convention beginning Sunday. Declaring that if these challenges are "not grasped, wrestled with and bested," the hope for the "fulfillment of the true Jewish prophecy" will fail.

Pledging his organization to work towards greater religious involvement, Goldberg said that he didn't want to be a prophet of doom but, "that without a true realization that we are Jews and a diligent effort to achieve these goals, we are living a life of pretense, and all noble purposes, no matter how articulately mouthed, are hyperbole."

As a hopeful sign, he pointed out that there is evidence that "many of our children want religious experience." He said that this is a mission "that cannot be ignored, even though budgets have skyrocketed and neighborhoods have changed to such an extent that the future of congregations that have cost millions to build are now faced with problems of survival." The National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs is a part of Conservative Judaism and is affiliated with the Jewish Theological Seminary and the United Synagogue.

Michael Brojde returned to his home in Copenhagen today from a hospital where he had been confined since May 16 following an eight-day hunger strike. He was reported to be in good health. Brojde had been striking to protest the Polish government's refusal to grant his father, Leopold Trepper, an exit visa for Israel. Trepper is the former chief of the Soviet spy network, the "Red Orchestra."

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The Executive decided today to send a communication to Nixon and also to all the other governments in the world to ask support for the demands of the Soviet Jews. The Executive also sent wishes for a speedy recovery to Raiza Palatnik who was reported to have suffered a heart attack. Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the American Zionist Federation, expressed the support of American Jewry for the strikers. The fast will

continue, strikers said, until Nixon ends his visit to the Soviet Union.

MRS. MEIR CALLS FOR MAXIMUM AID TO NEW IMMIGRANTS, DOMESTIC POOR

TEL AVIV, May 25 (JTA)--Premier Golda Meir asked Israelis last night to volunteer more, even at the cost of self-sacrifice, to help new immigrants and the resident poor. Addressing the 45th annual meeting of the B'nai B'rith in Israel, she criticized those who charge that immigration absorption is at the expense of the country's poor. Mrs. Meir said it was time the public asked the government to take all it can from the haves for the sake of the have-nots, "for the sake of all of us to provide our children with a healthy atmosphere to grow up in." The Premier insisted that the role of Israelis was to keep their country's doors open to newcomers and accept every new Jew with love.

WZO ESTABLISHES DEPARTMENTS TO DEAL WITH SEPHARDI COMMUNITIES, YOUTH

JERUSALEM, May 25 (JTA)--The World Zionist Executive has decided to establish a department for activating Sephardi and Oriental communities abroad in Zionist work and for coordinating the efforts to close the social gap in Israel.

The Executive also decided to establish a department to deal with the younger generation in Zionist federations abroad. Anxiety had been expressed by many Zionist leaders regarding the continuation of Zionist work once the present generation of leaders bow out. This department is to be headed by the Executive's chairman, Louis Pincus, and will coordinate its activities with the Department of Organization and Information. During the coming year it will conduct a survey to ascertain the scope of the problem.

The department for Sephardi communities will be headed by Executive member Andre Narboni who represents the Sephardis on the Executive. Its director will be Mordechai Mevorach. Its task will be to coordinate the work of all the national and public bodies engaged in the specific problems of Orientals and Sephardis - mainly dealing with the social gap in Israel. The department will also be in touch with Sephardi communities in the diaspora.

The treasurer of the Executive, Leon Dulzin said that two-thirds of the entire expenditure of the Jewish Agency - as distinct from that of the World Zionist Organization - is devoted to projects connected with the Oriental and Sephardi community.

HIJACK VICTIM LEAVES HOSPITAL

TEL AVIV, May 25 (JTA)--Wilfred Kardowski, the German Jew who was shot when disguised Israeli soldiers liberated a hijacked Belgian airliner here May 9, left Tel Hashomer Hospital today with a promise to doctors and nurses that he would throw a party Sunday for all the personnel in his ward. He also invited the "angels in white"--the paratroopers dressed as technicians who shot him accidentally in their sudden attack.

Two other injured passengers were released two weeks ago, but a third, Mrs. Miriam Holtzberg, 22, died of her wounds. Two of the four Arab hijackers were killed and two were injured. Kardowski said he would return to West Germany for a rest and then resume work in Israel in July on his film about the Nahal, the Israeli Army's agricultural-military unit.

CONFIRM ARRESTS OF TSYPIN, SLEPAK

LONDON, May 25 (JTA)--Confirmation of the arrests in Moscow of Jewish activist Leonid Tsypin, plus the arrest of Aleksander Slepak, were reported today by Jewish sources in the Russian capital, Slepak--whose father, Vladimir, was arrested earlier--and Tsypin were held after asking permission to demonstrate at the Kremlin Plaza. They bring to 10 the number of Jewish activists arrested in Moscow in recent days, apparently in conjunction with President Nixon's visit.

According to the report, Aleksander Slepak went to the KGB (secret police) yesterday to ask permission for a demonstration, but Col. Yaroslav Karpov, head of the Jewish section, turned him down. When Slepak asked for a written rejection, Karpov reportedly told him: "We are no bureaucrats." Slepak reportedly replied that he therefore considered that he had the right to demonstrate.

Karpov warned him he could be arrested and sentenced to three years' imprisonment for "anti-Soviet activity." Slepak left and called another Jew from a public telephone, after which he was arrested, the sources said. Tsypin, they said, was arrested at home while calling the same third Jew, who was not identified. Aleksander Slepak and Tsypin, both 21, were earlier called up for active Army service but were rejected for health reasons.

**WORLDWIDE PROTESTS INSTRUMENTAL
IN FREEING 11 JEWS IN SYRIA**

JERUSALEM, May 25 (JTA)--The release of 11 imprisoned Syrian Jews last week coincided with a rising tide of protests all over the world on behalf of Syria's 4500 strong Jewish community and demands for the release of four more Jewish prisoners, including Albert Elias, the kidnapped former head of the Jewish community in Beirut, Lebanon. Local members of the World Committee for Syrian Jews, which is headed by Alain Poyer, president of the French Senate, summarized the worldwide activities aimed at ending the persecution of Syrian Jews and the full restoration of their civil rights.

In London, the Minister of State for the Foreign Office, Joseph Godber, said in reply to a question in the House of Commons that his government was attentive to the plight of Syrian Jews. Some members of parliament joined members of the Board of Deputies of British Jews keeping an all night vigil outside of the Syrian Embassy.

The Syrian Embassy and the Syrian Airline office in Rome was picketed and thousands of handbills were distributed. A kiosk was set up in the Piazza Navone where passers-by were asked to sign a petition for Syrian Jews to be sent to President Hafez Assad in Damascus. Twelve newspapers carried articles on the plight of Syrian Jews and telegrams were sent to President Assad by the Italian League for Human Rights.

Petition, Cables Sent To Damascus

The Egyptian Embassy in Stockholm was picketed and the Göteborg newspaper, Göteborg Handels, published an article under the caption, "Even the Right To Cry Is Denied Syrian Jews." Amnesty International in Sweden and the Stockholm Committee for Jews in Arab Lands sent protest telegrams to Damascus. In Helsinki, well known Finnish personalities sent protests to Assad and to the United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

In Caracas, the chairman of the Parliamentary Foreign Relations Committee, who is president of the Venezuelan Committee for Syrian Jews, announced that his government has instructed its representatives to international organizations and its Ambassador in Damascus to act on behalf of Syrian Jews. The Arch-

bishop of Venezuela, Cardinal Kittinger, learned of the condition of Syrian Jews at a meeting with representatives of the Jewish community, according to the Catholic newspaper, La Religión.

In Montevideo, the Uruguayan Committee for Arab Jewry sent a protest cable to Assad. In Oslo, scores of Norwegians signed a petition to Assad urging the release of Jewish prisoners and permission for Syrian Jews to go to Israel.

**B'NAI B'RITH LEADER SCORES PLOT
TO BOMB SOVIET UN MISSION**

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, May 25 (JTA)--The alleged plot by four reputed members of the Jewish Defense League to bomb the Long Island residence of the Soviet Union's UN Mission was condemned today as a "shocking development" by B'nai B'rith president David M. Blumberg. Addressing the annual convention of B'nai B'rith's Caribbean District, Blumberg said that the plot, "if true, exposes the deplorable, self-defeating tactics of those who advocate this kind of senseless violence."

"The outrage," he told 300 delegates, "is compounded by the fact that President Nixon is in Moscow at this very moment seeking to establish a basis for peaceful coexistence and to safeguard the human rights of Jews in the Soviet Union, as the administration has assured us he will do." Four persons were arrested Tuesday night in the Lido Beach, L.I. Jewish Center where authorities said the suspects were assembling two fragmentation bombs. All were charged with possession of explosives and conspiracy to bomb the Soviet residence. A JDL spokesman denied that the suspects, three students and one unemployed, were members of his group.

CHILEAN JEWS FEEL AT HOME

NEW YORK, May 25 (JTA)--Gil Sinay, chairman of the Representative Committee of the Jewish community in Chile, told a seminar of the American Jewish Committee this week that Chile's 35,000 Jews felt very much at home in that country but were keenly interested in the welfare of Israel and the fate of Jews everywhere. Sinay, a lawyer and professor of financial law at the University of Chile, and a native of that country, reported that most Chilean Jews were engaged in industry or the professions. Like their Christian counterparts, some left the country when the left-wing coalition of President Salvador Allende took over, fearing that a Marxist regime might affect them unfavorably.

Of the approximately 4000 Jews who did leave, Sinay said, about half went to Israel, and the rest to Argentina, the United States, Australia, Canada and Germany. However, when it became evident that Jews as Jews were not threatened by the Allende regime, he added, a number of them returned to Chile. "Community leaders have consistently held to an attitude of watchful alertness," Sinay said. "They have urged their fellow Jews, as good Chilean citizens, to take political changes in stride. Moreover, the fact that many Jews hold government posts lends stability to the Jewish community."

The community is handicapped, Sinay said, by the lack of a rabbi. Formerly there were three, but one left in late 1970, another early in 1971, and the third at the end of that year. One reason for Sinay's visit to the United States, he asserted, was to find a rabbi for Chile. The unease by Jews over the opening of an Arab League regional office abated because neither Dr. Allende nor the country as a whole was felt to be anti-Semitic.

BUSH CANCELS OUT OF TALK SHOW THAT WOULD HAVE INCLUDED KAHANE

Jewish Leaders Urged Him Not To
Give Credence To JDL Leader

NEW YORK, May 25 (JTA)--George Bush, United States ambassador to the United Nations, apologized to Dick Cavett today for canceling out of his ABC-TV talk show tonight after agreeing to appear with Rabbi Meir Kahane, chairman of the Jewish Defense League.

In a letter to Cavett, the former Congressman conceded that he had agreed to do the show but subsequently "did an in-depth check" with "certain responsible, highly respected leaders of national Jewish organizations" who convinced him that "any move by me that would have even the slightest appearance of giving recognition or credence to Kahane would damage the serious productive and legal efforts that they and thousands of their fellow Jews have been making to alleviate the suffering of their brothers (in the Soviet Union)."

Bush explained that while it had been his original intention to "forcefully" repudiate JDL policy in Rabbi Kahane's presence, he became convinced after speaking with the Jewish leaders that he did not want to "give any standing whatsoever to Mr. Kahane."

A Matter Of Deepest Conscience

This is a "matter of deepest conscience," Bush wrote, adding in a postscript that the arrests in Lido Beach, L.I. (Long Island), yesterday of four alleged JDLers for reputedly planning to blow up the Soviet estate at Glen Cove indicated "the kinds of activities that Kahane by his conduct condones" but that other Jewish leaders deem "outrageously irresponsible."

The envoy did not name the Jewish organizations whose leaders he consulted with, but they were understood to include the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith. As ambassador to the UN, Bush is considered a member of the President's Cabinet, thus his caution at according Rabbi Kahane "recognition or credence."

Bush appeared on the Cavett show several months ago after the US lost its effort to seat both mainland China and Taiwan in the United Nations General Assembly. During that segment Bush also condemned the alleged firing into the Soviet Mission by a rifleman linked to the JDL by the police. Rabbi Kahane held a news conference today to denounce the cancellation of his appearance on the Cavett show.

Peter H. Roussel, public affairs officer for the US Mission, added to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "We didn't feel the ambassador should give credence to the things Kahane does and says. He (Kahane) has chosen to take the violent route." Al Husted, Cavett's spokesman, told the JTA: "The show was bumped because it fell apart."

MRS. HAUSER PREDICTS SENATE RATIFICATION OF GENOCIDE TREATY THIS YEAR

NEW YORK, May 25 (JTA)--Rita E. Hauser, former US representative to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, predicted last night that the Senate, after 23 years of inaction, will ratify the UN Convention on the Elimination of Genocide this year. She said that a written bi-partisan appeal, calling for a Senate vote on the genocide treaty, would be presented to Democratic Majority Leader Mike Mansfield (D.Montana) "in the next few days."

"I am confident that Sen. Mansfield will act on the appeal during the current session of Congress," Mrs. Hauser told the annual New York Metropolitan Assembly of the Zionist Organization of America. Mrs. Hauser, who currently serves as vice-chairman of the Committee for the Reelection of the President, said

that 53 Senators have signed the appeal, and that there are pledges of support from at least 10 others. She said that signers include Sen. J. William Fulbright, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Presidential aspirants Hubert Humphrey, George McGovern and Edmund Muskie.

Noting that there is no sound legal basis for their refusing to vote for ratification, she pointed out that 76 other nations, including Britain, France and the Soviet Union, have already approved the treaty. "Our long delay in even considering the matter of genocide has been an ongoing embarrassment to the United States as a leader in the development of international law," Mrs. Hauser said. "Senate ratification will demonstrate that the United States has never contemplated active genocide in any shape or form, and that it never will." Mrs. Hauser added that the administration has proposed enabling legislation which would define genocide as a federal crime, and that it would push for prompt enactment of this legislation once the treaty is ratified.

DIASPORA JUDAISM WILL DISINTEGRATE UNLESS CHALLENGES ARE MET CREATIVELY

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., May 25 (JTA)--The "disorganization of Judaism on the diaspora scene" was envisioned by Max M. Goldberg, of Washington, D.C., president of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, unless there is "a greater religious involvement in this era of crisis by which we can meet the challenge in the areas of Jewish youth education, and synagogue participation."

The Jewish lay leader will make this statement in his presidential report to his organization's 43rd annual convention at the opening session of its five day convention beginning Sunday. Declaring that if these challenges are "not grasped, wrestled with and bested," the hope for the "fulfillment of the true Jewish prophecy" will fail.

Pledging his organization to work towards greater religious involvement, Goldberg said that he didn't want to be a prophet of doom but, "that without a true realization that we are Jews and a diligent effort to achieve these goals, we are living a life of pretense, and all noble purposes, no matter how articulately mouthed, are hyperbole."

As a hopeful sign, he pointed out that there is evidence that "many of our children want religious experience." He said that this is a mission "that cannot be ignored, even though budgets have skyrocketed and neighborhoods have changed to such an extent that the future of congregations that have cost millions to build are now faced with problems of survival." The National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs is a part of Conservative Judaism and is affiliated with the Jewish Theological Seminary and the United Synagogue.

Michael Brojde returned to his home in Copenhagen today from a hospital where he had been confined since May 16 following an eight-day hunger strike. He was reported to be in good health. Brojde had been striking to protest the Polish government's refusal to grant his father, Leopold Trepper, an exit visa for Israel. Trepper is the former chief of the Soviet spy network, the "Red Orchestra."

Reminder: There will be no News Bulletin on Monday, May 29th, Memorial Day.