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TEL AVIV, July 10 (JTA)—An Arab terrorist who threw a hand grenade into a group of tourists in East Jerusalem last fall killing an Arab girl and injuring 13 persons, was sentenced to hang by a military tribunal in Lydda today. The sentence was one of the rare instances of capital punishment in Israel where it is outlawed except for a military tribunal with at least two jurists on the panel.

The court imposed the maximum penalty after the defendant, 21-year-old Shahed Hassan who lives near hebron, failed to show the slightest remorse for his crime. According to the charges, Hassan carried a grenade to Jerusalem for the purpose of causing as much bloodshed as possible. The prosecutor said he followed a group of tourists on their way to the Wailing Wail last Rosh Hashana eve and hurled the grenade into their midst as they walked through one of the narrow streets in the Old City. The girl killed was a passer-by

POLICE SEARCHING FOR GIRL DRAFT DODGER Claims She's Orthodox: Draft

Board Says She's Not

JERUSALEM, July 10 (JTA).—Police are searching for an IB-year-old Ashkelon girl, Datey Boch-ovza, who reportedly went "into hiding" to avoid military service after her local draft board rejected her claim that she was Orthodox and therefore exempt from service. Police searched her home early this morning without results.

The girl contended that both she and her family were Orthodox but the draft board claimed that she could not be considered Orthodox because she attended a secular school. A letter the girl wrote to Ashkenazic Chief Rabhi Isser Yehuda Unterman drew a reply reprimanding her for not having attended a religious school. But Unterman agreed that this was not sufficient grounds for denying her exemption from military service on religious grounds.

JUDY TALKS TO GAVRIEL AGAIN; TOLD HE WANTS HER AT TRIAL

NEW YORK, July 10 (JTA)--Gavriel Shapiro wants his wife July to come to Moscow for his forthcoming trial. That's what he told her today in a phone conversation conducted at a meeting of Il national Jewish women's groups working for his freedom. Shapiro, who is staying with friends in Moscow also reported that his trial is due to begin "very soon." He made the statement to Jacqueline Levine of West Orange, N. J., president of the American Jewish Congress' Women's Division and chairman of the Soviet Jewry Committee of the Leadership Conference of the National Jewish Women's Organization.

Speaking before leaders of the 11 groups representing more than 1,000,000 American women, Mrs. Shapiro said she had applied for a visa to the Soviet Embassy in Washington on June 29 and was

still awaiting their response.

The meeting was called here to outline a strategy for a women's campaign on behalf of Soviet Jewish prisoners and to seek statements of support from US government officials on behalf of Shapiro. Mrs. Levine urged the presidents of the Il groups to wire President Nixon and Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev demanding Shapiro's release. The women's mobilization for the Jewish prisoners of conscience is expected to take place in December, Mrs. Levine said.

NEW HUC WING TO RISE IN JERUSALEM SYMBOLIZES GROWING ACCEPTANCE OF RE-FORM JUDAISM IN ISRAEL, GOTTSCHALK SAYS

JERUSALEM, July 10 (JTA)—Jerusalemites will soon see another new building going up on one of this city's few remaining vacant lots. The lot will be the site of a new, multi-purpose wing of Hebrew Union College. When completed in three or four years, the wing will contain a public library with works in many languages relating to Jews and Judaism throughout the world, a special library for scholars and a world center for Progressive Judaism.

Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, president of HUC, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he sees in the new wing a symbol of the increasing acceptance by Israel of Reform Judaism, called Progressive Judaism here. Gottschalk called the government's 99-year lease of the lot to HUC "the greatest gesture of confidence a government can show an institution, en-

couraging it to grow and expand."

Things have not always been easy for the Progressive movement in Israel, Dr. Gottschalk said. He revealed that it took the late Dr. Nelson Glueck, former head of HUC, seven years to complete the school's present building, although two years should have been sufficient. Gottschalk said, "the delay was caused by the (Orthoox) National Religious Party, which blackmailed the contractors, and if Levi Eshkol, Ben-Gurion and Golda Meir and others in government and municipality circles had not fought on principle to help us, it would have been impossible to complete the building,"

In a country where the prevailing attitude toward religion is one of "all or nothing," Progressive Judaism has a difficult task convincing people that religion is open to re-interpretation, the Reform leader said. The movement does have a sizeable following in university and government circles, where there are many who have had exposure to the West.

Dr. Gottschalk also sees the Hausner Bill on civil marriage, currently under discussion in the Knesset, as a sign of "a greater disenchantment, if not outright resentment, towards the NRP on a grass-roots level." There is increasing interest in Progressive Judaism on the kibbutzim and "among the thinking members of the population who have an interest in Judaism beyond just nationality. This is a direct result of seeing what the movement has to say, especially since we have become more Zionist oriented. Now we are going to move into the Zionist organizations, where we are greatly at a disadvantage compared to the Orthodox, and make an impact there," Dr. Gottschalk said.

CONDITIONS WORSEN FOR POTMA PRISONERS, NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEARNS

NEW YORK, July 10 (JTA).—The National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported today that conditions at the Potma labor camp in Russia have worsened. Deprivation and harassment of Jewish prisoners have increased and the situation in the camp is at an all time low, the National Conference's sources reported.

The National Conference said it learned that Sylva Zalmanson Kuznetsov was discharged from a prison hospital at Potma before she was completely recovered from an illness. She is forced to work and still is not allowed to see her husband, Edvard Kuznetsov, who is a prisoner at the same camp.

According to the National Conference, Boris Einbender, a Moscow activist and Hebrew teacher, has been called to military duty. He is one of the 14 men called up to military duty in May. At that time a medical board confirmed that he has a duc-denal ulcer and exempted him from military service. Although Einbender's condition is unchanged,

the National Conference reported, he faces criminal prosecution if he does not report for duty. The same sources reported that Illya Belau who was arrested May 24 and sent to a mental hospital in Moscow, was released today.

JEWISH EDUCATION MAIN
TOPIC AT COJO PLENARY
JLC Representative Insists It
Deserves Widest Interpretation

GENEVA, July 10 (JTA)--Jewish education in the diaspora was still the major topic at the annual plenary meeting of the World Conference of Jewish Organizations (COJO) here Isatah Minkoff, representing the Jewish Labor Committee in the US and Prof. Arieh Tartakower, director of the World Jewish Congress' cultural department addressed themselves to the subject today after hearing Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive and COJO co-chairman, exhort the organization yesterday to take positive action to improve the quality of Jewish education abroad.

Minkoff said, "Of course we are in favor of COO tackling this urgent problem vigorously difficiently. But I have to state on behalf of my committee that Jewish education deserves the widest interpretation. We will not agree to a policy that stamps Jewish education with the stamp of one definite trend, whatever it is."

Prof. Tartakower, who is chairman of the World Hehrew Union (Brit Ivrit Olamit), stressed that knowledge of the Hehrew language was the primary instrument in any Jewish educational program. "No Jewish education will be effective unless it is based on Hehrew and aims to make the Jewish child bilingual," he said. "You cannot hand down Jewish values and assure Jewish continuity and secure an identity with Israel without a knowledge of Hehrew." Prof. Tartakower said.

TREPPER'S SON RETURNING TO ISRAEL; PLANS 3RD HUNGER STRIKE

COPENHAGEN, July 10 (JTA)—Edgar Brojde, the son of World War II master spy Leopold Trepper, is going back home to Israel this week, Trepper family sources said here yesterday. Brojde reportedly has stated that he intends to carry out another hunger strike on behalf of his father's fight for an exit visa from Polish authorities "if this is useful."

Trepper urged his family last week to cease their efforts on his behalf, saying that he alone would take the risks to obtain a visa. Trepper headed the "Red Orchestra," the Soviet espionage organization in Western Europe during World War II, He has been denied a visa by Polish authorities who claim that he still possesses classified information

Brojde has held two previous hunger strikes, one in Jerusalem and one in New York. He was in Copenhagen to visit his mother Elisabeth, who is recuperating from an illness,

CLERGY MISSION TO GREEK PATRIARCH'S FUNERAL CANCELLED

NEW YORK, July 10 (JTA).—Five American clergymen including a rabbi, named by President Nixon to represent the US at the funeral of the Greek Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras in Istanbul, cancelled their trip today when the Turkish government refused to issue a visa to the leader of the delegation, Archbishop lakovos, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in North and South America. Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of Interreligious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee was the Jewish member of the delegation.

JTA SPECIAL REPORT

AT DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION THEY CAN'T BELIEVE MANY JEWS ARE POOR By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

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MIAM BEACH, July 10 (JTA)—The articulate lady delegate from a large Eastern city to the Democratic Party convention couldn't believe it. "You seriously mean there are poor Jews," she said between mouthfuls of sirloin steak. "Tyre never seen

one. I always thought all Jews are rich,"
"If you want to see some poor Jews here in
Miami Beach all you have to do is visit the South
Beach section and you will find Jewish folks paying
for their groceries with food stamps just like poor
folks in New York or Boston or Washington," she
was informed.

The lady, who has a son with a teacher's degree, had described herself as a "militant" and a "radical" to help "poor people" and is working as a social worker although, she admitted, she does not

have a social worker's professional credentials.
"Try New York, too," it was suggested to her.

"I've lived in New York," she responded, a puzzled look coming over her face. "I didn't see any poor Jews there, either. You surprise me."

If this were the only case, it might be considered a political aberration. But a dozen delegates to the convention of the "People's Party" from half as many Eastern states were not aware of any serious poverty among Jews. But then, three out of four delegates to this convention have not been to a convention before and many of them have not been involved directly in political affairs.

Such ignorance and misconception of who makes up America's poor have been observed among others in political circles of both parties and even among those whose livelihood comes from administering publicity to the poor.

Thus New York Democratic Rep. Herman Badillo's report Friday that the Jewish poor are "the forgotten poor of New York" was most timely because it came on the ever of the Democratic convention and presumably would become a part of the general knowledge of the delegates. But Congressman Badillo's appeal to Mayor Lindsay, a presidential hopeful himself earlier in the year, to revamp New York City's anti-poverty program to take care of poor Jews, was unknown to the Eastern delegates questioned, including one from New York City itself. And the New York Times available here had published it in some detail.

The major importance of the Badillo report is that 300,000 Jewish poor in New York constitute the third largest group of poor in New York after Blacks and Puerto Ricans. Yet the demonstrations here Saturday for "poor people" that made such big headlines in Miami papers and on television did not give a clue about them and some other ethnics who feel poverty in exactly the same way.

At this time, of course, the delegates have only one thought and that is the oredentials committee's non-stop meeting beginning Monday night to determine what happens to those California votes for the candidates

Nevertheless, the lesson is clear. If a delegate from a major city with widespread social action programs has never known a poor Jew exists in all America then something is wrong with the spread of knowledge about who is poor in America.

The Health, Education and Welfare Department in fact is just getting around to understanding this. At least, some of its officials in Washington are beginning to wonder why some Jews who heretofore have been so unquestioningly supportive of welfare programs now worry about them. This is not to say

these Jewish supporters oppose the programs to help the poor but they are asking whether they are equitably conducted and fair play is invoked on all levels of administration.

The Democratic Party's platform is replete with demands on government for jobs, rights, social justice for all. But it appears many too few understand what "all" means.

NY CITY PREPARING SPECIAL ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAM FOR JEWS, JTA TOLD Expected To Start In Sept.

NEW YORK, July 10 (JTA)—A source at City Hall told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that a city-wide Jewish anti-poverty program utilizing government funds, was expected to get underway sometime in Sept. The source said that the program would have an initial funding of at least \$1 million but could not disclose the origin of the funds at this time.

According to the source, the program is the outgrowth of consultations between city officials and representatives of city-wide and local Jewish groups which have been going on for the past two months and are still in progress. He said the discussions were to determine how the local Jewish communities want the program to proceed,

The source said the government monies would be directed to the neighborhoods where Jewish propor reside through various local Jewish groups in those neighborhoods. The neighborhoods are within the city's 26 officially designated poverty areas but the program is designed to benefit poor Jews living outside those areas as well, he said. He said the tunds allocated to the program would be earmarked exclusively for the promotion of Jewish interests in the designated areas.

ADL SATISFIED WITH RESPONSES TO ITS QUERIES ON POTENTIAL DISCRIMINATION

NEW YORK, July 10 (JTA).—The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith expressed satisfaction today over responses received from the New York State Board of Regents and from Brooklyn College over policies that ADL considered as "potentially discriminatory."

The ADL had asked the Board of Regents to clarify a policy statement that called for "affirmative action" in admitting students and appointing faculty from minority groups. Calling the Board's statement "confusing," the League asked for a reassurance that "affirmative action" would not be interpreted to mean "preferential treatment or the imposition of quota systems."

Joseph W, McGovern, Chancellor of the Board, replied to Milton A, Seymour, chairman of the ADL's New York Board, that the true objective of the Affirmative Action Program was to foster a commitment to equal opportunity and that the Regents' policy "should not be interpreted to recommend or suggest preferential treatment or the imposition of quota systems,"

McGovern went on to say that "increasing body-count without regard to qualifications was never intended." He added that "the limited number of potential minority faculty would make a quota system extremely impracticable in our time."

In a parallel action, ADL protested a Brooklyn College data-gathering survey that included a question asking students to give their ethnic origin, religious preference and their parents' religious preference. The League saw the questions as a serious beach of the First Amendment of the Constitution. Seymour queried John W. Kneller, president of Brooklyn College, who replied that 'ethnic identification' questions would henceforth be dropped from the survey.



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the results of Assad's Moscow visit.

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TERRORIST SENTENCED TO HANG FOR JERUSALEM GRENADE KILLING

TEL AVIV, July 10 (JTA)—An Arab terrorist who threw a hand grenade into a group of tourists in East Jerusalem last fall killing an Arab girl and injuring 13 persons, was sentenced to hang by a military tribunal in Lydda today. The sentence was one of the rare instances of capital punishment in Israel where it is outlawed except for a military tribunal with at least two jurists on the panel.

The court imposed the maximum penalty after the defendant, 21-year-old Shahed Hassan who lives near hebron, failed to show the slightest remorse for his crime. According to the charges, Hassan carried a grenade to Jerusalem for the purpose of causing as much bloodshed as possible. The prosecutor said he followed a group of tourists on their way to the Wailing Wail last Rosh Hashana eve and hurled the grenade into their midst as they walked through one of the narrow streets in the Old City. The girl killed was a passer-by

POLICE SEARCHING FOR GIRL DRAFT DODGER Claims She's Orthodox: Draft

Board Says She's Not

JERUSALEM, July 10 (JTA).—Police are searching for an IB-year-old Ashkelon girl, Datey Boch-ovza, who reportedly went "into hiding" to avoid military service after her local draft board rejected her claim that she was Orthodox and therefore exempt from service. Police searched her home early this morning without results.

The girl contended that both she and her family were Orthodox but the draft board claimed that she could not be considered Orthodox because she attended a secular school. A letter the girl wrote to Ashkenazic Chief Rabhi Isser Yehuda Unterman drew a reply reprimanding her for not having attended a religious school. But Unterman agreed that this was not sufficient grounds for denying her exemption from military service on religious grounds.

JUDY TALKS TO GAVRIEL AGAIN; TOLD HE WANTS HER AT TRIAL

NEW YORK, July 10 (JTA)--Gavriel Shapiro wants his wife July to come to Moscow for his forthcoming trial. That's what he told her today in a phone conversation conducted at a meeting of Il national Jewish women's groups working for his freedom. Shapiro, who is staying with friends in Moscow also reported that his trial is due to begin "very soon." He made the statement to Jacqueline Levine of West Orange, N. J., president of the American Jewish Congress' Women's Division and chairman of the Soviet Jewry Committee of the Leadership Conference of the National Jewish Women's Organization.

Speaking before leaders of the 11 groups representing more than 1,000,000 American women, Mrs. Shapiro said she had applied for a visa to the Soviet Embassy in Washington on June 29 and was

still awaiting their response.

The meeting was called here to outline a strategy for a women's campaign on behalf of Soviet Jewish prisoners and to seek statements of support from US government officials on behalf of Shapiro. Mrs. Levine urged the presidents of the Il groups to wire President Nixon and Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev demanding Shapiro's release. The women's mobilization for the Jewish prisoners of conscience is expected to take place in December, Mrs. Levine said.

NEW HUC WING TO RISE IN JERUSALEM SYMBOLIZES GROWING ACCEPTANCE OF RE-FORM JUDAISM IN ISRAEL, GOTTSCHALK SAYS

JERUSALEM, July 10 (JTA)—Jerusalemites will soon see another new building going up on one of this city's few remaining vacant lots. The lot will be the site of a new, multi-purpose wing of Hebrew Union College. When completed in three or four years, the wing will contain a public library with works in many languages relating to Jews and Judaism throughout the world, a special library for scholars and a world center for Progressive Judaism.

Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, president of HUC, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he sees in the new wing a symbol of the increasing acceptance by Israel of Reform Judaism, called Progressive Judaism here. Gottschalk called the government's 99-year lease of the lot to HUC "the greatest gesture of confidence a government can show an institution, en-

couraging it to grow and expand."

Things have not always been easy for the Progressive movement in Israel, Dr. Gottschalk said. He revealed that it took the late Dr. Nelson Glueck, former head of HUC, seven years to complete the school's present building, although two years should have been sufficient. Gottschalk said, "the delay was caused by the (Orthoox) National Religious Party, which blackmailed the contractors, and if Levi Eshkol, Ben-Gurion and Golda Meir and others in government and municipality circles had not fought on principle to help us, it would have been impossible to complete the building,"

In a country where the prevailing attitude toward religion is one of "all or nothing," Progressive Judaism has a difficult task convincing people that religion is open to re-interpretation, the Reform leader said. The movement does have a sizeable following in university and government circles, where there are many who have had exposure to the West.

Dr. Gottschalk also sees the Hausner Bill on civil marriage, currently under discussion in the Knesset, as a sign of "a greater disenchantment, if not outright resentment, towards the NRP on a grass-roots level." There is increasing interest in Progressive Judaism on the kibbutzim and "among the thinking members of the population who have an interest in Judaism beyond just nationality. This is a direct result of seeing what the movement has to say, especially since we have become more Zionist oriented. Now we are going to move into the Zionist organizations, where we are greatly at a disadvantage compared to the Orthodox, and make an impact there," Dr. Gottschalk said.

CONDITIONS WORSEN FOR POTMA PRISONERS, NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEARNS

NEW YORK, July 10 (JTA).—The National Conference on Soviet Jewry reported today that conditions at the Potma labor camp in Russia have worsened. Deprivation and harassment of Jewish prisoners have increased and the situation in the camp is at an all time low, the National Conference's sources reported.

The National Conference said it learned that Sylva Zalmanson Kuznetsov was discharged from a prison hospital at Potma before she was completely recovered from an illness. She is forced to work and still is not allowed to see her husband, Edvard Kuznetsov, who is a prisoner at the same camp.

According to the National Conference, Boris Einbender, a Moscow activist and Hebrew teacher, has been called to military duty. He is one of the 14 men called up to military duty in May. At that time a medical board confirmed that he has a duc-denal ulcer and exempted him from military service. Although Einbender's condition is unchanged,

the National Conference reported, he faces criminal prosecution if he does not report for duty. The same sources reported that Illya Belau who was arrested May 24 and sent to a mental hospital in Moscow, was released today.

JEWISH EDUCATION MAIN
TOPIC AT COJO PLENARY
JLC Representative Insists It
Deserves Widest Interpretation

GENEVA, July 10 (JTA)--Jewish education in the diaspora was still the major topic at the annual plenary meeting of the World Conference of Jewish Organizations (COJO) here Isatah Minkoff, representing the Jewish Labor Committee in the US and Prof. Arieh Tartakower, director of the World Jewish Congress' cultural department addressed themselves to the subject today after hearing Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the World Zionist Organization Executive and COJO co-chairman, exhort the organization yesterday to take positive action to improve the quality of Jewish education abroad.

Minkoff said, "Of course we are in favor of COO tackling this urgent problem vigorously difficiently. But I have to state on behalf of my committee that Jewish education deserves the widest interpretation. We will not agree to a policy that stamps Jewish education with the stamp of one definite trend, whatever it is."

Prof. Tartakower, who is chairman of the World Hehrew Union (Brit Ivrit Olamit), stressed that knowledge of the Hehrew language was the primary instrument in any Jewish educational program. "No Jewish education will be effective unless it is based on Hehrew and aims to make the Jewish child bilingual," he said. "You cannot hand down Jewish values and assure Jewish continuity and secure an identity with Israel without a knowledge of Hehrew." Prof. Tartakower said.

TREPPER'S SON RETURNING TO ISRAEL; PLANS 3RD HUNGER STRIKE

COPENHAGEN, July 10 (JTA)—Edgar Brojde, the son of World War II master spy Leopold Trepper, is going back home to Israel this week, Trepper family sources said here yesterday. Brojde reportedly has stated that he intends to carry out another hunger strike on behalf of his father's fight for an exit visa from Polish authorities "if this is useful."

Trepper urged his family last week to cease their efforts on his behalf, saying that he alone would take the risks to obtain a visa. Trepper headed the "Red Orchestra," the Soviet espionage organization in Western Europe during World War II, He has been denied a visa by Polish authorities who claim that he still possesses classified information

Brojde has held two previous hunger strikes, one in Jerusalem and one in New York. He was in Copenhagen to visit his mother Elisabeth, who is recuperating from an illness,

CLERGY MISSION TO GREEK PATRIARCH'S FUNERAL CANCELLED

NEW YORK, July 10 (JTA).—Five American clergymen including a rabbi, named by President Nixon to represent the US at the funeral of the Greek Orthodox Patriarch Athenagoras in Istanbul, cancelled their trip today when the Turkish government refused to issue a visa to the leader of the delegation, Archbishop lakovos, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Church in North and South America. Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of Interreligious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee was the Jewish member of the delegation.

JTA SPECIAL REPORT

AT DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION THEY CAN'T BELIEVE MANY JEWS ARE POOR By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

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MIAM BEACH, July 10 (JTA)—The articulate lady delegate from a large Eastern city to the Democratic Party convention couldn't believe it. "You seriously mean there are poor Jews," she said between mouthfuls of sirloin steak. "Tyre never seen

one. I always thought all Jews are rich,"
"If you want to see some poor Jews here in
Miami Beach all you have to do is visit the South
Beach section and you will find Jewish folks paying
for their groceries with food stamps just like poor
folks in New York or Boston or Washington," she
was informed.

The lady, who has a son with a teacher's degree, had described herself as a "militant" and a "radical" to help "poor people" and is working as a social worker although, she admitted, she does not

have a social worker's professional credentials.
"Try New York, too," it was suggested to her.

"I've lived in New York," she responded, a puzzled look coming over her face. "I didn't see any poor Jews there, either. You surprise me."

If this were the only case, it might be considered a political aberration. But a dozen delegates to the convention of the "People's Party" from half as many Eastern states were not aware of any serious poverty among Jews. But then, three out of four delegates to this convention have not been to a convention before and many of them have not been involved directly in political affairs.

Such ignorance and misconception of who makes up America's poor have been observed among others in political circles of both parties and even among those whose livelihood comes from administering publicity to the poor.

Thus New York Democratic Rep. Herman Badillo's report Friday that the Jewish poor are "the forgotten poor of New York" was most timely because it came on the ever of the Democratic convention and presumably would become a part of the general knowledge of the delegates. But Congressman Badillo's appeal to Mayor Lindsay, a presidential hopeful himself earlier in the year, to revamp New York City's anti-poverty program to take care of poor Jews, was unknown to the Eastern delegates questioned, including one from New York City itself. And the New York Times available here had published it in some detail.

The major importance of the Badillo report is that 300,000 Jewish poor in New York constitute the third largest group of poor in New York after Blacks and Puerto Ricans. Yet the demonstrations here Saturday for "poor people" that made such big headlines in Miami papers and on television did not give a clue about them and some other ethnics who feel poverty in exactly the same way.

At this time, of course, the delegates have only one thought and that is the oredentials committee's non-stop meeting beginning Monday night to determine what happens to those California votes for the candidates

Nevertheless, the lesson is clear. If a delegate from a major city with widespread social action programs has never known a poor Jew exists in all America then something is wrong with the spread of knowledge about who is poor in America.

The Health, Education and Welfare Department in fact is just getting around to understanding this. At least, some of its officials in Washington are beginning to wonder why some Jews who heretofore have been so unquestioningly supportive of welfare programs now worry about them. This is not to say

these Jewish supporters oppose the programs to help the poor but they are asking whether they are equitably conducted and fair play is invoked on all levels of administration.

The Democratic Party's platform is replete with demands on government for jobs, rights, social justice for all. But it appears many too few understand what "all" means.

NY CITY PREPARING SPECIAL ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAM FOR JEWS, JTA TOLD Expected To Start In Sept.

NEW YORK, July 10 (JTA)—A source at City Hall told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that a city-wide Jewish anti-poverty program utilizing government funds, was expected to get underway sometime in Sept. The source said that the program would have an initial funding of at least \$1 million but could not disclose the origin of the funds at this time.

According to the source, the program is the outgrowth of consultations between city officials and representatives of city-wide and local Jewish groups which have been going on for the past two months and are still in progress. He said the discussions were to determine how the local Jewish communities want the program to proceed,

The source said the government monies would be directed to the neighborhoods where Jewish propor reside through various local Jewish groups in those neighborhoods. The neighborhoods are within the city's 26 officially designated poverty areas but the program is designed to benefit poor Jews living outside those areas as well, he said. He said the tunds allocated to the program would be earmarked exclusively for the promotion of Jewish interests in the designated areas.

ADL SATISFIED WITH RESPONSES TO ITS QUERIES ON POTENTIAL DISCRIMINATION

NEW YORK, July 10 (JTA).—The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith expressed satisfaction today over responses received from the New York State Board of Regents and from Brooklyn College over policies that ADL considered as "potentially discriminatory."

The ADL had asked the Board of Regents to clarify a policy statement that called for "affirmative action" in admitting students and appointing faculty from minority groups. Calling the Board's statement "confusing," the League asked for a reassurance that "affirmative action" would not be interpreted to mean "preferential treatment or the imposition of quota systems."

Joseph W, McGovern, Chancellor of the Board, replied to Milton A, Seymour, chairman of the ADL's New York Board, that the true objective of the Affirmative Action Program was to foster a commitment to equal opportunity and that the Regents' policy "should not be interpreted to recommend or suggest preferential treatment or the imposition of quota systems,"

McGovern went on to say that "increasing body-count without regard to qualifications was never intended." He added that "the limited number of potential minority faculty would make a quota system extremely impracticable in our time."

In a parallel action, ADL protested a Brooklyn College data-gathering survey that included a question asking students to give their ethnic origin, religious preference and their parents' religious preference. The League saw the questions as a serious beach of the First Amendment of the Constitution. Seymour queried John W. Kneller, president of Brooklyn College, who replied that 'ethnic identification' questions would henceforth be dropped from the survey.