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TEL AVIV, Dec. 6 (JTA)--Absorption Minister Nathan Peled said last night that the government was doing all it could to speed up the construction of housing for new immigrants. Speaking at a Chanuka party for new olim at Holon, near Tel Aviv, he said a total of 5000 immigrants were expected during the month of Dec., and estimated that the total number of immigrants arriving in Israel during 1972 at 57,000, an increase of 41 percent over last year.

But the housing shortage is creating severe problems. Increasing numbers of new arrivals have to be housed temporarily with relatives or accommodated in hotels. About 40 immigrants who arrived at Lod Airport last night refused to accept housing sites offered them and were still at the airport terminal this morning, apparently with no place to go. The newcomers were offered housing at Dimona, a Negev town south of Beer-sheba, or at Kiryat Shemona, a village near the Lebanese border. They insisted on being settled closer to Israel's main population centers.

#### DRAFT RESOLUTIONS DEMAND ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM TERRITORIES

China; USSR, Accuse Each Other Of Helping Israel, Harming Arabs

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 6 (JTA)--Two draft resolutions introduced yesterday afternoon call for prompt and total Israeli withdrawal from, and nullification of Israeli practices in, the administered Arab territories. An 18-nation draft in the General Assembly proposes "the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Israel from the Arab territories occupied since 5 June 1967"; nullification of Israel's "changes" in the territories; denial of outside aid to "sustain its occupation"; recognition of "the rights of the Palestinians." The sponsors, largely African, include Chad, Pakistan, Senegal, Somalia, Uganda and Yugoslavia.

Three of the 18--Mali, Mauritania and Pakistan--introduced in the Special Political Committee a proposal to extend the mandate of the Committee of Three--Somalia, Sri Lanka and Yugoslavia--which investigates Israeli practices, "pending the early termination of Israeli occupation." The Assembly is asked to reaffirm that Israeli measures to "settle the occupied territories, including occupied Jerusalem," are "null and void."

In the Assembly's continuing debate on the Middle East, Ambassador Huang Hua of China yesterday accused the United States and the Soviet Union of conspiring to allow "tiny Israel" to "play the bully and run amok." The USSR, he charged, is using the Arabs and the refugees as political pawns in an attempt to attain "the old Czar's long-cherished ambition for the control of the Mediterranean...and the establishment of hegemony in the Middle East."

There must be complete Israeli withdrawal, Huang said, and a settlement decided by the parties alone. The Chinese again backed the "just struggle" of the Palestinians and accused Israel of exploiting the Munich massacre to cover up for its own "massacre" of innocent Syrians and Lebanese.

Ambassador Yakov A. Malik of the USSR accused the U.S. of encouraging Israel's "military mania" and charged China with anti-Soviet "slander and hostile fiction" and of "stubborn refusal" to make Big Power efforts to implement

the Jarring mission. In effect, Malik alleged, China was selling out the Arabs and helping the Israelis. Malik called for effective action against Israeli "aggression" and noted that there was United Nations authority for sanctions against and economic boycotting and expulsion of member States for cause.

#### JDC ADOPTS \$27,878,000 FOR 1973; HIGHEST IN 10 YEARS, GINSBERG SAYS

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (JTA)--A budget of \$27,878,000 was adopted for 1973 by the Joint Distribution Committee at its 58th annual meeting here today. In presenting the budget Edward Ginsberg, JDC chairman, said that it was the highest in 10 years. Although JDC is not directly involved in the immigration of Russian Jews to Israel, it has had to increase its budget expenditures for related programs, Ginsberg said. Several hundred of the newcomers have already been referred to Malben, the JDC program in Israel, for various services.

As a result of the increased needs in Israel and in Eastern Europe, Ginsberg said, the JDC has had to increase its expenditures for 1972 by \$2.5 million over the \$24 million it had budgeted at the beginning of the year. "With still more tens of thousands of Jews on the move in 1973, with political unrest placing Jews in jeopardy in North Africa and South America, with inflation and economic reverses deepening the pockets of Jewish poverty in Europe and North Africa and with health and welfare needs growing in Israel, JDC has been hard put to keep the budget at its present level," Ginsberg said.

He called for full support of the 1973 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal which provides the bulk of the funds for JDC's worldwide programs. Over 400 Jewish community leaders from the United States and Canada who attended the meeting at the New York Hilton Hotel, re-elected Ginsberg, a Cleveland attorney, chairman for a second term. Jack D. Weller of New York was re-elected chairman of the National Council and also vice-chairman of the JDC.

#### JDC Aided 387,000 Jews In 1972

Reporting on JDC programs for 1972, Samuel L. Haber executive vice-chairman, disclosed that 387,000 Jews in 25 countries "benefited from one or more of the rescue, relief and rehabilitation services supported by the JDC." For the first time, Haber said, JDC has been asked for financial assistance from the Jewish communities of Argentina and Chile.

In Argentina, which has a Jewish population of 500,000, the political unrest and the general economic deterioration have caused great distress among the Jews, Haber noted. To add to their woes, the loss of income from the community's financially troubled cooperatives threatened the continued existence of the Jewish community schools. JDC has provided financial aid to keep the schools open, he added. In Chile, the Jewish community of 35,000 has been disturbed by the political situation and a serious loss of income from former contributors who have left the country. JDC has given assistance to two homes for the aged and a children's home which were endangered by the lack of funds, Haber said.

Reporting on the needs for 1973, Louis D. Horwitz, Director-General, said that about 390,000 Jews, mostly in the Middle East and Europe, would look to the JDC for one or more of its broad range of health, welfare and rehabilitation and educational assistance programs.

Other reports noted that 35,000 persons had benefited from JDC/Malben services in Israel in 1972 and 70,000 were aided in cultural and religious programs and the JDC-subsidized ORT vocational train-

ing program; JDC-financed programs were helping 18,000 of the 100,000 Jews in Rumania; two attempts on King Hassan's life in a little over a year had caused great anxiety among the 32,000 Jews in Morocco but very little increase in the movement of Jews out of that country; and programs in Iran were aiding close to 20,000 of the country's Jewish population of 75,000.

Isaac Stern the noted American violinist, was the honored guest at the luncheon session.

#### TWO JEWISH GROUPS PROTEST INVITATION BY CHURCH GROUP TO BLACK MILITANT

DALLAS, Dec. 6 (JTA)--Two national Jewish agencies have registered strong protests with the National Council of Churches for inviting Imanu Amiri Baraka, the Black militant playwright, formerly known as Leroy Jones, to address the opening session of the Council's triennial general assembly. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, which had been invited to send observers, declined because of what it termed Baraka's "violently anti-Semitic writings."

The American Jewish Committee, which sent two observers though it agreed with the ADL's charge, maintained, however, that it would not be deterred by Baraka's presence from sending observers who had important business to attend to at the Council of general American and specifically Jewish interest.

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of the AJCommittee's Interreligious Affairs department said "the invitation to Baraka was extended by the Protestant leadership and they bear obviously the full responsibility for that action and for its consequences in inter-group relations." Noting that the NCC represents about 33 main-line Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches, Rabbi Tanenbaum said, "For a church group of this prestige to provide a platform to this preacher of hatred and violent revolution is in effect to legitimize him, and to suggest endorsement of the anti-human views which he propagates."

Benjamin Epstein, national director of the ADL, said he had written to the Council's general secretary citing instances of Baraka's anti-Semitic writings but was told in reply that Baraka had already accepted the invitation to speak and that his talk was to focus on third world relations, not the domestic scene. Baraka's talk, however, was mainly a condemnation of the United States as a "major primitive obstruction in the path of progress" and an exhortation to the church to become "revolutionary." He told a press conference here that his writings could be construed as anti-Semitic only if taken out of context.

A dispute has developed between Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and Transport Minister Shimon Peres over plans to build a Tel Aviv subway to relieve the mammoth traffic jams in Israel's largest city. Peres considers a subway an urgent necessity, but Sapir insists that the country's financial situation does not permit spending the hundreds of millions of pounds an underground railway system would cost. Sapir has objected specifically to budgeting IL 10 million for the preliminary study asked by Peres.

The first road build specifically to connect villages on either side of the Green Line, the cease-fire lines established after the Six-Day War, has been completed. The eight kilometer road links Kfar Kassem on the Israeli side of the line with Masha village in the Samaria district of the West Bank. It was built in three-and-a-half months at a cost of IL 500,000.

NEO-NAZI GROUP SURFACES

MILWAUKEE, Wisc., Dec. 6 (JTA)--A neo-Nazi group, the National Socialist White People's Party, has surfaced in this city in recent months, according to a report by David M. Iushewitz, staff writer of the Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle. Racist fliers adorned with swastikas and filled with incendiary terms such as kike, nigger and Black pigs, have been placed in mailboxes in apartments houses, stuck under windshield wipers and slipped under doors.

A typical leaflet, reproduced in the Chronicle, has a headline reading, "Race-Mixing Stinks...." The body of the leaflet states, in part: "The sick, depraved Jews who monopolize the motion-picture industry can hardly wait to turn America into a mongrel cesspool. They are busy grinding out one obscene movie after another with race-mixing as the principal theme.... All over America countless Jewish-owned theaters are showing movies depicting lewd relationships between Blacks and whites.... If you're tired of seeing a bunch of rich Jews fatten their bankrolls on the proceeds of legalized pornography racket... then contact us."

The leaflets give the address of the party's national headquarters in Arlington, Virginia, and the party itself is the successor of the American Nazi Party that was led by Lincoln Rockwell before he was killed in August 1967 by a disgruntled follower.

Iushewitz writes that Saul Serrin, executive director of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith, acknowledged that a significant number of Jews in north suburban areas have been the recipients of these strident and vicious flyers. Some of the people, Serrin was quoted as saying, view the leaflets "as nutty things, but some people see them as a serious event--something which is a throwback to a time when men with a like philosophy murdered one-third of the Jewish population."

An investigation by local police has identified the leader of the neo-Nazi group as a college-age youth who was involved in similar incidents when he attended the local high school, but as yet, have failed to locate him, Iushewitz reported. Serrin, he related, theorized that since the group's activities have centered in neighborhoods that are predominantly Jewish, their acts are apparently aimed more at terrorizing individuals than at recruiting followers.

RABBINICAL ALLIANCE RAPS TV SHOW

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (JTA)--The Rabbinical Alliance of America called today upon the management of WCBS-TV to discontinue the "Bridget Loves Bernie" program. The half-hour Saturday night comedy is about an intermarried Jewish-Catholic young couple and their parents. The RAA stated that this television series "is a flagrant insult and act of disrespect to Orthodox Judaism and to all Orthodox Jews, as well as an affront to most non-Orthodox Jews."

The RAA, which also called upon the sponsors of the program to withdraw, noted that "religion is not a joke or a nonsensical anachronism" and that "we cannot accept with equanimity this series' encouragement of the spiritual genocide of American Jewry through intermarriage." The stand by the RAA was endorsed by Nash Kestenbaum, president of the National Council of Young Israel. Other Jewish organizations and religious groups have also condemned the television series as an affront to the Jewish view on intermarriage.

INSTITUTE ON JEWISH COMMUNITIES TO BE ESTABLISHED BY AJ COMMITTEE

HOLLYWOOD, Fla., Dec. 6 (JTA)--A new institute devoted to the study and reporting of Jewish communities around the world will soon begin operation under the aegis of the American Jewish Committee. The announcement was made by Bertram H. Gold, executive vice-president, at the closing session of the annual meeting of the top policy-making National Executive Council. The Morris and Adele Bergreen Institute for Foreign Studies and Publications will conduct a program of research, publications, and seminars, and serve as a gathering point where scholars and professionals can work together to establish a long-range planning center in world Jewish affairs, Gold said.

The institute has been established under a grant from Mr. and Mrs. Bergreen, New York corporate attorneys actively involved in leadership of the AJ Committee for many years. Bergreen is currently national treasurer and chairman of the National Foreign Affairs Commission. Mrs. Bergreen is a member of the New York and Westchester Women's Campaign Boards of AJC. The first project of the Bergreen Institute, which will be administered by the Committee's Foreign Affairs Department, under the direction of Dr. Seymour P. Lachman, will be the publication of a new quarterly magazine dealing with Jewish interests abroad, Gold stated. The first issue of the magazine, to be called "Present Tense," is expected in late 1973.

The Bergreen Institute plans to initiate socioeconomic studies of the Jewish communities in Mexico, Central America, and South America, Gold continued. These studies are intended to provide direction to the work of the AJ Committee in the Latin American countries, where the organization maintains offices in Mexico City, Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro.

Bergreen explained the reason for establishing the institute is that "even today, 27 years after the Second World War, there is a lack of systematic and cohesive study of world Jewry that could develop programs of thought and action. The need for such an institute is imperative, particularly in view of the continuing threat to Israel, the difficulties of assessing accurately the mood of great and small power politics, and the desire to preserve Jewish identity in the diaspora."

FIRST JEWISH EDUCATION CONCLAVE DUE

MONTREAL, Dec. 6 (JTA)--Professional educators and laymen involved in Jewish education from communities all over Canada will participate in the first National Conference on Jewish Education to be held at the Zionist Center in Toronto Dec. 10-11. The Conference was convened jointly by the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canadian Zionist Federation and the Canadian Committee of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds "to come to grips with the substantive problems of Jewish education."

A statement issued by the organizing committee of the Conference said the main topics on the agenda are national standards, teacher training and recruitment, curriculum, parental attitudes and funding.





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TEL AVIV, Dec. 6 (JTA)--Absorption Minister Natan Peled said last night that the government was doing all it could to speed up the construction of housing for new immigrants. Speaking at a Chanuka party for new olim at Holon, near Tel Aviv, he said a total of 5000 immigrants were expected during the month of Dec., and estimated that the total number of immigrants arriving in Israel during 1972 at 57,000, an increase of 41 percent over last year.

But the housing shortage is creating severe problems. Increasing numbers of new arrivals have to be housed temporarily with relatives or accommodated in hotels. About 40 immigrants who arrived at Lod Airport last night refused to accept housing sites offered them and were still at the airport terminal this morning, apparently with no place to go. The newcomers were offered housing at Dimona, a Negev town south of Beer-sheba, or at Kiryat Shemona, a village near the Lebanese border. They insisted on being settled closer to Israel's main population centers.

#### DRAFT RESOLUTIONS DEMAND ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM TERRITORIES

China; USSR, Accuse Each Other Of Helping Israel, Harming Arabs

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 6 (JTA)--Two draft resolutions introduced yesterday afternoon call for prompt and total Israeli withdrawal from, and nullification of Israeli practices in, the administered Arab territories. An 18-nation draft in the General Assembly proposes "the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of Israel from the Arab territories occupied since 5 June 1967"; nullification of Israel's "changes" in the territories; denial of outside aid to "sustain its occupation"; recognition of "the rights of the Palestinians." The sponsors, largely African, include Chad, Pakistan, Senegal, Somalia, Uganda and Yugoslavia.

Three of the 18--Mali, Mauritania and Pakistan--introduced in the Special Political Committee a proposal to extend the mandate of the Committee of Three--Somalia, Sri Lanka and Yugoslavia--which investigates Israeli practices, "pending the early termination of Israeli occupation." The Assembly is asked to reaffirm that Israeli measures to "settle the occupied territories, including occupied Jerusalem," are "null and void."

In the Assembly's continuing debate on the Middle East, Ambassador Huang Hua of China yesterday accused the United States and the Soviet Union of conspiring to allow "tiny Israel" to "play the bully and run amok." The USSR, he charged, is using the Arabs and the refugees as political pawns in an attempt to attain "the old Czar's long-cherished ambition for the control of the Mediterranean...and the establishment of hegemony in the Middle East."

There must be complete Israeli withdrawal, Huang said, and a settlement decided by the parties alone. The Chinese again backed the "just struggle" of the Palestinians and accused Israel of exploiting the Munich massacre to cover up for its own "massacre" of innocent Syrians and Lebanese.

Ambassador Yakov A. Malik of the USSR accused the U.S. of encouraging Israel's "military mania" and charged China with anti-Soviet "slander and hostile fiction" and of "stubborn refusal" to make Big Power efforts to implement

the Jarring mission. In effect, Malik alleged, China was selling out the Arabs and helping the Israelis. Malik called for effective action against Israeli "aggression" and noted that there was United Nations authority for sanctions against and economic boycotting and expulsion of member States for cause.

#### JDC ADOPTS \$27,878,000 FOR 1973; HIGHEST IN 10 YEARS, GINSBERG SAYS

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (JTA)--A budget of \$27,878,000 was adopted for 1973 by the Joint Distribution Committee at its 58th annual meeting here today. In presenting the budget Edward Ginsberg, JDC chairman, said that it was the highest in 10 years. Although JDC is not directly involved in the immigration of Russian Jews to Israel, it has had to increase its budget expenditures for related programs, Ginsberg said. Several hundred of the newcomers have already been referred to Malben, the JDC program in Israel, for various services.

As a result of the increased needs in Israel and in Eastern Europe, Ginsberg said, the JDC has had to increase its expenditures for 1972 by \$2.5 million over the \$24 million it had budgeted at the beginning of the year. "With still more tens of thousands of Jews on the move in 1973, with political unrest placing Jews in jeopardy in North Africa and South America, with inflation and economic reverses deepening the pockets of Jewish poverty in Europe and North Africa and with health and welfare needs growing in Israel, JDC has been hard put to keep the budget at its present level," Ginsberg said.

He called for full support of the 1973 campaign of the United Jewish Appeal which provides the bulk of the funds for JDC's worldwide programs. Over 400 Jewish community leaders from the United States and Canada who attended the meeting at the New York Hilton Hotel, re-elected Ginsberg, a Cleveland attorney, chairman for a second term. Jack D. Weller of New York was re-elected chairman of the National Council and also vice-chairman of the JDC.

#### JDC Aided 387,000 Jews In 1972

Reporting on JDC programs for 1972, Samuel L. Haber executive vice-chairman, disclosed that 387,000 Jews in 25 countries "benefited from one or more of the rescue, relief and rehabilitation services supported by the JDC." For the first time, Haber said, JDC has been asked for financial assistance from the Jewish communities of Argentina and Chile.

In Argentina, which has a Jewish population of 500,000, the political unrest and the general economic deterioration have caused great distress among the Jews, Haber noted. To add to their woes, the loss of income from the community's financially troubled cooperatives threatened the continued existence of the Jewish community schools. JDC has provided financial aid to keep the schools open, he added. In Chile, the Jewish community of 35,000 has been disturbed by the political situation and a serious loss of income from former contributors who have left the country. JDC has given assistance to two homes for the aged and a children's home which were endangered by the lack of funds, Haber said.

Reporting on the needs for 1973, Louis D. Horwitz, Director-General, said that about 390,000 Jews, mostly in the Middle East and Europe, would look to the JDC for one or more of its broad range of health, welfare and rehabilitation and educational assistance programs.

Other reports noted that 35,000 persons had benefited from JDC/Malben services in Israel in 1972 and 70,000 were aided in cultural and religious programs and the JDC-subsidized ORT vocational train-

ing program; JDC-financed programs were helping 18,000 of the 100,000 Jews in Rumania; two attempts on King Hassan's life in a little over a year had caused great anxiety among the 32,000 Jews in Morocco but very little increase in the movement of Jews out of that country; and programs in Iran were aiding close to 20,000 of the country's Jewish population of 75,000.

Isaac Stern the noted American violinist, was the honored guest at the luncheon session.

#### TWO JEWISH GROUPS PROTEST INVITATION BY CHURCH GROUP TO BLACK MILITANT

DALLAS, Dec. 6 (JTA)--Two national Jewish agencies have registered strong protests with the National Council of Churches for inviting Imanu Amiri Baraka, the Black militant playwright, formerly known as Leroy Jones, to address the opening session of the Council's triennial general assembly. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, which had been invited to send observers, declined because of what it termed Baraka's "violently anti-Semitic writings."

The American Jewish Committee, which sent two observers though it agreed with the ADL's charge, maintained, however, that it would not be deterred by Baraka's presence from sending observers who had important business to attend to at the Council of general American and specifically Jewish interest.

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of the AJCommittee's Interreligious Affairs department said "the invitation to Baraka was extended by the Protestant leadership and they bear obviously the full responsibility for that action and for its consequences in inter-group relations." Noting that the NCC represents about 33 main-line Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches, Rabbi Tanenbaum said, "For a church group of this prestige to provide a platform to this preacher of hatred and violent revolution is in effect to legitimize him, and to suggest endorsement of the anti-human views which he propagates."

Benjamin Epstein, national director of the ADL, said he had written to the Council's general secretary citing instances of Baraka's anti-Semitic writings but was told in reply that Baraka had already accepted the invitation to speak and that his talk was to focus on third world relations, not the domestic scene. Baraka's talk, however, was mainly a condemnation of the United States as a "major primitive obstruction in the path of progress" and an exhortation to the church to become "revolutionary." He told a press conference here that his writings could be construed as anti-Semitic only if taken out of context.

A dispute has developed between Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and Transport Minister Shimon Peres over plans to build a Tel Aviv subway to relieve the mammoth traffic jams in Israel's largest city. Peres considers a subway an urgent necessity, but Sapir insists that the country's financial situation does not permit spending the hundreds of millions of pounds an underground railway system would cost. Sapir has objected specifically to budgeting IL 10 million for the preliminary study asked by Peres.

The first road build specifically to connect villages on either side of the Green Line, the cease-fire lines established after the Six-Day War, has been completed. The eight kilometer road links Kfar Kassem on the Israeli side of the line with Masha village in the Samaria district of the West Bank. It was built in three-and-a-half months at a cost of IL 500,000.

**NEO-NAZI GROUP SURFACES**

MILWAUKEE, Wisc., Dec. 6 (JTA)--A neo-Nazi group, the National Socialist White People's Party, has surfaced in this city in recent months, according to a report by David M. Iushewitz, staff writer of the Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle. Racist fliers adorned with swastikas and filled with incendiary terms such as kike, nigger and Black pigs, have been placed in mailboxes in apartments houses, stuck under windshield wipers and slipped under doors.

A typical leaflet, reproduced in the Chronicle, has a headline reading, "Race-Mixing Stinks...." The body of the leaflet states, in part: "The sick, depraved Jews who monopolize the motion-picture industry can hardly wait to turn America into a mongrel cesspool. They are busy grinding out one obscene movie after another with race-mixing as the principal theme.... All over America countless Jewish-owned theaters are showing movies depicting lewd relationships between Blacks and whites.... If you're tired of seeing a bunch of rich Jews fatten their bankrolls on the proceeds of legalized pornography racket... then contact us."

The leaflets give the address of the party's national headquarters in Arlington, Virginia, and the party itself is the successor of the American Nazi Party that was led by Lincoln Rockwell before he was killed in August 1967 by a disgruntled follower.

Iushewitz writes that Saul Serrin, executive director of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith, acknowledged that a significant number of Jews in north suburban areas have been the recipients of these strident and vicious flyers. Some of the people, Serrin was quoted as saying, view the leaflets "as nutty things, but some people see them as a serious event--something which is a throwback to a time when men with a like philosophy murdered one-third of the Jewish population."

An investigation by local police has identified the leader of the neo-Nazi group as a college-age youth who was involved in similar incidents when he attended the local high school, but as yet, have failed to locate him, Iushewitz reported. Serrin, he related, theorized that since the group's activities have centered in neighborhoods that are predominantly Jewish, their acts are apparently aimed more at terrorizing individuals than at recruiting followers.

**RABBINICAL ALLIANCE RAPS TV SHOW**

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (JTA)--The Rabbinical Alliance of America called today upon the management of WCBS-TV to discontinue the "Bridget Loves Bernie" program. The half-hour Saturday night comedy is about an intermarried Jewish-Catholic young couple and their parents. The RAA stated that this television series "is a flagrant insult and act of disrespect to Orthodox Judaism and to all Orthodox Jews, as well as an affront to most non-Orthodox Jews."

The RAA, which also called upon the sponsors of the program to withdraw, noted that "religion is not a joke or a nonsensical anachronism" and that "we cannot accept with equanimity this series' encouragement of the spiritual genocide of American Jewry through intermarriage." The stand by the RAA was endorsed by Nash Kestenbaum, president of the National Council of Young Israel. Other Jewish organizations and religious groups have also condemned the television series as an affront to the Jewish view on intermarriage.

**INSTITUTE ON JEWISH COMMUNITIES TO BE ESTABLISHED BY AJCOMMITTEE**

HOLLYWOOD, Fla., Dec. 6 (JTA)--A new institute devoted to the study and reporting of Jewish communities around the world will soon begin operation under the aegis of the American Jewish Committee. The announcement was made by Bertram H. Gold, executive vice-president, at the closing session of the annual meeting of the top policy-making National Executive Council. The Morris and Adele Bergreen Institute for Foreign Studies and Publications will conduct a program of research, publications, and seminars, and serve as a gathering point where scholars and professionals can work together to establish a long-range planning center in world Jewish affairs, Gold said.

The institute has been established under a grant from Mr. and Mrs. Bergreen, New York corporate attorneys actively involved in leadership of the AJCommittee for many years. Bergreen is currently national treasurer and chairman of the National Foreign Affairs Commission. Mrs. Bergreen is a member of the New York and Westchester Women's Campaign Boards of AJC. The first project of the Bergreen Institute, which will be administered by the Committee's Foreign Affairs Department, under the direction of Dr. Seymour P. Lachman, will be the publication of a new quarterly magazine dealing with Jewish interests abroad, Gold stated. The first issue of the magazine, to be called "Present Tense," is expected in late 1973.

The Bergreen Institute plans to initiate socioeconomic studies of the Jewish communities in Mexico, Central America, and South America, Gold continued. These studies are intended to provide direction to the work of the AJCommittee in the Latin American countries, where the organization maintains offices in Mexico City, Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro.

Bergreen explained the reason for establishing the Institute is that "even today, 27 years after the Second World War, there is a lack of systematic and cohesive study of world Jewry that could develop programs of thought and action. The need for such an institute is imperative, particularly in view of the continuing threat to Israel, the difficulties of assessing accurately the mood of great and small power politics, and the desire to preserve Jewish identity in the diaspora."

**FIRST JEWISH EDUCATION CONCLAVE DUE**

MONTREAL, Dec. 6 (JTA)--Professional educators and laymen involved in Jewish education from communities all over Canada will participate in the first National Conference on Jewish Education to be held at the Zionist Center in Toronto Dec. 10-11. The Conference was convened jointly by the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canadian Zionist Federation and the Canadian Committee of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds "to come to grips with the substantive problems of Jewish education."

A statement issued by the organizing committee of the Conference said the main topics on the agenda are national standards, teacher training and recruitment, curriculum, parental attitudes and funding.