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NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (JTA)--A leading American Orthodox rabbi offered a vigorous defense today of Israel's Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren and assailed his detractors in some Orthodox circles as frustrated individuals whose attacks on Rabbi Goren's ruling in the Langer case were "alienating countless Jews from their people and their heritage."

Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue, said that because some Orthodox rabbis and yeshiva students in Israel and the U.S. were unable to prevent Rabbi Goren's election as Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi, "they are making capital of his courageous and humane decision to solemnize the marriages of two persons whose eligibility to marry was in doubt."

Rabbi Rackman, a member of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Board of Directors, said that what happened in the last few weeks "is that many rabbis lost their perspective and with almost unprecedented malevolence regretted that two--or four--people were made happy."

GOLDBERG: PENDING ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION UNCONSTITUTIONAL

BALTIMORE, Dec. 7 (JTA)--Former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg declared last night that a resolution introduced by the Arab states at the current session of the UN General Assembly, calling for sanctions against Israel if it does not withdraw from territories taken during the Six-Day War, is "unconstitutional under the United Nations Charter."

Addressing a dinner of the Baltimore District of the Zionist Organization of America at which he was honored, Goldberg who was U.S. Ambassador to the UN during the Johnson administration, said that the pending resolution is "at variance" with Resolution 242. "The General Assembly is without competence to change a decision of the Security Council, the principal organ of the United Nations," he said.

Goldberg, who was presented the Baltimore ZOA District's Justice Louis D. Brandeis award, stated that, in his view, a "prerequisite" to peace "is for the United States to continue to make it explicitly clear to the Soviet Union that in our own national interest we will not permit another Czechoslovakian tragedy to engulf Israel."

HUNDREDS RALLY FOR SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (JTA)--Hundreds of yeshiva students, led by Rabbi Haskell Lookstein, principal of the Ramaz School, prayed and sang at the Isaiah Wall across from the United Nations this afternoon and lit candles for Jews denied their right to observe their religion in the Soviet Union. Participating was Mrs. Bella Ulman, mother of 26-year-old Misha Ulman of Riga, who lost his engineer's job after applying for emigration. The rally was sponsored by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

A memorial ceremony for the 11 slain Israeli Olympians will be held Dec. 20 in the Jerusalem Forest, sponsored by the Jewish National Fund and the Israel Olympics Committee.

PROCEDURAL DETAILS DETAINING ISRAEL'S USE OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS LOANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (JTA)--Procedural details are holding up Israel's use of two loans for development programs, but those close to the agreements are confident they will be finally signed within the next several weeks, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. Absence of the Israeli government's formal approval of its share of the funding is delaying a White House authorization for a final agreement on a series of desalting plants--two in Israel and one in San Diego.

A demonstration plant at Eilat costing \$3 million is to be completed by next Nov. A slightly larger demonstration plant in San Diego, with experts of the two countries joining in its construction, is to cost about \$2 million. No figure has been set for a much larger plant at Ashdod, to be constructed by 1977.

Similarly, some delay has been occasioned in the signing of the World Bank loan of \$30 million to Israel, approved Nov. 30, to assist in a \$75 million sewerage project that will include about 310 miles of sewers, 80 pumping stations and 40 treatment plants. This loan is expected to be signed within the next month. The project will serve 75 urban communities and provide joint services in such cities as Haifa and Tel Aviv. Construction of the sewerage system, which will be used by about 2.3 million people, will take place over a five-year period. The loan is for five years at 7 1/2 percent interest per annum.

Meanwhile, a high-level Israel Chamber of Commerce delegation is visiting a dozen U.S. cities, mainly in the south, to establish branches of the organization to help promote trade within the two countries. Itzhak Moday, president of Revlon (Israel) Ltd., is head of the group.

RALLY DEMANDS FREE SYRIAN JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (JTA)--Rabbis of the Syrian Jewish community and political and human rights leaders demanded here today at a rally that Syria free seven Jews imprisoned for trying to flee from Syria. The speakers also told several hundred demonstrators at the rally outside the Brotherhood-in-Action building, that discriminatory restrictions on the 4500 Jews remaining in Syria should be removed and that the Syrian Jews who wish to emigrate be allowed to do so.

Rep. Edward Koch (D N.Y.) appealed to President Nixon, the State Department and Attorney General Richard Kleindienst to extend the parole authority in the U.S. immigration law to permit the entry of Syrian Jews into the U.S. Rep. Marion Biaggi (R-D-C, N.Y.) urged the United Nations to "bring the full power of its influence to bear against the inhuman treatment being given" to Syrian Jews. He said only worldwide attention "will stay the Syrians from further injustices" against Syrian Jews.

Dr. George E. Gruen, director of Middle East affairs in the American Jewish Committee's Foreign Affairs Department, credited worldwide protests and diplomatic intervention by several governments for the release of eight Iraqi Jews who had been imprisoned for more than a month. He reported that Syrian Jews had started to organize public demonstrations to protest their treatment.

KORENFELD FAMILY DENIED VISAS

MANCHESTER, England, Dec. 7 (JTA)--For at least the second time in recent days, a Jewish family in Moscow has been denied exit visas and told to apply again a year later. Councillor Leslie Donn told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency yesterday that

Ilya and Lydia Korenfeld had told him of the rebuff to them and their two children by the Appeals Committee. Last Friday, the four-member Slepak family was similarly treated. Donn had written to Soviet President Nikolai V. Podgorny for his aid in effecting the Korenfelds' release.

XMAS CAROLS FOR JEWISH CHILDREN RAPPED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (JTA)--Dr. Isaac Franck, executive vice-president of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, charged a columnist in the Washington Evening Star and Daily News today with "false assumptions" for attacking the criticisms of the singing of Christmas carols in public schools. James J. Kilpatrick, a politically conservative columnist, wrote that "the great Christmas carols long ago lost whatever purely religious significance they may once have held" and "are now part of a cultural inheritance."

Kilpatrick said that after Dr. Franck had complained, Prince George's County Superintendent Carl W. Hassel issued guidelines that "no songs or music programs that have a significance for a particular religion should be performed during the period which coincides with the specific religious celebration."

Charging Dr. Franck with having taken "a sound principle" and "beat it into the ground," Kilpatrick wrote: "A better approach might be to urge the Jewish children to join in the singing. Many of them have beautiful voices. They wouldn't be corrupted by the experience and it probably would improve the chorus."

Dr. Franck protested that "public schools have no right to coerce any child into participating in any religious ceremony or religious hymns which are inconsistent with that child's or that child's parents' religious conscience." The Jewish leader added: "There is no question of these particular hymns being Christian religious hymns. If these are only great music, then they could be studied at a time other than a religious holiday with which they are associated." The hymns in question include "Adeste Fideles," "Silent Night" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

ISRAEL'S RIVERS POLLUTED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7 (JTA)--Yosef Tamir, a Gahal chairman of the Knesset's Ecology Committee, said that there was not a single river in Israel which has not been polluted. During a meeting with newsmen in the Knesset, he warned that without drastic action, natural resources in the administered territories would suffer the same fate of those within the Green Line, the cease-fire lines established after the Six-Day War.

To coordinate the fight against environmental pollution, Tamir suggested the creation of a governmental body--preferably a separate Ministry as in many other developed countries--backed by the law and with legal power to take effective action.

The subject of ecology has been neglected, according to Tamir, because of a lack of interest among the other members of Israel's Cabinet--an aloofness not shared by the younger ministers. Tamir's unit, an ad hoc committee, will cease to exist unless the Knesset decides otherwise at the end of the current term.

He credited Koor Industries with taking positive steps to fight pollution with its investment of millions of IL pounds in research. Another positive step, Tamir noted, has been the IL 10 million invested by the Nesher Works at Haifa for special filters.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM IS OFFICIAL

By Joseph Polakoff, JTA Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (JTA)—Yevgeny Yevtushenko, Soviet poet-playwright, told "a terrible lie" when he asserted there is no official anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union, says Dr. Yuri Glazov, philologist and Orientalist who recently emigrated to New York from Moscow via Rome. "Yevtushenko knows he is not speaking the truth," Glazov said in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Washington. "He contradicts what he himself said at Babi Yar ten years ago." Yevtushenko deplored anti-Semitism in a celebrated poem after visiting the site of the massacre of Jews and others outside of Kiev by the Nazis in World War II. Recently, however, in a widely publicized interview in Playboy magazine, he said anti-Semitism doesn't officially exist in the Soviet Union.

Glazov was interviewed immediately after he had participated last Sunday in a panel discussion on the "Democratic Movement in the USSR" at George Washington University before an audience of about 1000, mostly academicians in the Washington area. With him on the panel were Alexander Zmesin-Volpin, mathematician and sociologist, and Natalia Belinkova, editor of Naryj Kolokol 1972, a literary-political journal. They also are recent arrivals from the Soviet Union.

Glazov is Jewish. Zmesin-Volpin's mother is Jewish, and Mrs. Belinkova's husband was Jewish, according to Professor Helen Yacowson, of the GWU faculty who is a member of the Greater Washington Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East-European Languages which sponsored the gathering. Although the discussion lasted more than two hours, no reference was made by the panelists to Soviet Jewry except for a fleeting mention by Glazov that it was among several dissident movements in the USSR.

Nor was there any mention about reports received here that Ytzyor Yakir, a leading dissident arrested last June, has been providing Soviet authorities with information about former associates. According to these reports, a score or more of dissidents have been questioned by the KGB (secret police) on the basis of Yakir's information. The consequences are not yet clear.

Jews Not Anti-Soviet Government

An extremely heavy drinker, Yakir is said to be an alcoholic and began cooperating with the authorities after being deprived of alcohol in prison and forced into hospitals twice. Yakir, 49, is the only child of the famous Soviet Jewish General Yona E. Yakir, who was shot on June 11, 1937, on Stalin's order during the purge of Jews in that era. The young Yakir and his mother were exiled to Siberia where they remained 17 years before the late Premier Khrushchev rehabilitated them and allowed their return to Moscow.

Several local knowledgeable leaders of Soviet Jewish emigration said privately to JTA that they refrained from questioning the panel on the Soviet Jewish situation because they felt their questioning might be interpreted as tying the Jewish appeals for emigration to Israel with the dissident political movement. "Jews are not anti-Soviet government; all they want is to get out," one local sympathizer told JTA.

Two-thirds of the Russian dissidents are "of Jewish origin" and "Jew hunting" has increased in the last two years, Glazov said. "Everyone with Jew-

ish blood—half-Jew, quarter-Jew—is the object of that treatment." The situation of the Jew "is now unbearable," Glazov added. "They are not allowed to leave or live. Not all Jews are eager to leave immediately although they know they will face that crucial point. I don't know any Jew who is not thinking of leaving. Anti-Semitic policy is on the state level. Jews are breaking their brains on what to do."

Glazov, who is 42 and speaks English well, left Moscow with his half-Jewish wife and their children last April with visas to go to Israel, he told JTA. Following their arrival in Rome, Glazov said, "I thanked the Jewish Agency" and after three months in Italy he and his family left for the United States. The scholar said he and his family are "under the care of the International Rescue Committee," which is a private organization aiding Eastern European emigrants.

USSR Uses Double-Bookkeeping

Glazov warned against under-estimating the "cleverness" of Soviet officialdom on Jewish emigration. "They use double bookkeeping," he said, noting that the Soviet "makes one step towards the demand of international public opinion on freedom for Jews and then imposes education taxes 'that make it impossible for Jews to leave.'"

"I consider myself to be Jewish," Glazov said in response to a direct question on his identity, "but my approach is syncretical" toward Soviet affairs. Asked why he did not go to Israel, he replied that he does "not exclude the possibility that in several years I will go to Israel. I am now deeply interwoven with the democratic political movement and I want to acquaint myself with Western culture."

Glazov described himself to JTA as a "half-assimilated Jew" who was expelled from the USSR Academy of Sciences in 1968 and banned from any employment in Soviet institutions for political reasons and also for his Jewish origin. He had signed several protests including the Appeal of 12 Soviet Intellectuals against the Suppression of Human Rights in the Soviet Union. "At the end of everything I understand that I am a Jew," he said. "I was ready for exile when I got the visa to Israel."

Six French winners of Nobel Prizes issued a protest yesterday in Paris that France was "the only member of the European Council and of the Common Market" not to have ratified the European Convention on Human Rights, drawn up in 1950. They expressed hope that ratification would come during the next Parliamentary session "in order to put an end to a situation unworthy of our country." The laureates are Rene Cassin (Peace, 1968); Francois Jacob, Andre M. Lwoff and Jacques L. Monod (Physiology and Medicine, 1965, 1965 and 1966), and Alfred Kastler and Louis Neel (Physics, 1966, 1970). Their appeal was endorsed by 13 other French intellectuals.

A court in Arnsherg, Germany, has handed down sentences from 2-5 1/2 years on five former members of the Gestapo for complicity in the murder of 5000 Jews in Poland in 1942. Hans Wilhelm Bartsch, 64, and Joseph Laibenthal, 63, received 5 1/2 years; Walter Augustin, 60, 5 years; Albert Krischok, 62, 4 years, and Ludwig Romeis, 73, 2 years. The trial lasted 15 months and more than 100 witnesses were questioned.



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dence. She related how she visited Agron's office almost every night during 1946-47 to find out what was happening in the world. The guests were taken on guided tours of the newspaper's modern plant, one of the largest in Israel, and each was presented with a gift reproduction of the paper's May 16, 1948 edition reporting the founding of the Jewish State.

RABBI ASSAILS GOREN'S DETRACTORS

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (JTA)--A leading American Orthodox rabbi offered a vigorous defense today of Israel's Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren and assailed his detractors in some Orthodox circles as frustrated individuals whose attacks on Rabbi Goren's ruling in the Langer case were "alienating countless Jews from their people and their heritage."

Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue, said that because some Orthodox rabbis and yeshiva students in Israel and the U.S. were unable to prevent Rabbi Goren's election as Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi, "they are making capital of his courageous and humane decision to solemnize the marriages of two persons whose eligibility to marry was in doubt."

Rabbi Rackman, a member of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Board of Directors, said that what happened in the last few weeks "is that many rabbis lost their perspective and with almost unprecedented malevolence regretted that two--or four--people were made happy."

GOLDBERG: PENDING ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION UNCONSTITUTIONAL

BALTIMORE, Dec. 7 (JTA)--Former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg declared last night that a resolution introduced by the Arab states at the current session of the UN General Assembly, calling for sanctions against Israel if it does not withdraw from territories taken during the Six-Day War, is "unconstitutional under the United Nations Charter."

Addressing a dinner of the Baltimore District of the Zionist Organization of America at which he was honored, Goldberg who was U.S. Ambassador to the UN during the Johnson administration, said that the pending resolution is "at variance" with Resolution 242. "The General Assembly is without competence to change a decision of the Security Council, the principal organ of the United Nations," he said.

Goldberg, who was presented the Baltimore ZOA District's Justice Louis D. Brandeis award, stated that, in his view, a "prerequisite" to peace "is for the United States to continue to make it explicitly clear to the Soviet Union that in our own national interest we will not permit another Czechoslovakian tragedy to engulf Israel."

HUNDREDS RALLY FOR SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (JTA)--Hundreds of yeshiva students, led by Rabbi Haskell Lookstein, principal of the Ramaz School, prayed and sang at the Isaiah Wall across from the United Nations this afternoon and lit candles for Jews denied their right to observe their religion in the Soviet Union. Participating was Mrs. Bella Ulman, mother of 26-year-old Misha Ulman of Riga, who lost his engineer's job after applying for emigration. The rally was sponsored by the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry.

A memorial ceremony for the 11 slain Israeli Olympians will be held Dec. 20 in the Jerusalem Forest, sponsored by the Jewish National Fund and the Israel Olympics Committee.

PROCEDURAL DETAILS DETAINING ISRAEL'S USE OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS LOANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (JTA)--Procedural details are holding up Israel's use of two loans for development programs, but those close to the agreements are confident they will be finally signed within the next several weeks, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. Absence of the Israeli government's formal approval of its share of the funding is delaying a White House authorization for a final agreement on a series of desalting plants--two in Israel and one in San Diego.

A demonstration plant at Eilat costing \$3 million is to be completed by next Nov. A slightly larger demonstration plant in San Diego, with experts of the two countries joining in its construction, is to cost about \$2 million. No figure has been set for a much larger plant at Ashdod, to be constructed by 1977.

Similarly, some delay has been occasioned in the signing of the World Bank loan of \$30 million to Israel, approved Nov. 30, to assist in a \$75 million sewerage project that will include about 310 miles of sewers, 80 pumping stations and 40 treatment plants. This loan is expected to be signed within the next month. The project will serve 75 urban communities and provide joint services in such cities as Haifa and Tel Aviv. Construction of the sewerage system, which will be used by about 2.3 million people, will take place over a five-year period. The loan is for five years at 7 1/2 percent interest per annum.

Meanwhile, a high-level Israel Chamber of Commerce delegation is visiting a dozen U.S. cities, mainly in the south, to establish branches of the organization to help promote trade within the two countries. Itzhak Moday, president of Revlon (Israel) Ltd., is head of the group.

RALLY DEMANDS FREE SYRIAN JEWS

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (JTA)--Rabbis of the Syrian Jewish community and political and human rights leaders demanded here today at a rally that Syria free seven Jews imprisoned for trying to flee from Syria. The speakers also told several hundred demonstrators at the rally outside the Brotherhood-in-Action building, that discriminatory restrictions on the 4500 Jews remaining in Syria should be removed and that the Syrian Jews who wish to emigrate be allowed to do so.

Rep. Edward Koch (D N.Y.) appealed to President Nixon, the State Department and Attorney General Richard Kleindienst to extend the parole authority in the U.S. immigration law to permit the entry of Syrian Jews into the U.S. Rep. Marion Biaggi (R-D-C, N.Y.) urged the United Nations to "bring the full power of its influence to bear against the inhuman treatment being given" to Syrian Jews. He said only worldwide attention "will stay the Syrians from further injustices" against Syrian Jews.

Dr. George E. Gruen, director of Middle East affairs in the American Jewish Committee's Foreign Affairs Department, credited worldwide protests and diplomatic intervention by several governments for the release of eight Iraqi Jews who had been imprisoned for more than a month. He reported that Syrian Jews had started to organize public demonstrations to protest their treatment.

KORENFELD FAMILY DENIED VISAS

MANCHESTER, England, Dec. 7 (JTA)--For at least the second time in recent days, a Jewish family in Moscow has been denied exit visas and told to apply again a year later. Councillor Leslie Donn told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency yesterday that

Ilya and Lydia Korenfeld had told him of the rebuff to them and their two children by the Appeals Committee. Last Friday, the four-member Slepak family was similarly treated. Donn had written to Soviet President Nikolai V. Podgorny for his aid in effecting the Korenfelds' release.

XMAS CAROLS FOR JEWISH CHILDREN RAPPED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (JTA)--Dr. Isaac Franck, executive vice-president of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, charged a columnist in the Washington Evening Star and Daily News today with "false assumptions" for attacking the criticisms of the singing of Christmas carols in public schools. James J. Kilpatrick, a politically conservative columnist, wrote that "the great Christmas carols long ago lost whatever purely religious significance they may once have held" and "are now part of a cultural inheritance."

Kilpatrick said that after Dr. Franck had complained, Prince George's County Superintendent Carl W. Hassel issued guidelines that "no songs or music programs that have a significance for a particular religion should be performed during the period which coincides with the specific religious celebration."

Charging Dr. Franck with having taken "a sound principle" and "beat it into the ground," Kilpatrick wrote: "A better approach might be to urge the Jewish children to join in the singing. Many of them have beautiful voices. They wouldn't be corrupted by the experience and it probably would improve the chorus."

Dr. Franck protested that "public schools have no right to coerce any child into participating in any religious ceremony or religious hymns which are inconsistent with that child's or that child's parents' religious conscience." The Jewish leader added: "There is no question of these particular hymns being Christian religious hymns. If these are only great music, then they could be studied at a time other than a religious holiday with which they are associated." The hymns in question include "Adeste Fideles," "Silent Night" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

ISRAEL'S RIVERS POLLUTED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7 (JTA)--Yosef Tamir, a Gahal chairman of the Knesset's Ecology Committee, said that there was not a single river in Israel which has not been polluted. During a meeting with newsmen in the Knesset, he warned that without drastic action, natural resources in the administered territories would suffer the same fate of those within the Green Line, the cease-fire lines established after the Six-Day War.

To coordinate the fight against environmental pollution, Tamir suggested the creation of a governmental body--preferably a separate Ministry as in many other developed countries--backed by the law and with legal power to take effective action.

The subject of ecology has been neglected, according to Tamir, because of a lack of interest among the other members of Israel's Cabinet--an aloofness not shared by the younger ministers. Tamir's unit, an ad hoc committee, will cease to exist unless the Knesset decides otherwise at the end of the current term.

He credited Koor Industries with taking positive steps to fight pollution with its investment of millions of IL pounds in research. Another positive step, Tamir noted, has been the IL 10 million invested by the Nesher Works at Haifa for special filters.

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM IS OFFICIAL

By Joseph Polakoff, JTA Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (JTA)—Yevgeny Yevtushenko, Soviet poet-playwright, told "a terrible lie" when he asserted there is no official anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union, says Dr. Yuri Glazov, philologist and Orientalist who recently emigrated to New York from Moscow via Rome. "Yevtushenko knows he is not speaking the truth," Glazov said in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Washington. "He contradicts what he himself said at Babi Yar ten years ago." Yevtushenko deplored anti-Semitism in a celebrated poem after visiting the site of the massacre of Jews and others outside of Kiev by the Nazis in World War II. Recently, however, in a widely publicized interview in Playboy magazine, he said anti-Semitism doesn't officially exist in the Soviet Union.

Glazov was interviewed immediately after he had participated last Sunday in a panel discussion on the "Democratic Movement in the USSR" at George Washington University before an audience of about 1000, mostly academicians in the Washington area. With him on the panel were Alexander Zmesin-Volpin, mathematician and sociologist, and Natalia Belinkova, editor of Novyi Kolokol 1972, a literary-political journal. They also are recent arrivals from the Soviet Union.

Glazov is Jewish. Zmesin-Volpin's mother is Jewish, and Mrs. Belinkova's husband was Jewish, according to Professor Helen Yacovson, of the GWU faculty who is a member of the Greater Washington Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East-European Languages which sponsored the gathering. Although the discussion lasted more than two hours, no reference was made by the panelists to Soviet Jewry except for a fleeting mention by Glazov that it was among several dissident movements in the USSR.

Nor was there any mention about reports received here that Ytzyor Yakir, a leading dissident arrested last June, has been providing Soviet authorities with information about former associates. According to these reports, a score or more of dissidents have been questioned by the KGB (secret police) on the basis of Yakir's information. The consequences are not yet clear.

Jews Not Anti-Soviet Government

An extremely heavy drinker, Yakir is said to be an alcoholic and began cooperating with the authorities after being deprived of alcohol in prison and forced into hospitals twice. Yakir, 49, is the only child of the famous Soviet Jewish General Yona E. Yakir, who was shot on June 11, 1937, on Stalin's order during the purge of Jews in that era. The young Yakir and his mother were exiled to Siberia where they remained 17 years before the late Premier Khrushchev rehabilitated them and allowed their return to Moscow.

Several local knowledgeable leaders of Soviet Jewish emigration said privately to JTA that they refrained from questioning the panel on the Soviet Jewish situation because they felt their questioning might be interpreted as tying the Jewish appeals for emigration to Israel with the dissident political movement. "Jews are not anti-Soviet government; all they want is to get out," one local sympathizer told JTA.

Two-thirds of the Russian dissidents are "of Jewish origin" and "Jew hunting" has increased in the last two years, Glazov said. "Everyone with Jew-

ish blood—half-Jew, quarter-Jew—is the object of that treatment." The situation of the Jew "is now unbearable," Glazov added. "They are not allowed to leave or live. Not all Jews are eager to leave immediately although they know they will face that crucial point. I don't know any Jew who is not thinking of leaving. Anti-Semitic policy is on the state level. Jews are breaking their brains on what to do."

Glazov, who is 42 and speaks English well, left Moscow with his half-Jewish wife and their children last April with visas to go to Israel, he told JTA. Following their arrival in Rome, Glazov said, "I thanked the Jewish Agency" and after three months in Italy he and his family left for the United States. The scholar said he and his family are "under the care of the International Rescue Committee," which is a private organization aiding Eastern European emigrants.

USSR Uses Double-Bookkeeping

Glazov warned against under-estimating the "cleverness" of Soviet officialdom on Jewish emigration. "They use double bookkeeping," he said, noting that the Soviet "makes one step towards the demand of international public opinion on freedom for Jews and then imposes education taxes 'that make it impossible for Jews to leave.'"

"I consider myself to be Jewish," Glazov said in response to a direct question on his identity, "but my approach is syncretical" toward Soviet affairs. Asked why he did not go to Israel, he replied that he does "not exclude the possibility that in several years I will go to Israel. I am now deeply interwoven with the democratic political movement and I want to acquaint myself with Western culture."

Glazov described himself to JTA as a "half-assimilated Jew" who was expelled from the USSR Academy of Sciences in 1968 and banned from any employment in Soviet institutions for political reasons and also for his Jewish origin. He had signed several protests including the Appeal of 12 Soviet Intellectuals against the Suppression of Human Rights in the Soviet Union. "At the end of everything I understand that I am a Jew," he said. "I was ready for exile when I got the visa to Israel."

Six French winners of Nobel Prizes issued a protest yesterday in Paris that France was "the only member of the European Council and of the Common Market" not to have ratified the European Convention on Human Rights, drawn up in 1950. They expressed hope that ratification would come during the next Parliamentary session "in order to put an end to a situation unworthy of our country." The laureates are Rene Cassin (Peace, 1968); Francois Jacob, Andre M. Lwoff and Jacques L. Monod (Physiology and Medicine, 1965, 1965 and 1966), and Alfred Kastler and Louis Neel (Physics, 1966, 1970). Their appeal was endorsed by 13 other French intellectuals.

A court in Arnberg, Germany, has handed down sentences from 2-5 1/2 years on five former members of the Gestapo for complicity in the murder of 5000 Jews in Poland in 1942. Hans Wilhelm Bartsch, 64, and Joseph Laibenthal, 63, received 5 1/2 years; Walter Augustin, 60, 5 years; Albert Krischok, 62, 4 years, and Ludwig Romeis, 73, 2 years. The trial lasted 15 months and more than 100 witnesses were questioned.