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RABBI CRITICIZES SELF-IMPOSED ISOLATION IN JEWISH LIFE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (JTA)--Rabbi Benjamin Kahn, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith, today criticized the "turning inward attitudes" in Jewish life that "create self-isolation" from the social ills of the nation and reflect a "diminution of faith in the democratic process and an attitude of futility toward possible improvement and change." Rabbi Kahn addressed the closing session of the annual meeting of the B'nai B'rith Board of Governors.

The Board approved an \$18.77 million budget for 1973, the largest in the organization's 129-year history, representing a six percent increase over last year's budget. The emphasis in the new budget is on B'nai B'rith's youth programs which will be allocated 45 percent or \$8.64 million, a 10 percent rise over last year.

The Board was told that private fund-raising for Jewish communities that suffered severe damage in last summer's tropical storm Agnes produced \$125,000 which will be distributed to the hardest hit communities in the Wyoming Valley and Harrisburg, Pa., and Elmira, N.Y.

Rabbi Kahn said in his closing address that he considered "valid and necessary" Jewish opposition to preferential quotas and other forms of preference to remove economic and educational barriers. But he said it was not valid for Jews to isolate themselves from the civil rights movement in which Jews themselves have a stake. "Self-interest is a valid concern but when it becomes the dominant motivation of Jewish activists isolated from the rest of the community, it runs counter to Jewish tradition and ceases to be good self-interest," he said.

IMMIGRANTS PROTEST NEW REGULATIONS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 18 (JTA)--Spokesmen for immigrant groups in Israel protested vehemently today over new regulations put into effect over the week-end reducing the privileges hitherto granted to new immigrants. The rules were promulgated after Israeli authorities discovered large-scale frauds perpetrated by immigrants who found loopholes in the old regulations. But the immigrants' associations complained that the vast majority of honest olim were being penalized for the crimes of a few.

The new rules allow only one duty-free car per family to be brought into the country despite claims that a second car is necessary. In addition, immigrants will no longer be allowed to receive duty-free parcels from home during their first three years in the country. This was viewed as imposing a hardship on young immigrants.

VERSION OF TRUMAN'S ATTITUDE ON PALESTINE QUESTION CHALLENGED

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 18 (JTA)--A local Jewish community leader has challenged Margaret Truman Daniel's version of her father's attitude on the Palestine problem contained in "Harry S. Truman" Mrs. Daniel's just-published biography of the former President.

According to Frank J. Adler, administrative director of Temple Congregation Ben Jehuda here, Mrs. Daniel erred when she wrote that her father had favored the internationalization of Jerusalem and that he withheld de jure recognition of Israel, after extending de facto recognition, because he was "concerned" about Israel's treatment of its Arab citizens and "felt that withholding this recognition was a way of guaranteeing their good behavior."

Adler also contends that Mrs. Daniel was completely in error when she dismissed as inconsequential the influence of Truman's one-time haberdashery partner, Eddie Jacobson, on the President's decision with regard to the Palestine situation. Adler, author of "Roots in a Moving Stream," a centennial history of his congregation published earlier this year, said in an article published in the Kansas City Star, that research he did for his book, mainly at the Truman Library, refutes much of what Mrs. Daniel wrote of the period 1947-48 when the Palestine crisis was at its peak.

Mrs. Daniel dismissed as a "myth" and as "absurd" any idea that Jacobson saw her father secretly on many occasions and used their long-time friendship to influence American policy on Palestine. "I don't believe they ever discussed politics except in the most offhand fashion," she wrote.

She also noted that it was her impression that her father was so angry with Jacobson for presuming on their friendship when he came to the White House to argue the Zionist cause on March 13, 1948, that he learned a bitter lesson and never again approached Truman on the subject.

Jerusalem Status Also Challenged

According to Adler, official White House records for the Truman administration at the Truman Library include references to 24 appointments in the President's office for Eddie Jacobson; 13 of these are marked off-the-record.

In addition, Jacobson was with Truman on the 1948 election whistle-stop train for three days, and according to Truman Library sources, they engaged in private discussions, largely U.S. policy on Israel, Adler said. Truman referred to Jacobson in his Memoirs published in 1965 as his late "great and irreplaceable friend," Adler noted.

Mrs. Daniel stated that her father was determined to keep U.S. bipartisan foreign policy out of domestic politics and had made up his mind to withhold de jure recognition of Israel until after the 1948 elections and because he was also concerned about the treatment of Arabs in Israel. According to Adler, Truman issued a statement before the elections in which he promised de jure recognition for Israel as soon as Israel's provisional government was replaced by a permanent elected government.

Mrs. Daniel wrote that her father deeply regretted that he could not persuade the Arabs and Jews "to agree to the internationalization of Jerusalem which was a key point in his policy." According to Adler, it was true that the 1948 Democratic Party platform supported UN efforts to internationalize Jerusalem and that the U.S. delegate to the UN Palestine Committee requested both Israel and Jordan to agree to internationalization on Nov. 24, 1949.

But on the following day, Adler noted, Truman met with Jacobson and discussed the ramifications

of internationalization. Microfilm documents at the Truman Library record that Truman authorized Jacobson to have Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, relay to President Chaim Weizmann that the U.S. "will do the best possible to delay vote in the UN. Our delegation would vote with us (Israel)."

ANDERSEN: BOTH SIDES WANT PEACE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 18 (JTA)--Knut B. Andersen, the Foreign Minister of Denmark, said today that he was convinced that both sides in the Middle East conflict sincerely desire peace. The Danish diplomat who arrived here yesterday for a one-week official visit to Israel, spoke to newsmen following a two-hour working meeting with Foreign Minister Abba Eban. Andersen met with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed el-Zayyat in Cairo six weeks ago.

Eban reportedly briefed the visitor on "favorable changes" that have occurred in the Middle East since the cease-fire two years ago. He stressed Israel's view that the best path to peace lay in an interim settlement with Egypt over the Suez Canal but stressed that Israel was always ready to negotiate an overall peace treaty.

24-HOUR GENERAL STRIKE LOOMS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 18 (JTA)--The labor situation which had eased somewhat last week worsened today as customs officials went on strike at Lod Airport and 4000 employees of the State-owned Mekorot water company threatened to cut off the country's water supply. The workers committee in the Tel Aviv region warned, meanwhile, that they would call a 24-hour general strike to protest price rises and inflationary trends.

The shut-down of the Lod customs house followed a stormy meeting last night at which the customs officers accused the government of stalling on their wage demands. The customs officers ended a work slow-down last month on the promise that their demands for higher wages and incentive payments for greater productivity would be taken up. They claimed that nothing has been done and said the customs house would remain closed "until our demands are met."

The Mekorot workers said they would shut down the nation's water pumping stations unless the company shelved a plan to sell some of its money-losing subsidiaries to Solel Boneh, the Histadrut construction cooperative. They accused the company of trying to make them scapegoats for the failure of other Mekorot enterprises, such as the Vered water resources development company, which recently went into bankruptcy as a result of unprofitable contracts abroad. The Vered scandal caused the government to review Mekorot enterprises and Minister of Agriculture Yosef Almog proposed that some of them be sold. The workers fear they will lose their jobs if the sales materialize.

HEINE'S ANNIVERSARY MARKED

LONDON, Dec. 18 (JTA)--The 175th anniversary of the birth of Heinrich Heine was marked last week in four countries--West and East Germany, London, where he lived for several years, and in Paris where he lived and died on Feb. 17, 1856. The Allgemeine Wochenzeitung, the Journal of the Jewish Community in West Germany, marked the anniversary with a front-page editorial acknowledging Heine as one of the great sons of German Jewry.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV (JTA)--The Labor Alignment decided Sunday to establish a special committee to study various proposals for the solution of the Palestine refugee problem suggested at a recent debate on the subject in the Alignment's political committee. The proposals dealt mainly with the West Bank refugees, not those in the Gaza Strip. One proposal was to concentrate the refugees in one area, preferably a fertile district where they could engage in agriculture. Another proposal advocated dispersing the refugees in West Bank towns and villages. Premier Golda Meir cautioned Sunday that there could be no permanent solution of the refugee problem until there is a final political settlement and a permanent peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

NEW YORK (JTA)--United Hias Service reported Friday that 12 Jewish emigrants, comprising three family units from Morocco and Cuba and one individual from Greece, arrived at Kennedy Airport last week. They were reunited with families in Brooklyn, NY, Montreal, and Clearwater, Fla. The arrivals in Montreal will be aided in their resettlement by the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada, and in Florida by the Gulf Coast Jewish Family Service.

AMSTERDAM (JTA)--Police have released two members of the Maoist group "Red Youth," who were arrested last Wednesday in connection with bombings in Eindhoven last Oct. The men were arrested after considerable quantities of explosives were found in their homes, but were later released for "lack of evidence." According to the Dutch daily, "Algemeen Dagblad," police are now maintaining a close watch on a house rented by a group of Palestinians. In an interview with the daily, "Het Parool," the leader of the Maoist group, Willem Oskam, said his group keeps "close contact" with the Netherlands Palestine Committee. Police have not yet established whether the explosions last Oct. in various Dutch cities were the work of one or several groups.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Hillel Rasskin, chairman of the Education Ministry's Sports Authority, told the Knesset last week that only three percent of Israelis "pursue the sort of activity that can do their health some good." Eighty-four percent, he said, engage in no sports or exercise, and the population as a whole is in poor physical condition. Knesseters, he added, "are in especially bad shape."

BONN (JTA)--Police detained for several hours Friday Beate Klarsfeld, her husband, Serge, and 10 other members of the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism when they staged a sit-down in front of the Bundestag distributing pamphlets protesting the failure of West Germany and France to ratify an agreement on the extradition of Nazi criminals. Under the agreement, West German courts would have the right to try and condemn Nazi criminals sentenced in absentia by courts in France. Some of the demonstrators had been inmates of Auschwitz and wore prison clothing. Others wore French resistance medals. Police said the demonstrators had refused to comply with police requests to leave the Bundestag area.

PARIS (JTA)--Citing expenses involved in protecting its safety, the Norwegian government refused Friday to host an Israeli gymnastics team, according to reports received here. Observers here said that since the Munich massacre Sept. 5, Norway has been reluctant to assume responsibility for the safety of Israeli athletes. Oslo newspapers said the team has asked the Swedish and Swiss governments for approval to tour their countries, but that no answer has yet been received.

TORONTO (JTA)--Five hundred members of the faculties of two universities in this area signed a three-quarter page advertisement last Tuesday in the Toronto Globe and Mail directed as "a protest to Premier Aleksei N. Kosygin" and "an appeal to Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau." The advertisement, the first by academicians to appear in Canada, was signed by the University of Toronto and York University faculty members. It protested the transformation of Soviet Jewry "into a new class of indentured servants." The signers, almost equally divided between Jewish and non-Jewish academicians, asked the Soviet government to "rescind this price tag on humanity," and appealed to Trudeau and the Canadian government to "use its good offices to help secure these objectives." The Canadian Academic Committee for Soviet Jewry sponsored the ad. Murray Freedman of the U. of Toronto, and Irwin Cotler of York U. are chairman and co-chairman respectively. Both have travelled to the USSR.

LONDON (JTA)--Two students have been expelled permanently from York University and one for one year for anti-Semitic behavior. A Jewish student complained that anti-Semitic songs were sung outside his room by the culprits, who had also sent him an anti-Semitic letter. All three are members of the extremist right-wing National Socialist League. They claimed they had been drunk but university authorities did not accept this as an excuse. The names of all concerned have been withheld because the students have appealed against their sentence to the University Council.

WASHINGTON (JTA)--Mrs. Betty Talmadge, wife of Sen. Herman E. Talmadge (D. Ga.), was turned away from the Soviet Embassy last Wednesday where she said she had an appointment with Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin and Mrs. Dobrynin. Mrs. Talmadge, accompanied to the Embassy by Mrs. James Rothschild, wife of Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild of the Hebrew Benevolent Congregation of Atlanta, and David Amdur of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Atlanta, carried a petition with 5000 signatures of women from Georgia in behalf of Soviet Jewish "prisoners of conscience." Mrs. Talmadge appeared at the Embassy wearing a brass medallion in the shape of a Star of David. Inscribed on one side of the medallion was the name of Anatoly Goldfeld, a Jewish prisoner. On the other side was the slogan "Let My People Go." in English and Hebrew.

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ships imposed on women by the present interpretations of halacha. Mrs. Alfred Rubens, past president of the International Council of Jewish Women, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that petitions on behalf of 500,000 Jewish women throughout the world have been sent to rabbinical courts, rabbinical organizations and to individual rabbis.

The petitions charge that women suffer disabilities under halacha with regard to divorce; halitza (the release of a widow so that she can remarry); polygamy, where it still exists among Jews; and agunah, the term for a woman whose husband has disappeared but has not been declared dead. They also protested unfairness to women in connection with private property. The petitions asked for a rabbinical assembly to be convened to study these problems with a view to alleviating the hardships.

RABBI CRITICIZES SELF-IMPOSED ISOLATION IN JEWISH LIFE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (JTA)--Rabbi Benjamin Kahn, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith, today criticized the "turning inward attitudes" in Jewish life that "create self-isolation" from the social ills of the nation and reflect a "diminution of faith in the democratic process and an attitude of futility toward possible improvement and change." Rabbi Kahn addressed the closing session of the annual meeting of the B'nai B'rith Board of Governors.

The Board approved an \$18.77 million budget for 1973, the largest in the organization's 129-year history, representing a six percent increase over last year's budget. The emphasis in the new budget is on B'nai B'rith's youth programs which will be allocated 45 percent or \$8.64 million, a 10 percent rise over last year.

The Board was told that private fund-raising for Jewish communities that suffered severe damage in last summer's tropical storm Agnes produced \$125,000 which will be distributed to the hardest hit communities in the Wyoming Valley and Harrisburg, Pa., and Elmira, N.Y.

Rabbi Kahn said in his closing address that he considered "valid and necessary" Jewish opposition to preferential quotas and other forms of preference to remove economic and educational barriers. But he said it was not valid for Jews to isolate themselves from the civil rights movement in which Jews themselves have a stake. "Self-interest is a valid concern but when it becomes the dominant motivation of Jewish activists isolated from the rest of the community, it runs counter to Jewish tradition and ceases to be good self-interest," he said.

IMMIGRANTS PROTEST NEW REGULATIONS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 18 (JTA)--Spokesmen for immigrant groups in Israel protested vehemently today over new regulations put into effect over the week-end reducing the privileges hitherto granted to new immigrants. The rules were promulgated after Israeli authorities discovered large-scale frauds perpetrated by immigrants who found loopholes in the old regulations. But the immigrants' associations complained that the vast majority of honest olim were being penalized for the crimes of a few.

The new rules allow only one duty-free car per family to be brought into the country despite claims that a second car is necessary. In addition, immigrants will no longer be allowed to receive duty-free parcels from home during their first three years in the country. This was viewed as imposing a hardship on young immigrants.

VERSION OF TRUMAN'S ATTITUDE ON PALESTINE QUESTION CHALLENGED

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 18 (JTA)--A local Jewish community leader has challenged Margaret Truman Daniel's version of her father's attitude on the Palestine problem contained in "Harry S. Truman" Mrs. Daniel's just-published biography of the former President.

According to Frank J. Adler, administrative director of Temple Congregation Ben Jehuda here, Mrs. Daniel erred when she wrote that her father had favored the internationalization of Jerusalem and that he withheld de jure recognition of Israel, after extending de facto recognition, because he was "concerned" about Israel's treatment of its Arab citizens and "felt that withholding this recognition was a way of guaranteeing their good behavior."

Adler also contends that Mrs. Daniel was completely in error when she dismissed as inconsequential the influence of Truman's one-time haberdashery partner, Eddie Jacobson, on the President's decision with regard to the Palestine situation. Adler, author of "Roots in a Moving Stream," a centennial history of his congregation published earlier this year, said in an article published in the Kansas City Star, that research he did for his book, mainly at the Truman Library, refutes much of what Mrs. Daniel wrote of the period 1947-48 when the Palestine crisis was at its peak.

Mrs. Daniel dismissed as a "myth" and as "absurd" any idea that Jacobson saw her father secretly on many occasions and used their long-time friendship to influence American policy on Palestine. "I don't believe they ever discussed politics except in the most offhand fashion," she wrote.

She also noted that it was her impression that her father was so angry with Jacobson for presuming on their friendship when he came to the White House to argue the Zionist cause on March 13, 1948, that he learned a bitter lesson and never again approached Truman on the subject.

Jerusalem Status Also Challenged

According to Adler, official White House records for the Truman administration at the Truman Library include references to 24 appointments in the President's office for Eddie Jacobson; 13 of these are marked off-the-record.

In addition, Jacobson was with Truman on the 1948 election whistle-stop train for three days, and according to Truman Library sources, they engaged in private discussions, largely U.S. policy on Israel, Adler said. Truman referred to Jacobson in his Memoirs published in 1965 as his late "great and irreplaceable friend," Adler noted.

Mrs. Daniel stated that her father was determined to keep U.S. bipartisan foreign policy out of domestic politics and had made up his mind to withhold de jure recognition of Israel until after the 1948 elections and because he was also concerned about the treatment of Arabs in Israel. According to Adler, Truman issued a statement before the elections in which he promised de jure recognition for Israel as soon as Israel's provisional government was replaced by a permanent elected government.

Mrs. Daniel wrote that her father deeply regretted that he could not persuade the Arabs and Jews "to agree to the internationalization of Jerusalem which was a key point in his policy." According to Adler, it was true that the 1948 Democratic Party platform supported UN efforts to internationalize Jerusalem and that the U.S. delegate to the UN Palestine Committee requested both Israel and Jordan to agree to internationalization on Nov. 24, 1949.

But on the following day, Adler noted, Truman met with Jacobson and discussed the ramifications

of internationalization. Microfilm documents at the Truman Library record that Truman authorized Jacobson to have Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, relay to President Chaim Weizmann that the U.S. "will do the best possible to delay vote in the UN. Our delegation would vote with us (Israel)."

ANDERSEN: BOTH SIDES WANT PEACE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 18 (JTA)--Knut B. Andersen, the Foreign Minister of Denmark, said today that he was convinced that both sides in the Middle East conflict sincerely desire peace. The Danish diplomat who arrived here yesterday for a one-week official visit to Israel, spoke to newsmen following a two-hour working meeting with Foreign Minister Abba Eban. Andersen met with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohammed el-Zayyat in Cairo six weeks ago.

Eban reportedly briefed the visitor on "favorable changes" that have occurred in the Middle East since the cease-fire two years ago. He stressed Israel's view that the best path to peace lay in an interim settlement with Egypt over the Suez Canal but stressed that Israel was always ready to negotiate an overall peace treaty.

24-HOUR GENERAL STRIKE LOOMS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 18 (JTA)--The labor situation which had eased somewhat last week worsened today as customs officials went on strike at Lod Airport and 4000 employees of the State-owned Mekorot water company threatened to cut off the country's water supply. The workers committee in the Tel Aviv region warned, meanwhile, that they would call a 24-hour general strike to protest price rises and inflationary trends.

The shut-down of the Lod customs house followed a stormy meeting last night at which the customs officers accused the government of stalling on their wage demands. The customs officers ended a work slow-down last month on the promise that their demands for higher wages and incentive payments for greater productivity would be taken up. They claimed that nothing has been done and said the customs house would remain closed "until our demands are met."

The Mekorot workers said they would shut down the nation's water pumping stations unless the company shelved a plan to sell some of its money-losing subsidiaries to Solel Boneh, the Histadrut construction cooperative. They accused the company of trying to make them scapegoats for the failure of other Mekorot enterprises, such as the Vered water resources development company, which recently went into bankruptcy as a result of unprofitable contracts abroad. The Vered scandal caused the government to review Mekorot enterprises and Minister of Agriculture Yosef Almog proposed that some of them be sold. The workers fear they will lose their jobs if the sales materialize.

HEINE'S ANNIVERSARY MARKED

LONDON, Dec. 18 (JTA)--The 175th anniversary of the birth of Heinrich Heine was marked last week in four countries--West and East Germany, London, where he lived for several years, and in Paris where he lived and died on Feb. 17, 1856. The Allgemeine Wochenzeitung, the Journal of the Jewish Community in West Germany, marked the anniversary with a front-page editorial acknowledging Heine as one of the great sons of German Jewry.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

TEL AVIV (JTA)--The Labor Alignment decided Sunday to establish a special committee to study various proposals for the solution of the Palestine refugee problem suggested at a recent debate on the subject in the Alignment's political committee. The proposals dealt mainly with the West Bank refugees, not those in the Gaza Strip. One proposal was to concentrate the refugees in one area, preferably a fertile district where they could engage in agriculture. Another proposal advocated dispersing the refugees in West Bank towns and villages. Premier Golda Meir cautioned Sunday that there could be no permanent solution of the refugee problem until there is a final political settlement and a permanent peace between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

NEW YORK (JTA)--United Hias Service reported Friday that 12 Jewish emigrants, comprising three family units from Morocco and Cuba and one individual from Greece, arrived at Kennedy Airport last week. They were reunited with families in Brooklyn, NY, Montreal, and Clearwater, Fla. The arrivals in Montreal will be aided in their resettlement by the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada, and in Florida by the Gulf Coast Jewish Family Service.

AMSTERDAM (JTA)--Police have released two members of the Maoist group "Red Youth," who were arrested last Wednesday in connection with bombings in Eindhoven last Oct. The men were arrested after considerable quantities of explosives were found in their homes, but were later released for "lack of evidence." According to the Dutch daily, "Algemeen Dagblad," police are now maintaining a close watch on a house rented by a group of Palestinians. In an interview with the daily, "Het Parool," the leader of the Maoist group, Willem Oskam, said his group keeps "close contact" with the Netherlands Palestine Committee. Police have not yet established whether the explosions last Oct. in various Dutch cities were the work of one or several groups.

JERUSALEM (JTA)--Hillel Rasskin, chairman of the Education Ministry's Sports Authority, told the Knesset last week that only three percent of Israelis "pursue the sort of activity that can do their health some good." Eighty-four percent, he said, engage in no sports or exercise, and the population as a whole is in poor physical condition. Knesseters, he added, "are in especially bad shape."

BONN (JTA)--Police detained for several hours Friday Beate Klarsfeld, her husband, Serge, and 10 other members of the International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism when they staged a sit-down in front of the Bundestag distributing pamphlets protesting the failure of West Germany and France to ratify an agreement on the extradition of Nazi criminals. Under the agreement, West German courts would have the right to try and condemn Nazi criminals sentenced in absentia by courts in France. Some of the demonstrators had been inmates of Auschwitz and wore prison clothing. Others wore French resistance medals. Police said the demonstrators had refused to comply with police requests to leave the Bundestag area.

PARIS (JTA)--Citing expenses involved in protecting its safety, the Norwegian government refused Friday to host an Israeli gymnastics team, according to reports received here. Observers here said that since the Munich massacre Sept. 5, Norway has been reluctant to assume responsibility for the safety of Israeli athletes. Oslo newspapers said the team has asked the Swedish and Swiss governments for approval to tour their countries, but that no answer has yet been received.

TORONTO (JTA)--Five hundred members of the faculties of two universities in this area signed a three-quarter page advertisement last Tuesday in the Toronto Globe and Mail directed as "a protest to Premier Aleksei N. Kosygin" and "an appeal to Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau." The advertisement, the first by academicians to appear in Canada, was signed by the University of Toronto and York University faculty members. It protested the transformation of Soviet Jewry "into a new class of indentured servants." The signers, almost equally divided between Jewish and non-Jewish academicians, asked the Soviet government to "rescind this price tag on humanity," and appealed to Trudeau and the Canadian government to "use its good offices to help secure these objectives." The Canadian Academic Committee for Soviet Jewry sponsored the ad. Murray Freedman of the U. of Toronto, and Irwin Cotler of York U. are chairman and co-chairman respectively. Both have travelled to the USSR.

LONDON (JTA)--Two students have been expelled permanently from York University and one for one year for anti-Semitic behavior. A Jewish student complained that anti-Semitic songs were sung outside his room by the culprits, who had also sent him an anti-Semitic letter. All three are members of the extremist right-wing National Socialist League. They claimed they had been drunk but university authorities did not accept this as an excuse. The names of all concerned have been withheld because the students have appealed against their sentence to the University Council.

WASHINGTON (JTA)--Mrs. Betty Talmadge, wife of Sen. Herman E. Talmadge (D. Ga.), was turned away from the Soviet Embassy last Wednesday where she said she had an appointment with Ambassador Anatoly F. Dobrynin and Mrs. Dobrynin. Mrs. Talmadge, accompanied to the Embassy by Mrs. James Rothschild, wife of Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild of the Hebrew Benevolent Congregation of Atlanta, and David Amdur of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Atlanta, carried a petition with 5000 signatures of women from Georgia in behalf of Soviet Jewish "prisoners of conscience." Mrs. Talmadge appeared at the Embassy wearing a brass medallion in the shape of a Star of David. Inscribed on one side of the medallion was the name of Anatoly Goldfeld, a Jewish prisoner. On the other side was the slogan "Let My People Go." in English and Hebrew.

COPENHAGEN (JTA)--A meeting by the Stockholm Jewish community was broken up by some 80 young Swedes who screamed and chanted "free the terrorists!" and "down with occupation."