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Jews present were Rabbi Balfour Brickner, director of inter-faith activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Dr. Gerhard

M. Riegner, secretary general of the World Jewish Congress.

There was an exchange of views in an atmosphere of frankness and cordiality. The liaison committee expressed its concern over increasing anti-Semitic manifestations in various parts of the world, and agreed to seek ways and means to combat this evil. Among the problems discussed were the situation of Catholics and Jews in the Soviet Union; the problem of international terrorism; evangelization, especially in the United States; and religious developments in Israel. After the meeting, both sides expressed the view that it had been an important contribution to a better understanding between the two faiths.

MORE THAN 500 AT FUNERAL SERVICE FOR RABBI ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (JTA)--Leading Jewish and Christian theologians joined 500 other persons at funeral services here yesterday for Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, one of the foremost educators and philosophers of Conservative Judaism, who died Friday at the age of 65. Dr. Heschel, who was professor of Jewish Ethics and Mysticism at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America for 27 years, was eulogized by his many disciples and colleagues who attended the funeral.

Referring to his deep concern for the victims of injustice and discrimination, Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly, described Dr. Heschel as "a voice who spoke for the downtrodden and who felt their pain." Rabbi Heschel was in recent years an outspoken critic of racism and the war in Vietnam, an ardent defender of the right of Soviet Jews and intensely concerned with the problems of ecumenism and the search for peace in the Middle East.

Dr. Heschel was born in Warsaw and educated in Berlin where he received his Ph.D. from the University of Berlin in 1933. He came to the United States in 1940 and served as an instructor and later associate professor of Jewish philosophy and rabbinics at Hebrew Union College from 1940-45 and in 1945 joined the faculty of the JTS. He also served as visiting professor at the University of Minnesota and the University of Iowa.

Author Of More Than 20 Books

He was a Fellow of the American Academy of Jewish Research, a member of the board of directors of YIVO, a member of the publication committee of the Jewish Publication Society of America, and an honorary member of the Rabbinical Assembly.

Rabbi Heschel was the author of more than 20 books in which he formulated a Jewish theology related to the moral issues of the times. His best known work was published in two parts: "Man is Not Alone: A Philosophy of Religion" in 1951 and "God in Search of Man: A Philosophy of Judaism" in 1955.

Among those attending Rabbi Heschel's funeral were Mayor John V. Lindsay; the Rev. Christopher Mooney, president of Woodstock College, a Roman Catholic institution; Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University; Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor emeritus of the JTS; Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion; and Dr. J. Brooke Mosley, of the Union Theological Seminary. Elie Wiesel recited "God Follows Me Everywhere," one of a group of Yiddish poems written by Rabbi Heschel as a young man in Warsaw.

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ALLON SAYS TANDEM TALKS SUGGESTED TO OFFSET EGYPTIAN PROPAGANDA

Concedes It Was Personal View

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25 (JTA)--Deputy Premier Yigal Allon explained to his colleagues at yesterday's Cabinet meeting that his recent remark to newsmen in Washington that Israel and Egypt could negotiate an interim Suez Canal accord and an overall peace settlement simultaneously was intended to counter Egyptian propaganda in the U.S. that Israel was not interested in a permanent peace. Allon said the suggestion represented his "own personal view" and that the idea of parallel talks was not brought up by either side during his meetings with American officials earlier this month.

The Israel government has made it clear that Allon's suggestion was not in accord with official policy and several Cabinet ministers questioned the propriety of his bringing it up in public. Allon's explanation was relayed to newsmen by Cabinet secretary Michael Arnon who said the topic was neither debated nor voted on by the Cabinet.

An Israeli radio correspondent reported Saturday from Washington that the U.S. was seeking "clarification" of Allon's remarks. Arnon said no request for clarification was mentioned at yesterday's Cabinet session. Another government source said no such request has been received in Jerusalem.

Allon said that he suggested tandem talks because questions asked of him by reporters after his meeting with Secretary of State William P. Rogers "mirrored a suspicion which Egypt is encouraging in the U.S.--that Israel wants to avoid an overall settlement and wants to turn a partial settlement into a permanent de facto situation."

He said that "in order to give lie to this suspicion, I stressed that there was no doubt of Israel's readiness for an overall settlement with Egypt. I added that in my own personal opinion at proximity talks for a partial settlement under U.S. auspices, the representatives of the two sides could discuss simultaneously an overall settlement. This idea has not been broached in the Cabinet and is only my personal idea."

HERUT POWER STRUGGLE CONTINUES

TEL AVIV, Dec. 25 (JTA)--Menachem Beigin, leader of the Herut Party, moved yesterday to foreclose any possibility that Gen. Ezer Weizman might withdraw his resignation as chairman of the Party's Executive. Weizman submitted his resignation at the close of the Herut convention last Thursday. Beigin was reported yesterday to have proposed the name of Knesset-member Chaim Landau to replace Weizman. The Party's new 350-member Central Committee, composed largely of Beigin supporters, is expected to accede to their leader's wishes when it convenes next Sunday to elect a new chairman.

The four-day Herut convention was marked by a power struggle between Weizman's supporters and the veteran party members loyal to Beigin. The latter emerged victorious and, according to observers, only deepened his rift with Weizman when he referred to the former Air Force commander and former Transport Minister on a televised interview as "A naughty boy with considerable charm" who has "learned his lesson."

Meanwhile, Weizman, whose resignation caused a party crisis, has said he would continue his political activity within the party and would head a faction that would stand up against the faction headed by Beigin. In various interviews, Weizman said that he joined Herut because he had hoped it was different from other parties, but he

found that it's like any other party. "Many people blindly follow Beigin," he said.

Herut movement veterans denied any significance to the followers of Weizman. "He is not a center of any force," said Landau. Knesseter Yohanan Bader, also of the old leadership, said "there will not be two Beigins in Herut." However, it is evident that Herut is now in a chaotic mood, observers said. People are waiting to see what will develop from the party's crisis.

The Liberals are likewise waiting for developments. A weakened Herut would not be much help in election campaigns, some observers said. But Labor Party general secretary Aharon Yadlin appeared rather satisfied. Commenting on the dramatic end of the Herut convention, he said, "Herut is not even capable of establishing a shadow government, let alone a real one. It is not an alternative."

JEWISH YOUTH URGED TO RESIST

PRESSURE OF EVANGELICAL MOVEMENTS

BOSTON, Dec. 26 (JTA)--Thirteen hundred teenagers attending the opening of the 22nd international convention of the United Synagogue Youth here today were urged to hold the line against attempts by the "Jews for Jesus," the "Jesus breaks" and other evangelical movements seeking to convert Jewish youths from their Judaism.

"The missionary at the door is not a new visitor for Jews. He has been with us all through our existence as a people," Rabbi Paul Freedman of New York, executive director of the USY, told the youngsters. "If we remember this, that the evangelical missionaries cannot give us anything that Judaism cannot or does not give us, we will survive as we have in the past," he said.

Rabbi Freedman told the teenagers, "If you ever experience any moment of doubt about your Judaism, remember Dachau, Bergen-Belsen and the other Nazi concentration camps. The harrowing experience of the holocaust should be a permanent reminder of our Judaism. Along with the birth of Israel, it was the dominant Jewish experience of the 20th century and will live forever in our memories," he said.

4 JDL'ERS ARRESTED, RELEASED ON BOND

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (JTA)--Four members of the Jewish Defense League were arrested Thursday night for disrupting a reception at the Soviet Embassy in honor of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union. According to JDL leader Dr. William Perl, a fifth demonstrator slipped out during the melee.

Dr. Perl and another JDL member, Denise Leish, a 20-year-old student at the University of Maryland, chained themselves to a five-foot high metal ornamental candlestick in a dining room on the second floor of the Embassy. They shouted "free Soviet Jews," and "no ransom, no slave trade," and showered leaflets into the room. They continued shouting as Russian plainclothesmen hauled them downstairs and turned them over to the Executive Protective Service.

Dr. Perl and Miss Leish gained entrance to the Embassy by arriving in a chauffer-driven limousine and using false invitations. A half hour after their arrival, three JDL youths arrived in another chauffer-driven limousine and slipped through a tightened security network into the ground floor of the Embassy, tossing leaflets and yelling anti-Soviet slogans. Fighting immediately broke out and kicks and punches continued to be exchanged as the souffle spilled out onto the sidewalk, Dr. Perl said. The four JDLers taken into custody were released after paying \$10 bond each.

\$1M FUND-RAISING EFFORT LAUNCHED FOR PROGRAM IN JUDAIC STUDIES

DURHAM, N.C., Dec. 25 (JTA)--A major fund-raising effort has been launched to provide financial support for a new comprehensive cooperative program in Judaic Studies at Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Plans for the program were announced in a statement issued jointly by Duke president Terry Sanford and UNC-CH chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor. According to the announcement, development of the program will be financed by an endowment fund being established through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Evans of Durham who have committed themselves to raising initially \$500,000 through alumni of the two universities and other sources in North Carolina and elsewhere in the Southeast.

It is hoped, the statement continued, that the fund eventually will reach at least \$1 million. The fund will be administered by Duke. "Efforts are already underway to build this fund, and the two institutions have created a Joint Planning Council for the Program in Judaic Studies to guide the development of the cooperative enterprise," the Sanford-Taylor announcement said. The program, the university chiefs said, is designed to afford students and faculty at the two institutions and residents of the area "significant opportunities for study, research and participation in cultural activities." Income from the fund initially will support the development of a broader and more comprehensive academic program in Judaic studies at the two universities.

The statement said it is contemplated that the program will conduct such activities as: bringing in distinguished Judaic scholars as visiting lecturers; sponsoring and conducting a small conference or colloquium involving both scholars invited from outside the two universities and qualified resident scholars to present papers for critical evaluation and publication; and enriching the library resources at the universities, especially the holdings of research materials on Judaic studies as a means to stimulate significant research.

Professorship Will Be Established

The program also contemplates bringing in visiting professors, perhaps including distinguished scholars from Israel, to spend a semester or a full academic year offering classes on both campuses and participating in the work of the Judaic Studies Program; developing cooperative exchange programs with one or more universities in Israel involving faculty members, graduate and undergraduate students; sponsoring and conducting special summer- or semester- abroad programs built around participation in an archaeological dig in the Holy Land and an intensive learning experience in the language, history and culture of the country; and sponsoring a "modest program" of publishing scholarly monographs in Judaic Studies.

The statement said that when the fund reaches an appropriate level, a named professorship in Judaic Studies will be established within Duke's religion department. The chair will be filled by "an outstanding and respected Judaic scholar" who will work closely with other faculty members at both universities in teaching, research and planning activities of the cooperative program. "Income from the fund may be used to help support strengthening of the faculty at the University of North Carolina as well," the statement added. In addition, Duke intends to create a Center for

Judaic Studies within its religion department as the organizational unit through which to carry out its part of the cooperative program.

LUTHERAN CONGREGATION SPENDS CHRISTMAS HELPING SOVIET JEWRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (JTA)--Members of a Lutheran congregation here are celebrating their Christmas by organizing support for Soviet Jewry. More than \$100 has been raised from a series of open house parties given by the Luther Place Memorial Church. The fund-raising drive is spearheaded by Pastor John Steinbruck, whose interest in the cause of Soviet Jewry is a long-standing one. For the past two years Pastor Steinbruck has participated regularly in the daily vigil at the Soviet Embassy.

He was instrumental in his congregation's adoption of a Soviet Jewish prisoner, Valery Kukul. Members of the congregation send letters to Kukul regularly and have attempted to get through to him by telephone several times. They have also planted a tree in his name in Israel. Pastor Steinbruck disclaims his motives for helping Soviet Jews are primarily altruistic. Involvement with this cause, he maintains, enables members of his congregation "to fulfill themselves as Christians, to be what they profess to be."

Pastor Steinbruck believes that the gospel provides not only a justification, but a mandate for aiding all oppressed people. This Christmas, the Pastor said, the issue of Soviet Jewry has given purpose to festivities of his congregation. "Next year," he says, "we hope to have more time to plan projects more carefully. But of course," he concluded, "I would rather hope that by then we won't have to."

ADL URGES ROGERS TO INVESTIGATE ANTI-ISRAELI XMAS MAILING

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (JTA)--The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith asked Secretary of State William P. Rogers Friday to investigate whether an anti-Israel Christmas mailing to Americans by the Jordanian Ambassador to the United States is in violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

In a letter to Rogers, Benjamin R. Epstein, ADL director, said that the mailing--a recording entitled "Jerusalem in Captivity: A Personal Message from King Hussein," and an accompanying letter--gives "a wholly distorted picture of the conditions of Jerusalem under Israeli rule." He enclosed copies of the letter and recording.

Both were sent this month to tens of thousands of American businessmen, religious leaders, college professors and government officials in all sections of the country from the Jordanian Embassy in Washington, D.C., by Zuhayr Mufti, Ambassador of Jordan to the United States. Epstein told Rogers that the ADL was disturbed by this misuse of the Christmas season to dispense anti-Israel propaganda which has the effect of dividing Americans by their religious beliefs."

He added that "beyond that, neither the letter nor the recording bears a statement as required by Section 4 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act for the transmission in the United States of political propaganda by agents of a foreign principal required to register under the act."

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The Marseilles meeting was chaired by Msgr. Roger Etcheberry, the Archbishop of Marseilles, and Prof. Zvi Werblowsky of Jerusalem, the chairman of the Israeli Council for Inter-Religious Contacts. Among Catholics present, appointed by Cardinal J. Willebrands with the consent of the Pope, were the Bishop of Brooklyn, Msgr. Francis Mugavero, and the Rev. Cornelius Rijk who heads the office for Catholic-Jewish Relations at the Vatican.

Jews present were Rabbi Balfour Brickner, director of inter-faith activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and Dr. Gerhard

M. Riegner, secretary general of the World Jewish Congress.

There was an exchange of views in an atmosphere of frankness and cordiality. The liaison committee expressed its concern over increasing anti-Semitic manifestations in various parts of the world, and agreed to seek ways and means to combat this evil. Among the problems discussed were the situation of Catholics and Jews in the Soviet Union; the problem of international terrorism; evangelization, especially in the United States; and religious developments in Israel. After the meeting, both sides expressed the view that it had been an important contribution to a better understanding between the two faiths.

MORE THAN 500 AT FUNERAL SERVICE FOR RABBI ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (JTA)--Leading Jewish and Christian theologians joined 500 other persons at funeral services here yesterday for Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, one of the foremost educators and philosophers of Conservative Judaism, who died Friday at the age of 65. Dr. Heschel, who was professor of Jewish Ethics and Mysticism at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America for 27 years, was eulogized by his many disciples and colleagues who attended the funeral.

Referring to his deep concern for the victims of injustice and discrimination, Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of the Rabbinical Assembly, described Dr. Heschel as "a voice who spoke for the downtrodden and who felt their pain." Rabbi Heschel was in recent years an outspoken critic of racism and the war in Vietnam, an ardent defender of the right of Soviet Jews and intensely concerned with the problems of ecumenism and the search for peace in the Middle East.

Dr. Heschel was born in Warsaw and educated in Berlin where he received his Ph.D. from the University of Berlin in 1933. He came to the United States in 1940 and served as an instructor and later associate professor of Jewish philosophy and rabbinics at Hebrew Union College from 1940-45 and in 1945 joined the faculty of the JTS. He also served as visiting professor at the University of Minnesota and the University of Iowa.

Author Of More Than 20 Books

He was a Fellow of the American Academy of Jewish Research, a member of the board of directors of YIVO, a member of the publication committee of the Jewish Publication Society of America, and an honorary member of the Rabbinical Assembly.

Rabbi Heschel was the author of more than 20 books in which he formulated a Jewish theology related to the moral issues of the times. His best known work was published in two parts: "Man is Not Alone: A Philosophy of Religion" in 1951 and "God in Search of Man: A Philosophy of Judaism" in 1955.

Among those attending Rabbi Heschel's funeral were Mayor John V. Lindsay; the Rev. Christopher Mooney, president of Woodstock College, a Roman Catholic institution; Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University; Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor emeritus of the JTS; Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion; and Dr. J. Brooke Mosley, of the Union Theological Seminary. Elie Wiesel recited "God Follows Me Everywhere," one of a group of Yiddish poems written by Rabbi Heschel as a young man in Warsaw.

There will be no JTA Daily News Bulletin Monday Jan. 1, New Year's Day.

ALLON SAYS TANDEM TALKS SUGGESTED TO OFFSET EGYPTIAN PROPAGANDA

Concedes It Was Personal View

JERUSALEM, Dec. 25 (JTA)--Deputy Premier Yigal Allon explained to his colleagues at yesterday's Cabinet meeting that his recent remark to newsmen in Washington that Israel and Egypt could negotiate an interim Suez Canal accord and an overall peace settlement simultaneously was intended to counter Egyptian propaganda in the U.S. that Israel was not interested in a permanent peace. Allon said the suggestion represented his "own personal view" and that the idea of parallel talks was not brought up by either side during his meetings with American officials earlier this month.

The Israel government has made it clear that Allon's suggestion was not in accord with official policy and several Cabinet ministers questioned the propriety of his bringing it up in public. Allon's explanation was relayed to newsmen by Cabinet secretary Michael Arnon who said the topic was neither debated nor voted on by the Cabinet.

An Israeli radio correspondent reported Saturday from Washington that the U.S. was seeking "clarification" of Allon's remarks. Arnon said no request for clarification was mentioned at yesterday's Cabinet session. Another government source said no such request has been received in Jerusalem.

Allon said that he suggested tandem talks because questions asked of him by reporters after his meeting with Secretary of State William P. Rogers "mirrored a suspicion which Egypt is encouraging in the U.S.--that Israel wants to avoid an overall settlement and wants to turn a partial settlement into a permanent de facto situation."

He said that "in order to give lie to this suspicion, I stressed that there was no doubt of Israel's readiness for an overall settlement with Egypt. I added that in my own personal opinion at proximity talks for a partial settlement under U.S. auspices, the representatives of the two sides could discuss simultaneously an overall settlement. This idea has not been broached in the Cabinet and is only my personal idea."

HERUT POWER STRUGGLE CONTINUES

TEL AVIV, Dec. 25 (JTA)--Menachem Beigin, leader of the Herut Party, moved yesterday to foreclose any possibility that Gen. Ezer Weizman might withdraw his resignation as chairman of the Party's Executive. Weizman submitted his resignation at the close of the Herut convention last Thursday. Beigin was reported yesterday to have proposed the name of Knesset-member Chaim Landau to replace Weizman. The Party's new 350-member Central Committee, composed largely of Beigin supporters, is expected to accede to their leader's wishes when it convenes next Sunday to elect a new chairman.

The four-day Herut convention was marked by a power struggle between Weizman's supporters and the veteran party members loyal to Beigin. The latter emerged victorious and, according to observers, only deepened his rift with Weizman when he referred to the former Air Force commander and former Transport Minister on a televised interview as "A naughty boy with considerable charm" who has "learned his lesson."

Meanwhile, Weizman, whose resignation caused a party crisis, has said he would continue his political activity within the party and would head a faction that would stand up against the faction headed by Beigin. In various interviews, Weizman said that he joined Herut because he had hoped it was different from other parties, but he

found that it's like any other party. "Many people blindly follow Beigin," he said.

Herut movement veterans denied any significance to the followers of Weizman. "He is not a center of any force," said Landau. Knesseter Yohanan Bader, also of the old leadership, said "there will not be two Beigins in Herut." However, it is evident that Herut is now in a chaotic mood, observers said. People are waiting to see what will develop from the party's crisis.

The Liberals are likewise waiting for developments. A weakened Herut would not be much help in election campaigns, some observers said. But Labor Party general secretary Aharon Yadlin appeared rather satisfied. Commenting on the dramatic end of the Herut convention, he said, "Herut is not even capable of establishing a shadow government, let alone a real one. It is not an alternative."

JEWISH YOUTH URGED TO RESIST

PRESSURE OF EVANGELICAL MOVEMENTS

BOSTON, Dec. 26 (JTA)--Thirteen hundred teenagers attending the opening of the 22nd international convention of the United Synagogue Youth here today were urged to hold the line against attempts by the "Jews for Jesus," the "Jesus breaks" and other evangelical movements seeking to convert Jewish youths from their Judaism.

"The missionary at the door is not a new visitor for Jews. He has been with us all through our existence as a people," Rabbi Paul Freedman of New York, executive director of the USY, told the youngsters. "If we remember this, that the evangelical missionaries cannot give us anything that Judaism cannot or does not give us, we will survive as we have in the past," he said.

Rabbi Freedman told the teenagers, "If you ever experience any moment of doubt about your Judaism, remember Dachau, Bergen-Belsen and the other Nazi concentration camps. The harrowing experience of the holocaust should be a permanent reminder of our Judaism. Along with the birth of Israel, it was the dominant Jewish experience of the 20th century and will live forever in our memories," he said.

4 JDL'ERS ARRESTED, RELEASED ON BOND

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (JTA)--Four members of the Jewish Defense League were arrested Thursday night for disrupting a reception at the Soviet Embassy in honor of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Soviet Union. According to JDL leader Dr. William Perl, a fifth demonstrator slipped out during the melee.

Dr. Perl and another JDL member, Denise Leish, a 20-year-old student at the University of Maryland, chained themselves to a five-foot high metal ornamental candlestick in a dining room on the second floor of the Embassy. They shouted "free Soviet Jews," and "no ransom, no slave trade," and showered leaflets into the room. They continued shouting as Russian plainclothesmen hauled them downstairs and turned them over to the Executive Protective Service.

Dr. Perl and Miss Leish gained entrance to the Embassy by arriving in a chauffer-driven limousine and using false invitations. A half hour after their arrival, three JDL youths arrived in another chauffer-driven limousine and slipped through a tightened security network into the ground floor of the Embassy, tossing leaflets and yelling anti-Soviet slogans. Fighting immediately broke out and kicks and punches continued to be exchanged as the soufflé spilled out onto the sidewalk, Dr. Perl said. The four JDLers taken into custody were released after paying \$10 bond each.

\$1M FUND-RAISING EFFORT LAUNCHED FOR PROGRAM IN JUDAIC STUDIES

DURHAM, N.C., Dec. 25 (JTA)--A major fund-raising effort has been launched to provide financial support for a new comprehensive cooperative program in Judaic Studies at Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Plans for the program were announced in a statement issued jointly by Duke president Terry Sanford and UNC-CH chancellor N. Ferebee Taylor. According to the announcement, development of the program will be financed by an endowment fund being established through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Evans of Durham who have committed themselves to raising initially \$500,000 through alumni of the two universities and other sources in North Carolina and elsewhere in the Southeast.

It is hoped, the statement continued, that the fund eventually will reach at least \$1 million. The fund will be administered by Duke. "Efforts are already underway to build this fund, and the two institutions have created a Joint Planning Council for the Program in Judaic Studies to guide the development of the cooperative enterprise," the Sanford-Taylor announcement said. The program, the university chiefs said, is designed to afford students and faculty at the two institutions and residents of the area "significant opportunities for study, research and participation in cultural activities." Income from the fund initially will support the development of a broader and more comprehensive academic program in Judaic studies at the two universities.

The statement said it is contemplated that the program will conduct such activities as: bringing in distinguished Judaic scholars as visiting lecturers; sponsoring and conducting a small conference or colloquium involving both scholars invited from outside the two universities and qualified resident scholars to present papers for critical evaluation and publication; and enriching the library resources at the universities, especially the holdings of research materials on Judaic studies as a means to stimulate significant research.

Professorship Will Be Established

The program also contemplates bringing in visiting professors, perhaps including distinguished scholars from Israel, to spend a semester or a full academic year offering classes on both campuses and participating in the work of the Judaic Studies Program; developing cooperative exchange programs with one or more universities in Israel involving faculty members, graduate and undergraduate students; sponsoring and conducting special summer- or semester- abroad programs built around participation in an archaeological dig in the Holy Land and an intensive learning experience in the language, history and culture of the country; and sponsoring a "modest program" of publishing scholarly monographs in Judaic Studies.

The statement said that when the fund reaches an appropriate level, a named professorship in Judaic Studies will be established within Duke's religion department. The chair will be filled by "an outstanding and respected Judaic scholar" who will work closely with other faculty members at both universities in teaching, research and planning activities of the cooperative program. "Income from the fund may be used to help support strengthening of the faculty at the University of North Carolina as well," the statement added. In addition, Duke intends to create a Center for

Judaic Studies within its religion department as the organizational unit through which to carry out its part of the cooperative program.

LUTHERAN CONGREGATION SPENDS CHRISTMAS HELPING SOVIET JEWRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (JTA)--Members of a Lutheran congregation here are celebrating their Christmas by organizing support for Soviet Jewry. More than \$100 has been raised from a series of open house parties given by the Luther Place Memorial Church. The fund-raising drive is spearheaded by Pastor John Steinbruck, whose interest in the cause of Soviet Jewry is a long-standing one. For the past two years Pastor Steinbruck has participated regularly in the daily vigil at the Soviet Embassy.

He was instrumental in his congregation's adoption of a Soviet Jewish prisoner, Valery Kukul. Members of the congregation send letters to Kukul regularly and have attempted to get through to him by telephone several times. They have also planted a tree in his name in Israel. Pastor Steinbruck disclaims his motives for helping Soviet Jews are primarily altruistic. Involvement with this cause, he maintains, enables members of his congregation "to fulfill themselves as Christians, to be what they profess to be."

Pastor Steinbruck believes that the gospel provides not only a justification, but a mandate for aiding all oppressed people. This Christmas, the Pastor said, the issue of Soviet Jewry has given purpose to festivities of his congregation. "Next year," he says, "we hope to have more time to plan projects more carefully. But of course," he concluded, "I would rather hope that by then we won't have to."

ADL URGES ROGERS TO INVESTIGATE ANTI-ISRAELI XMAS MAILING

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (JTA)--The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith asked Secretary of State William P. Rogers Friday to investigate whether an anti-Israel Christmas mailing to Americans by the Jordanian Ambassador to the United States is in violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

In a letter to Rogers, Benjamin R. Epstein, ADL director, said that the mailing--a recording entitled "Jerusalem in Captivity: A Personal Message from King Hussein," and an accompanying letter--gives "a wholly distorted picture of the conditions of Jerusalem under Israeli rule." He enclosed copies of the letter and recording.

Both were sent this month to tens of thousands of American businessmen, religious leaders, college professors and government officials in all sections of the country from the Jordanian Embassy in Washington, D.C., by Zuhayr Mufti, Ambassador of Jordan to the United States. Epstein told Rogers that the ADL was disturbed by this misuse of the Christmas season to dispense anti-Israel propaganda which has the effect of dividing Americans by their religious beliefs."

He added that "beyond that, neither the letter nor the recording bears a statement as required by Section 4 of the Foreign Agents Registration Act for the transmission in the United States of political propaganda by agents of a foreign principal required to register under the act."

Premier Golda Meir told the Cabinet yesterday that she would go to Paris next month for the meeting of the Socialist International. Officials in Jerusalem would not say whether she would be meeting with French leaders or visit outside Paris.