

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

LONDON, (JTA) -- Specific proposals for action against Soviet oppressions of Jewry in the USSR and plans for improving that situation, were adopted at a special meeting of British Jewry, representing virtually all shades of Anglo-Jewish opinion. Summoned by Solomon Teff, president of the Board of Jewish Deputies, "to consider the serious situation of Soviet Jewry," the session was attended by two representatives of each of the following organizations; The Board of Deputies, the Anglo-Jewish Association, Agudat Israel, Association of Jewish Ex-Service Men and Women, B'nai B'rith, the League of Jewish Women, Miz-rachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, the British section of the World Jewish Congress, World Sephardi Federation, World Union for Progressive Judaism, and Zionist Federation of Great Britain.

MELBOURNE, (JTA) -- A Soviet Embassy spokesman confirmed here this week that a book describing Soviet pressures on Russian Jewry, which had been sent to the Embassy for transmittal to Soviet authorities had arrived and would be sent "in due course" to the appropriate Soviet officials. The book, written by I Leibler, chairman of the public relations department of the Australian Jewish Board of Deputies, is called "Soviet Jewry and Human Rights." It has a letter, as part of its introduction, written by Rex Mortimer, prominent Australian Communist, who was among the Western Communist critics of Soviet propaganda attacks on the Jewish religion.

NAZI MURDERS

BONN (JTA) -- The court trying 22 former Auschwitz death camp guards since December 1963, will make a second trip to Poland to hear some 24 witnesses who are unable to come to Frankfurt, Presiding Judge Hans Hofmeier disclosed. Polish judges also will be present at the taking of their testimony.

Eight defense attorneys, two public prosecutors and two civil prosecutors will accompany Judge Hofmeier on the trip, which will have the court officials taking testimony in a number of Polish cities between April 20 and April 27. Cities on their itinerary include Warsaw, Gracow, Lodz, Kattowice and Glewitz. None of the defendants will take part in the trip.

It was announced, meanwhile, that another major trial of Nazi war criminals will start in Bochum in October, with 16 former members of Hitler's elite SS guard to go on trial. The principal defendant is Heinrich Hamann, 57, charged with participating in the slaughter of 70,000 Jews in occupied Poland.

An indictment prepared by the North Rhine - Westphalia branch of the Ludwigsbert Documentation Center for Nazi Crimes charges that Hamann sent to death camps in August 1942, a total of 15,000 Jews from the Neu-

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snadez Ghetto in the Gracow district. Under his command, according to the indictment, 285 Jews in one action and 125 in another were shot and dumped into mass graves while many of the victims were still alive. The indictment charges Gunther Labitzke, 52, of Ludwigshaven, with the murder of 1,690 Jews. Johann Bornholt, 60, is charged with shooting and strangling 390 Jews.

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