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New Anti-Semitic Acts in Russia

Renewed and overt acts of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union are taking place despite a recent "thaw" in attitude toward Jewish practices in Russia.

This charge was leveled last week by Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the Rabbinical Council of America — arm of the nation's Orthodox rabbinates.

Rabbi Miller headed a group of American rabbis who visited the Soviet Union last summer and was permitted to speak from the pulpit of Moscow's Great Synagogue.

He charged that the following acts of anti-Semitism had taken place

in the past two months in Russia:

- The editor of the only Yiddish journal in Russia stated there would be more social progress in the country if all Synagogues were closed.

- Jews under 30 were forbidden to enter Synagogues in Tashkent.

- Bukharian Jews in Dushanbe (formerly Stalingrad) were refused permission to open the city's second Synagogue.

- Police reportedly were stationed in Synagogues in Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev and Odessa to prevent Russian Jews from having any contact with foreigners.

- Young people worshipping in

one Synagogue were taken from the temple and questioned by police.

Rabbi Miller said the incidents prove that a recent denunciation of anti-Semitism by Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin was "not principled or based on morality but on strategic tactical grounds."

He said the premier was reacting to adverse world opinion, which also was responsible for official promises to allow resumption of the baking of matzo's and the publication of prayer books.

The rabbi's report said "silence has prevailed about the promises in the Soviet Union, although they

were broadcast by Radio Moscow on its overseas transmission."

Miller said the incident he considered most significant was the statement about closing the Synagogues, made by Aron Vergelis, editor of Sovietische Heimland.

"Such a statement by a state-sponsored journal — as are all publications in Russia — cannot be viewed as a purely personal observation," said Rabbi Miller, "but must be taken as still further evidence of the continuing pressure that is being maintained as a matter of policy by the Soviet regime against Jewish religious institutions."

PROFILES

by Percy Villa



ROBERT O. CANNON

The oldest hotel manager in terms of service and sen-

YAHREZITS TONIGHT AT BETH SHOLOM

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iority along the fabled Las Vegas Strip holds the Executive Vice President and General Manager post at the 20 million dollar Tropicana Hotel. Robert O. Cannon, who with the exception of the war years, has been a prominent hotel executive in Nevada glamour city since 1941, was signed to the coveted Tropicana post 10 years ago when the plans were being drawn, and supervised construction.

Georgia born 55 year old
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Needs Arms

WASHINGTON (WNS) Secretary of State Dean Rusk received an urgent plea from seventy five members of both parties in the House of Representatives urging "effective measures to strengthen Israel's defenses" to deter aggression.

Pointing to the fact that the Soviet Union was shipping arms to Egypt, Syria and Iraq, and the United States to Jordan and Syria, the lawmakers said in their letter to Mr. Rusk that they were "not complacent about any of these developments," that they were "aware of our commitment to oppose aggression in the area" and "mindful that the concentration of hostile and well equipped armies on all Israel's frontiers presents a constant threat of an attack too swift to be prevented by external intervention."

The Truman Center

An event rare in the history of America occurred last week, when two Presidents and the Chief Justice of the United States shared the same platform. The setting was the Harry S. Truman Library in Independence, Mo., and the occasion was the inauguration of the Harry S. Truman Center for the Advancement of Peace at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

It is both fitting and significant that the world's first comprehensive study of Peace, as an academic discipline, has been initiated by the University of the Jewish people. It is also fitting that the Truman Center be established in the eternal city of Jerusalem, an enclave holy to three of the world's major faiths and the cradle of Jewish and Christian civilization.

In the sixties of the twentieth century, peace is an imperative. For this is an era in which scientists dared to unlock the secrets of creation, thereby risking annihilation. This is a world in which the threat of extinction casts a dark shadow over new abilities to extend life. A world holocaust is inherent in every conflagration between peoples. The Truman Center is truly a response in hope to the disquieting challenge of our times.

The mission accepted and now proclaimed by the Truman Center, is to apply scientific methods to seek out for the world's troubled citizenry the means to achieve peace, for which all men hunger. In a university setting at the crossroads of the modern and ancient world, peace will become a teaching discipline and the framework for investigation and research in depth. For the first time, a wide variety of subjects, ranging from the physical sciences to metaphysics, will be studied along guidelines leading towards alleviating possible sources of friction and promoting the positive effect of understanding.

The stated aim of the Truman Center is an environment of total desegregation. Interfaith, interracial and supranational, the Center will not engage in acts of propaganda for any single political ideology, any one nation or group or nations.

The ultimate symbol of the Truman Center will be young people from contending nations, seated side by side, learning how to replace mutual distrust with understanding based on knowledge.

And in that there is real hope for a world in turmoil.

SALZBURG (WNS) Two brothers, both of them Poles, were placed on trial here this week on charges of involvement in the mass murder of 12,000 Jews during the war in the Nazi occupied Polish town of Stanislaw.

The two are accused of

having marched 12,000 of the Jews in the Stanislaw Ghetto to an execution spot where the killers used machine-gun fire against the victims. Later, the Nazis imposed a heavy fine on the city's Jewish Council to cover the cost of the ammunition used in the execution.

A REPORT BY AJC

by Morton Yarmon

The recent nationwide upsurge of incidents of vandalism against synagogues and other Jewish institutions are not part of any centrally directed campaign or the works of any of the known organized anti-Semitic movements, according to a detailed analysis issued today by the American Jewish Committee.

The report, made public by Dr. John Slawson, Executive Vice President of the pioneer human relations agency, warns that these outbreaks are expressive of "a lingering violent anti-Semitism" and hence more disquieting than if they were part of an organized plot.

The Committee points out that the 14 anti-Semitic incidents in the United States in the five-month period ending December 31, 1965, are the most reported in any comparable period since the epidemic following the 1959

Christmas Eve Cologne synagogue desecrations. The report stresses that the most serious of these incidents were "cases of wanton destruction most likely perpetrated by adults" rather than daubings or smearings done by juveniles or teenagers. It adds that even where teen-

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FRI. SERVICES BOY SCOUTS



DR. LASKER

Temple services this evening, Friday, Feb. 4, will be dedicated to Boy Scouts of America.

Dr. Harry Lasker of New Brunswick, N.J., National Director of Jewish Relationships, will be guest speaker.

Invited guests are John Dupree, Scout Executive for Southern Nevada, and his assistant Edward Kane.

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BETH SHOLOM

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Friday Night . . . 8:30

Sat. Morning . . . 9:00

U.S.- Israel OK

TEL AVIV (WNS) There is "no foundation" to recent press reports that the U.S. had threatened to take steps against Israel if it sought to develop nuclear arms, it was declared here by Foreign Minister Abba Eban on the eve of a trip that was to take him to three of the major capitals of the world, Washington, London and Paris.

At the same time Mr. Eban indicated that one of the purposes of his itinerary was to probe the extent to which the world powers prepared to use their influence to end Arab hostility toward Israel.