

# RUSSIANS PLAN ELIMINATION OF JEWS

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- B'nai B'rith research has prepared an exhaustive study of Soviet history books which showed that Moscow was employing "the strategy of 1984" to eliminate the identity of Jews not only in Russia but all over the world.

The study, written by William Korey, director of the group's United Nations office, claimed that the Soviet Union was deliberately distorting history to make Jews "non-persons". Fifteen history textbooks published since 1966 that represent the "sum total of required textbooks for all primary and secondary schools in the Russian Republic were studied. These books are also translated for use in other Soviet republics.

The B'nai B'rith study conclusions included: Jews are rarely mentioned, their culture is ignored and their contributions to civilization and Western culture is disregarded; Anti-Semitism in Russian and world history is barely noted and the holocaust of the Nazi era is slighted; Ancient Jewish history as a factor in world history is dismissed and the State of Israel is hardly noted.

Examples specifically noted by the study included no mention of the Dreyfus case in a chapter of French history in one textbook, a high school textbook that ignored anti-Semitic persecution and concentration camps

for Jews in reporting on the Nazi regime and no mention of Israel in a list of new states in another high school textbook, with the only reference as an "aggressor" in a report on the 1956 Sinai campaign.

(In London, the current issue of Sovietish Heimland, the officially sanctioned Yiddish periodical received there, features a historical survey dealing with the Jewish past in a scholarly, non-political context. The issue

contains articles, essays and poems by a number of Russian-Jewish writers and notes on a Hebrew translation of a poem by a Georgian poet.)

(Rumania's Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen told a World Jewish Congress meeting in Tel Aviv that Russian Jews subscribe to a periodical published by the Bucharest Jewish community and often send in poems, essays and articles for publication. The publication is printed in Hebrew, Yiddish and Rumanian.)

## JEWS DECLINE IN 2 CITIES

SAN FRANCISCO (WNS) -- Signs of the decline of the Jewish community of San Francisco and Sioux City, Iowa, were noted by community groups in the two cities.

In this California city, the Board of Kashruth for the greater Bay area reported, there were now only two kosher butcher shops and no kosher restaurants and the amount of meat and poultry being slaughtered for kosher use ghtered for kosher consumption had dropped considerably in recent years.

The Sioux City Jewish Federation reported that there had been a drop in the city's Jewish population from 1953 when a census showed

640 family households and a total Jewish population of 2,203 to the 1970 figure of 524 families and a population of 1,367. This was a net loss of 216 families and 656 individuals.

Kosher butcher shops in San Francisco totaled eight in 1935 while 15 years ago the city had two kosher restaurants. As recently as 1963 100 cattle per week were koshered locally while only 30 are now ritually killed weekly. One Bay area kosher butcher store is also located in Oakland and in San Jose.

The drop in Sioux City Jewish population included a decline in children aged eight to 14 from 183 in 1964 to 112 this year.

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