

**RUSSIAN JEWS IN ISREAL ACCLIMATED**

NEW YORK-- Israel has devised special methods for meeting the problems faced by immigrants coming into the country from the Soviet Union, an American Jewish Committee report shows.

The report, compiled by the Israel Office of the Committee, indicates that one of the main problems stems from the difficulty Russians Jews have in adjusting from a totalitarian state to a free society.

The report, listing the everyday irritations that result from this adjustment, quotes the reaction of Haim Talmor, an Absorption Ministry official who has been working closely with Soviet immigrants: "In Russia, the government decided on his place of work, his apartment, the education of his children, all the processes of his life. He wasn't required to use initiative. He's not used to paying water bills or looking for a job or picking a school for his children."

Problems arise, the report continues, in the social framework, with immigrants from the Soviet Union having been generally accus-

*Passover Message*

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Chairman Jewish Agency---American Section

As we celebrate the Passover of 1971, with its commemoration of the Biblical Exodus from Egypt, it is appropriate that we reiterate the pledge we have made so many times in recent years: that world Jewry will resolutely maintain its solidarity with the people of Israel in their firm resolve not to bow to modern Egyptian intransigence; nor will they accept Four Power pressures that would threaten the very security of the State now about to celebrate its twenty-third anniversary.

As in the days of the Pharaohs, Egypt would once again destroy Israel, if it could. With the backing of Soviet Russia, it seeks to impose borders on Israel that would make it impossible for Israel to maintain its own security. Peace cannot be imposed upon the Middle East; it must be freely negotiated by the parties concerned, including nations that have never officially recognized the existence of Israel, flouting the United Nations decision in 1947. The result has been years of continued hostility and warfare that can only be halted by forthright direct negotiations with a view to permanent peace. It is not Israel that is intransigent but her enemies.

As American Jews, we are dedicated to the cause of peace throughout the world. We are happy to note that Israel is firmly pledged to work towards peace in the Middle East through direct negotiation with Egypt and its other Arab neighbors. But we firmly oppose any backward steps that might lead to disastrous appeasement and renewed warfare.

The Passover celebration is traditionally celebrated as a joyous recollection of liberation. We trust and pray that as we read the Haggadah once again at the beautiful Seder Service, the Middle East and the world at large will move definitely and surely toward the peaceful solution of international disputes -- onward toward worldwide comity and peace.

On the other hand, the survey shows, university-age immigrants confront the problem.

*best wishes for a happy passover*

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