"HOT LINE"

(Continued from Page 1) the plight of Soviet Jews. The American Jewish Congress is a constituent member of the Conference.

The petition urges the President to take advantage of his meeting in May with Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin and Communist Party Chief Leonid Brezhnev to "help redeem Soviet Jews, thus fulfilling the hopes of millions of Americans who have labored on their behalf.' It declares:

"We respectfully petition you on behalf of three million Soviet Jews. We urge you to be their advocate and to convey to Soviet leaders the concern of millions of Americans, and people of good will everywhere, over an oppressed minority which faces discrimination, and is prevented from perpetuating its history, its culture and its ancient heritage.

"We urge you to exert your influence to help free Jewish prisoners of conscience and to help Soviet Jews achieve the fundamental right to live as Jews and to leave for Israel and elsewhere."

Counters attached to the telephone apparatus have recorded more than 1,000 calls per week in each city during periods of anti-Jewish trials.

The "hot line" message also discusses the appeal by Moscow Jews to the International Red Cross to send representatives to labor camps to see first hand the conditions under which prisoners are detained and to corroborate reports concerning their poor health and lack of medical attention.
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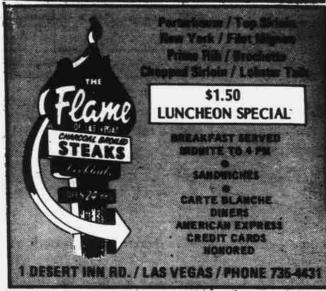
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Copies of the petition are available from the American Jewish Congress, Stephen Wise Congress House, 15 East 84th Street, New East 84th Street, York, N.Y. 10028.



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U.S. STATE DEPT. PAMPHLET AFFIRMS SOVIET JEWS

WASHINGTON new State Department pamphlet flatly asserts that Jews in the Soviet Union are singled out for discrimination and 'cultural deprivation.'

The 1,500-word analysis asserts that in today's U.S.S.R. "living is tense and unpleasant for those who assert their Jewishness."

"Nevertheless," adds, "an increasing number of Jews, particularly young people, are boldly and publicly claiming their rights, including that to travel abroad and emigrate."

Content of the pamphlet, titled "Mistreatment of Jews in the Soviet Union," was made public at the National Conference for Campus Action on Soviet Jewry.

An advance text had been sent by the State Department's Office of Soviet Affairs to Rabbi Oscar Groner, assistant national director of the B'nai B'rith Hille 1 Foundations, for conference use among the 175 participating student leaders.

Official Soviet practice, the pamphlet says, "denies Soviet Jews the opportunity and means to preserve their cultural and religious identity."

It notes that --"Jews are subjected to a greater degree

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of cultural deprivation sentatives at the United orities."

recognized sects -- such to speak out on these as the Jehovah's Witnesses -- but worse than other officially

groups." As a Soviet nationother national groups... severely restricted.'

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well represented in It cites the increase ence in education."

Jews in the Soviet opinion throughout the Communist Party is world may yet persuade high, but they are the Kremlin to reconvirtually excluded from sider its practices." high-ranking political and management jobs."

The pamphlet lists ment and U.S. repre- LICATION.

and state control than Nations made in support most other Soviet min- of the rights of Soviet Jews to emigrate and to As a recognized maintain their cultural religion, Judaism freedoms, and declares fares better than non- that "we shall continue

issues." But, the pamphlet also cautions, "the impact recognized religious of official statements or approaches to the Soviet government reality group, Jews in mains limited. So far their "distinctive lan- as we can determine, guage, activities and the few Soviet concescommunity institutions sions of recent years have been... unlike most have come about in response to expressions of concerned public-

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