

"HOT LINE"
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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.

"Hot line" numbers in regional AJCongress offices are:

- Chicago (312) 332-7359
- Boston (617) 542-7697
- Philadelphia (215) 546-6970
- Miami (305) 891-3143
- Cleveland (216) 321-8393
- Newark (201) 642-8662
- St. Louis (314) 725-7171

Copies of the petition are available from the American Jewish Congress, Stephen Wise Congress House, 15 East 84th Street, New York, N.Y. 10028.



ST. ANTHONY'S MESSANGER, THE "NATIONAL CATHOLIC FAMILY MAGAZINE" PUBLISHED BY THE FRANCISCAN FATHERS, DEVOTED ITS RECENT COVER STORY TO RABBI MARC H. TANENBAUM, NATIONAL INTERRELIGIOUS AFFAIRS DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE. THIS MARKS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE WIDELY-CIRCULATED CATHOLIC JOURNAL (270,000 SUBSCRIBERS) HAS FEATURED A JEWISH LEADER ON ITS COVER. CHARACTERIZING HIM AS "JUDAISM'S FOREMOST APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES," AUTHOR JOHN E. FITZGERALD OBSERVES THAT "RABBI TANENBAUM, AT 46," HAS BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF ALL MAJOR INTERFAITH EFFORTS FOR 20 YEARS."

U.S. STATE DEPT. PAMPHLET AFFIRMS SOVIET JEWS

MISTREATMENT

WASHINGTON -- A 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," it 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 Hillel 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

of cultural deprivation and state control than most other Soviet minorities."

* As a recognized religion, Judaism fares better than non-recognized sects-- such as the Jehovah's Witnesses -- but worse than other officially recognized religious groups."

* As a Soviet nationality group, Jews in their "distinctive language, activities and community institutions have been... unlike most other national groups... severely restricted."

* "Jews are still well represented in scientific and artistic professions, but non-Jews receive preference in education."

* "The percentage of Jews in the Soviet Communist Party is high, but they are virtually excluded from high-ranking political and management jobs."

The pamphlet lists statements by the White House, State Department and U.S. repre-

sentatives at the United Nations made in support of the rights of Soviet Jews to emigrate and to maintain their cultural freedoms, and declares that "we shall continue to speak out on these issues."

But, the pamphlet also cautions, "the impact of official statements or approaches to the Soviet government remains limited. So far as we can determine, the few Soviet concessions of recent years have come about in response to expressions of concerned public opinion from abroad."

It cites the increase in Jewish emigration last year as "evidence that the moral weight of peaceful, lawful expression of public opinion throughout the world may yet persuade the Kremlin to reconsider its practices."

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