

MESSAGES STRESS SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK (WNS)-- Passover messages by national Jewish leaders and organizations this year were devoted to the themes of the new exodus of Jews from the Soviet Union and the demand of those Jews who remain in the USSR to live as Jews with their own life style, culture and religion.

Paul Zuckerman general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, described the new exodus as "tenuous" but a proud and precious one.

Sam Rothberg, general chairman of the Israel Bond Organization said, "Today the Jewish people are actually living through a Passover of the present. The opening of the gates of the Soviet Union, barred for so many years to Jews seeking to leave for Israel, provides an obvious parallel with the exodus of 2,000 years ago."

Edward Ginsburg, general chairman of the

Joint Distribution Committee noted that the JDC "will continue to aid these and other needy Jews in Israel, in North Africa, Europe and other countries. We will provide for their health and welfare needs, their vocational and educational needs, and above all we will continue to help them live as Jews."

Max M. Fisher, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, observed "At Passover we recall the long march millenia ago by a people who could be satisfied by nothing less than liberty. The act of recall at this season reaffirms our generations insistence on Jewish continuity and a society fulfilling the promise of freedom for all men."

Phillip E. Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee, pledged that "we cannot and will not forget" the 40 Jewish prisoners who languish in severe regime labor camps in the



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Soviet Union. These people are in jail for committing no crime but were there merely for "expressing the age-old longing of the Jew, expressed in the Haggadah, 'Next Year in Jerusalem'".

Harold Friedman, president of the United Hias Service, said that "at Passover our hearts and minds turn to our brethren in distant lands who still live in conditions of fear and degradation."

Meyer Pesin, president of the Jewish National Fund of America stated "The Jewish National Fund has earned and needs the continued

and increased support of world Jewry...in the restoration of Israel to its challenging place in the world today."

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