

NIXON BRUSHES
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"making fun of a very serious question" -- the Jewish issue. Michener is not Jewish. He walked out when Alexander B. Chakovsky, editor of the "Literary Gazette," and a member of the Supreme Soviet, in answer to a question pertaining to the absence of Jewish newspapers in the Soviet Union and the need to increase news about "other world Jewish communities" began reading from a satirical novel about the U.S. written by two Soviet Jews. Chakovsky, speaking of Jewish life in America said "As far as I know acts of arson have occurred in 30 or 40 synagogues, 15 cemeteries, three centers and six schools." He added that Brooklyn Jews in East Flatbush complained of living in "a reign of terror." Chakovsky suggested "It is high time you pay attention to affairs in your own country."

At an earlier session Madam Ekaterina Furtseva, Minister of Culture, ridiculed suggestions for reopening the Yiddish Drama Theatre in Moscow and permitting Soviet Jews to have schools in which to teach their children Yiddish or Hebrew. She said parents would not send their children to such



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schools and that most Moscow Jews do not understand Yiddish.

For the first time publicly, a Soviet official said that Jews working in defense industries will not be permitted to emigrate. Mayor V.F. Promyslov of Moscow told newsmen that Jews in Moscow district who are not engaged in "sensitive" military work may apply for and obtain visas to emigrate to Israel.

He neglected to say that in the Soviet Union defense industry embraces a wide variety of occupations including chemists, physicists, engineers and mathematicians not directly involved with military projects.

Leonid Tsypin, who was arrested by the KGB when he refused to report for military service, and then released, was again arrested by the KGB. Also arrested

were Jewish activists Alexander Slepak and Joseph Begun. This brings to 11 the number of activists arrested in connection with President Nixon's visit to Moscow. Jews from Kharkov and Kiev have written to President Nixon asking to meet with him, and the wives of the activists arrested during his visit have begun a hunger strike. Twenty-five Jews in

Riga and Leningrad ended a threeday hunger strike to protest the rejection of their visa applications and Jews in Kharkov and Wilna were warned not to attempt to come to Moscow during the President's visit.

In the U.S., six scientists offered to take the place of six Soviet Jewish scientists who were arrested on the eve of the President's visit and two Congressmen intervened on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal (D., N.Y.) sent a cable to U.S. Ambassador in Moscow, Jacob Beam, for relay to Soviet authorities, and Rep. Jack Kemp (R., N.Y.) said he would intervene personally with Soviet Ambassador in Washington, Anatoly F. Dobrynin.

Four hundred Israelis and recent Soviet Jewish immigrants began a hunger strike at the Western Wall in Jerusalem. Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the strikers that President Nixon is likely to take up the question of Soviet Jewry in a "constructive manner" during his current visit to Moscow. The strikers were visited by Pres. Zalman Shazar, Cabinet Ministers, and the entire Zionist Federation, expressed the

support of American Jewry for the strikers.

Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., Yitzhak Rabin, on home leave, told the international relations circle of the Labor Party's Youth Group in Tel Aviv, that relations with the U.S. have never been better. He said he did not believe Nixon would sacrifice Israel at the current talks.

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