

AUSTRIA REMAINS FIRM

VIENNA (WNS) -- Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky said that he would resign rather than reconsider his decision to close the transit camp for emigrating Soviet Jews at Schoenau Castle. "I would rather resign than cancel my decision, no matter who demands it, from President Nixon on down," Kreisky said.

President Nixon had expressed the hope that Kreisky would reconsider his decision.

However, political sources here called Kreisky's statement political rhetoric because of the upcoming Aust-

rian elections. In New York, Austrian Foreign Minister Rudolph Kirchschlaeger admitted to reporters that his country was feeling pressure but said that "if we yield to Nixon, tomorrow will come Brezhnev and we will have to yield to him."

Prior to the outbreak of the Mideast War, the Israeli Cabinet was considering the problem of keeping the flow of maintaining the flow of Jews through Austria and a world-wide campaign was launched to mobilize public opinion against Kreisky's decision.

LOS ANGELES: Golda Meir, Prime Minister of the State of Israel, lauded the Tel-Aviv University as "a great institution" that "is still growing fast, diversifying its disciplines and intensifying its research work."

HARRISBURG, PA. -- B'nai B'rith officially opened a \$4 million senior citizen housing project here.

PROTESTS AGAINST AUSTRIAN DECISION

NEW YORK (WNS) - Protests against Austria's decision to close down the transit camp for emigrating Soviet Jews at Schoenau Castle near Vienna continued to mount in the U.S. Mrs. Charlotte Jacobson, chairman of the World Zionist Organization - American Section pointed out that Austria had "an admirable record for hospitality to refugees" and had helped over 70,000 Russian Jews in the past few years. But she noted that "neither the Austrian people nor any nation in the world can be safe if governments yield to blackmail and permit their policies to be shaped by terrorist violence."

Herman L. Weisman, president of the Zionist Organization of America, sent a telegram to the Austrian Embassy in Washington stating that "capitulation to an act

of terrorism, perpetrated by two gangsters, constitutes a cowardly act tantamount to abject surrender of sovereignty."

Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, president of the Labor Zionist Alliance, called on the Austrian government to reconsider its decision and noted that the giving into terrorism "diminishes further the sovereign status of Austria."

Other Jewish organizations in the U. S. and Canada joined the protest. In Washington an inter-religious delegation representing Catholic, Protestant and Jewish organizations received assurances from the Austrian Embassy that the closing of the transit center did not mean that Austria had closed its doors to refugees.

Meanwhile the Senate by a voice vote urged Austria to reverse its decision. The resolution sponsored by Sen. Walter F. Mondale (D, Minn.) warned that "capitulation to terrorists encourages their attempts at blackmail." Earlier Mondale and three other Democratic congressmen, Senators Abraham Ribicoff (Conn.) and Henry M. Jackson (Wash.) and Rep. Bella Abzug (N.Y.) sent telegrams of protest to Austrian Ambassador Arno Halusa. Rep. Peter A. Peyser (Rep. N.Y.) introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives to recall the American Ambassador to Austria until that country rescinds its decision.

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AUSTRIA ASKED TO REVOKE DECISION

JERUSALEM (WNS) - Following Premier Golda Meir's unsuccessful attempt to persuade Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky to rescind his decision to close the Schoenau Castle Transit camp, the Israeli Cabinet urged continued pressure on the Austrian government.

"There must be no relenting on the demand placed on the government of Austria that it revoke the promise made to terrorists under the pressure of threats and violence," a Cabinet communique declared. The Cabinet asserted that Israel believes Austria "cannot absolve itself of the humanitarian obligati-

on. Fulfillment of the right of Jews to free and unlimited passage.. must continue to be called for."

In Washington President Nixon expressed the hope that Kreisky "will reconsider his position" and noted that "we simply cannot have governments, small or large, give in to international blackmail by terrorist groups."

Foreign Minister Abba Eban, in addressing the United Nations General Assembly, said the issue is "What is the future of the world in which two pirates and criminals can bring a proud nation to the acceptance of their terms.. Who is to rule our world -- governments or gunman."

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- Dr. Daniel Thursz, Director of the National Summer Leadership Programs of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, the world's largest Jewish youth organization, has just been elected first Vice President of the National Association of Social Workers.

NEW YORK -- The first graduate school for higher Torah scholarship (Kollel) in Latin America opened in Buenos Aires, as part of an expanded Torah education complex established by Agudath Israel of Argentina, with the cooperation of the American Agudath Israel organization.

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