

HIAS HELPED 4 MILLION IN 90 YEARS

NEW YORK (WNS)—The 90th anniversary of the United Hias Service was celebrated with a pledge by the organization to continue its work of helping Jews immigrate and resettle.

So far the organization has aided some 4 million people.

Noting that Jewish history is a history of migration, Hias pres. Carl Glick declared: "We know the future will bring thousands of refugees from countries known and yet unknown. As long as Jews have a need to move, Hias will be there to help them migrate to freedom."

Hias was founded to aid Jews fleeing from Czarist Russia and Gaynor I. Jacobson,

executive vice-president, noted that "Ironically, as in our beginning, the largest number of assisted this year (1973) came from Eastern Europe." In 1973 Hias resettled 3788 people including 1768 Soviet Jews and aided another 48,000.

This year it anticipates resettling 5000 Jewish refugees, the largest number since 1970, and providing help for another 50,000. The program will require a budget of \$3,368,000, and increase over \$260,000 over 1973.

JEWISH LEADERS MEET WITH KISSINGER

WASHINGTON (WNS) Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger met with

16 leaders of American Jewish organizations in "an off-the-record" discussion.

The meeting was a followup to one held in December and it was announced that similar meetings will be held in the future. The only comment from the participants was in the form of a short statement drafted by three of the participants, Rabbi Israel Miller, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; Max Fisher, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency and Leonard Garment, assistant to President Nixon.

"The meeting dealt with the status of Syrian negotiations, continued economic and military support to Israel and other matters of importance to the Jewish community," the statement said. Rabbi Miller and Fisher described the meeting as friendly, positive, comprehensive and frank.

There was no mention of Soviet-Jewish emigration or the Jackson Amendment in the statement.

Kissinger told the Senate Finance Committee earlier that he has been meeting "regularly with Jewish leaders on Soviet emigration and they were sympathetic to his views opposing restrictions on trade benefits to the USSR.

DYING WOMAN IN SOVIET PRISON CAMP

NEW YORK,....The Geneva Conventions protect prisoners of war. What body or law protects Sylva Zalmanson from the brutality of her own government?


Imprisoned by the Soviet Union in 1970 because she wants to live as a Jew in Israel, Sylva -- with a history of tuberculosis and rheumatic fever -- is wasting away in a Strict Regime Labor Camp. The only woman so imprisoned, Sylva has been sent to a camp where not only are there no other Jews -- who might help to care for her -- but she is surrounded by Nazi collaborators from World War II.

Her case is so appalling that it has been taken up by Amnesty International and freedom loving people.

In a vigil held by Hadassah today on Sylva Zalmanson's behalf at the Isaiah Wall, in the shadow of the United Nations (44 Street and First Avenue), Rose E. Matzkin, national president of Hadassah, said that this appeal was

humanitarian, not political. "Sylva Zalmanson has never spoken against the Soviet Union, nor participated in its political life. Her only 'crime' is that she has sought to go to Israel, where she can live as a conscientious observant Jew."

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