

**JEWISH LEADERS SCORE NIXON PARDON**

NEW YORK (WNS) -- President Ford's unconditional pardon of former President Nixon has been strongly criticized by the American Jewish Congress and the Workmen's Circle.

In a letter to Ford, William Stern, executive director of the Workmen's Circle, said that in accepting "a faint-hearted, insincere declaration of contrition in return for a halt to further prosecution, we feel you have acknowledged a double standard of justice in our nation," Stern said the letter was written on behalf of his organizations 60,000 members.

The AJCongress, in a resolution adopted by its executive committee, declared that it

"deplores President Ford's pardon of Richard M. Nixon prior to any judicial action as both unwise and unwarranted. In our judgement, the American people will correctly view the pardon as an act of special consideration available only to the powerful and well connected."

**OFFICIALLY SPONSORED USSR ANTI-SEMITISM**

LONDON (WNS) -- A new wave of officially-sponsored anti-Semitism is "rampant" in the Soviet Union.

This was the conclusion of a two-day international legal conference on the question of Soviet Jewish emigration attended by 43

eminent lawyers from 20 countries. Israeli Supreme Court Justice Haim Cohen said the conference also concluded that the Soviet authorities were breaking their own laws in harassing persons who have applied for emigration visas.

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The conference statement will be sent to Chief Soviet Prosecutor Roman Rudenko with a proposal that Soviet and Western lawyers should cooperate to protect human rights in the USSR.  
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