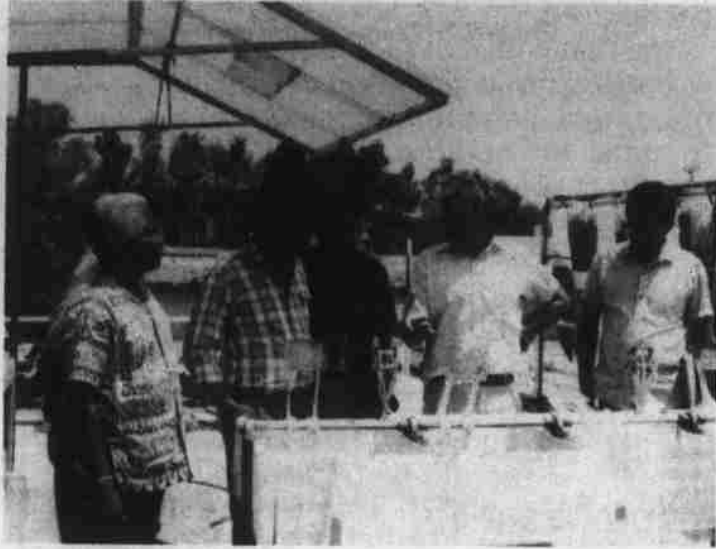


Asian Leaders Seek Closer Ties To Israeli Agriculture



BEERSHEBA, ISRAEL -- Dov Pasternak, director of the Boyko Institute at Ben-Gurion University (second from right), explains experiments in algae production to Asian leaders of national farming associations who visited Israel recently on a study tour organized and sponsored by the American Jewish World Service. Members of the delegation are (from left) A.T.W. Jinadasa, Chief of Agricultural Programs, and Sathis de Mel, Executive Director of the Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement of Sri Lanka; Laurence R. Simon, AJWS President; and Serge Cherniguin (right), Secretary General of the National Federation of Sugar Workers (Philippines). Conrado Navarro (not shown) of the International Institute for Rural Reconstruction in the Philippines also participated.

Soviet-Appointed Chief Rabbi Says Restrictions Against Jews Eased

NEW YORK (JTA) — An unprecedented easing of restrictions on Jewish religious and cultural life in the Soviet Union is well under way, according to the Soviet-appointed Chief Rabbi of Moscow, Adolph Shayeveich. He is the only Jew visiting the U.S. as part of a delegation of religious figures from the USSR, invited by the United Church of Christ.

Shayeveich, who spoke at a breakfast Sunday for Jewish leaders given by Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, said a new self-employment law that went into effect May 1 will permit private teachers including Hebrew teachers, to hold

classes for groups of students, and earn income. Hebrew teaching in fact has been outlawed in the Soviet Union, but has occurred clandestinely, and many Hebrew teachers have been arrested in recent years.

According to Shayeveich, who is rabbi of Moscow's Chorale Synagogue, there was "warm response" in the Jewish community to plans for a kosher restaurant to be opened in the Soviet capital by the end of the year, next door to his synagogue. He said the synagogue would operate the restaurant.

"Another sign of 'glasnost,'" the new Soviet policy of openness, Shayeveich said, was the repairs and restoration now being made to the mikvah (ritual bath) attached to the Marina Roscha synagogue in Moscow.

He said the Moscow Jewish community was concerned last year when the mikveh was closed. Jewish spokesmen here raised the matter with Konstantin Kharchev, chairman of the Council of Religious Affairs of the USSR Council of Ministers, when he visited New York last October.

Shayeveich said the repairs were well under way when he left Moscow last month and he expected the mikveh to be functioning within the next few weeks.

Another positive development, according to Shayeveich, was the permission granted by Soviet authorities to permit the delivery of 5,000 copies of a Hebrew-Russian Pentateuch by the Appeal of Conscience Foundation to Moscow in time for Shavuot, June 3-4. Shayeveich said the books were cleared through customs with Kharchev's help. Schneier made arrangements for the shipment with Kharchev.

Shayeveich said the synagogue is selling the books for 10 rubles (about \$9) to members and will make them available to other synagogues in the USSR for 3-5 rubles each.

Shayeveich said he was "hopeful for the future" but cautioned that "glasnost is a process that will take time to have its full effects."

Schneier disclosed that two more Soviet students have been admitted to the Rabbinical Seminary in Budapest, the only one in Eastern Europe, where one will study to be a shochet (ritual slaughterer) and the other a chazan (cantor). Both will serve the Moscow synagogue, Schneier said.

Charles Kremer Dead At 90

NEW YORK (JTA) — Funeral services were held recently for Charles Kremer, a Rumanian-born dentist who was instrumental in bringing about the deportation from the United States of Archbishop Valerian Trifa, the Rumanian cleric who was the leader of the fascist Iron Guard

which fomented a massacre of Jews in Bucharest in 1941. Kremer died after a long illness. He was 90 years old.

Born in the town of Braila, Rumania, Kremer immigrated to the U.S. in 1919. He graduated dentistry school at the University of Pennsylvania in 1924 and was in practice for more than 53 years. He became famous in Rumania for introducing penicillin there in 1947.

Kremer, who was active in many American Jewish organizations and in the Rumanian Jewish community in America, devoted his life to bringing to justice Nazi war criminals who found refuge in the U.S. He lost scores of relatives in the Holocaust.

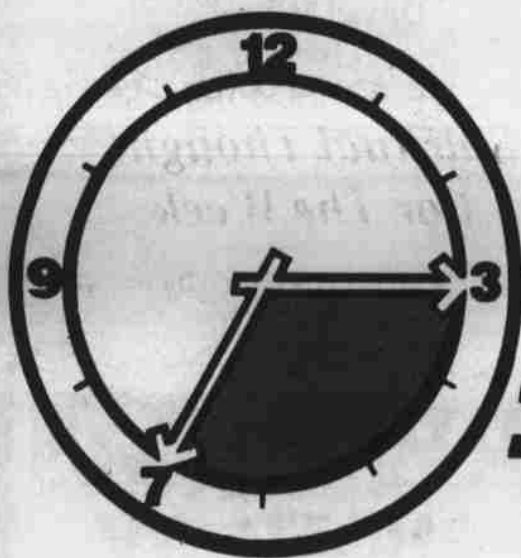
He played a major role in discovering evidence about Trifa's fascist past which culminated in a Federal deportation order. Trifa left for Portugal two years ago and died there several months ago at the age of 72. Trifa admitted concealing his past when he entered the U.S. in 1950. He headed the Rumanian Orthodox Episcopate in Grass Lake, Mich.

Study Seeks Child Survivors

NEW YORK (JTA) — Child survivors of the Holocaust are being sought worldwide to contribute information to the Jerome Riker International Study of the Organized Persecution of Children. As part of the study, the Polish and Yiddish depositions of 141 child survivors, given after World War II to the Jewish Historical Commission in Warsaw, are being translated into

English. Many of the children were living then in children's homes, and one of the purposes of this search is to find other residents. Another is to find out what has happened to the child survivors and to enable them to discuss their experiences with their peers.

The study may be contacted at 30 Soundview Lane, Sands Point, N.Y. 11050.



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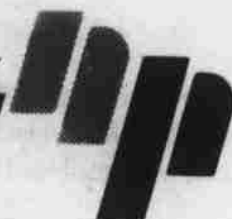
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