

USSR Bans Matzo Baking Photographs

LONDON (JTA)—A Columbia Broadcasting Corporation television team failed to obtain permission from Soviet authorities to photograph the baking of matzo in Moscow, it was reported from the Soviet capital. The television crew was told by the Soviet officials that while they themselves had no objection, the leaders of the Jewish religious community would be opposed. A second attempt by the CBS crew to get approval also failed.

Observers here expressed the view that the Jews had been given a hint to "refuse such permission because the Soviets did not want to appear to be banning normal press coverage of an event totally unconnected with any question of security. It was suggested that conditions for matzo baking in Moscow are so poor and primitive that the Soviet officials were loath to let them be shown on television in the West.

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Syria Resumes Attack on Israel; Aims at Retaliation

'Do-Not-Be-Silent Chair', 'Matzo of Hope' Prayer: Links With USSR Jewry

The Hagada's injunction to "Let my people go!", read at every Passover seder around the world, will again have particular significance for lovers of freedom as local and national organizations draw attention to the plight of Soviet Jewry.

Detroit's Jewish Community Council, in cooperation with the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, is distributing several thousand copies of a prayer, "This Is the Matzo of Hope." It is also providing petitions to individuals and organizations who seek to add their voice to the protests against Soviet policy.

The petition notes that "the undersigned, out of our dedication to the universal moral principles of justice, brotherhood and religious freedom, join other Americans in expressing our grave concern." It appeals to Soviet authorities to grant Jews the equality to which they are entitled under the Soviet constitution, allow unrestricted worship, permit manufacture and importation of Hebrew prayer books and other ritual objects, reopen Jewish cultural institutions, allow separated families to be reunited in other lands and eradicate every vestige of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union.

The circulation of petitions will culminate with a midnight vigil 11:30 p.m. April 29 at the Jewish Center, in which organization members of the Community Council and other interested groups and individuals, among them many youth groups, will take part.

These organizations, including synagogues, have been urged to reprint the Matzo of Hope prayer, re-named from the "Matzo of Oppression" of last year, and to circulate it among their members. A quarter-million copies of the seder prayer are being distributed by the American Jewish Conference.

The conference, an association of 25 national American Jewish organizations seeking the elimination of the wrongs inflicted on Russian Jews by the Soviet government, asks that this statement be read by the leader of the seder service when distributing the matzo. He lifts a matzo, sets it aside and says:

"This matzo, which we set aside as a symbol of hope for the 3,000,000 Jews of the Soviet Union, reminds us of the indestructible link between us.

"As we observe this festival of freedom, we know that Soviet Jews are not free to learn of their Jewish past, to hand it down to their children. They cannot learn the languages of their fathers. They cannot teach their children to be the teachers, the rabbis of future generations.

"They can only sit in silence and become invisible. We shall be their voice, and our voices shall be joined by thousands of men of conscience aroused by the wrongs suffered by Soviet Jews. Then shall they know that they have not been forgotten, and they that sit in darkness shall yet see a great light."

The "Maoz" Society for Help to Soviet Jewry of Tel Aviv has again appealed to Jewry throughout the free world to set aside an empty chair at the seder table to symbolize anxiety over the plight of Soviet Jewry. To add symbolism and arouse questions by the young, Maoz has printed placards to be affixed to the "Kess Al-Domi"—the "Do-Not-Be-Silent Chair."

The practice has been observed on a nationwide scale for two years in Israel and in many places throughout the free world. Maoz hopes it will become tradition, each year, to set this extra place, until the gates of the USSR are opened for the exodus of Soviet Jewry. Rabbis also have been asked to make this the topic of their sermons on Shabat Hagadol (the Great Sabbath) before Passover.

Jewish Telegraphic Agency reports from Jerusalem late Tuesday revealed that Syrian gunners again opened fire on Israeli tractors working in fields north of the Tel Katzir settlement in a repetition of last Friday's escalated aggressive action, in spite of heavy losses inflicted by Israeli planes on the Syrian infiltrators.

At the same time it became known that in spite of the withdrawal last week of the Syrian complaint against Israel to the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission, a complaint was filed by Syria to the United Nations Security Council on Monday, in protest against what Syria termed Israel's air and ground actions.

In the fighting last Friday, Israeli jets downed six Syrian Soviet-made MIG-21 jet planes.

The JTA report from Jerusalem Tuesday quoted an Israeli communique which stated that at noon local time on Monday the Syrians aimed heavy mortar fire from Hirbet Tawafik on Tel Katzir fields southeast of Lake Tiberias. The communique reported that some 30 120-millimeter mortar shells hit the area. No casualties were reported.

The fields which came under attack Monday are routinely cultivated by Israelis. Tractors worked the fields Monday and early Tuesday without interference. Israeli officials said that the target fields were not considered "disputed" but are recognized as Israeli.

In a related development, the Syrians for the first time admitted opening fire on Israeli tractors. On the regular Damascus radio broadcast Tuesday, a Syrian spokesman said that the Syrians had twice opened fire on Israeli tractors.

Prior to Monday's renewed shooting, Israeli farmers had resumed work in two separate fields used for a long time by Tel Katzir settlers. Work also was under way to repair the heavy damages—estimated at millions of pounds—caused by Syrian artillery in a number of Israeli border settlements along the Syrian frontier. Teams of electricians, telephone repair men and construction workers were busy cleaning up the debris and repairing doors, windows and smashed walls.

Mrs. Leonard Weiner Heads National Council of Jewish Women

Mrs. Leonard Weiner of Huntington Woods was elected president of the National Council of Jewish Women at its national convention in Atlanta Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Weiner, 25564 Wareham, was named to office by 1,000 delegates to the biennial convention of the women's educational and service organization. She succeeds Mrs. Joseph Willen of New York.

Another local woman, Mrs. Jerome B. Grossman, 20217 Briarcliff, was elected to the national board of the NCJW.

Mrs. Weiner, wife of the Detroit attorney, has long been active in communal activities. Her father, the late Milford Stern, was a leader of Temple Beth El and instilled in his daughter the love of Jewish community.

Until her election as president, Mrs. Weiner served as national vice president of the NCJW and was a member of its executive committee, as well as a life board member. A past president of the NCJW's Detroit Section, she is on the steering committees for the Orchards and Operation Friendship, as well as other local activities of the Detroit Section. She also serves as the council's liaison committee chairman to the National Foundation for Jewish Children. For the local Custer School Enrichment Program, in which the NCJW has taken

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Mrs. Weiner

Allied Jewish Campaign Nears \$5,000,000 Mark

Detroit's Allied Jewish Campaign is expected to reach the \$5,000,000 mark at the next campaign report meeting to be held Sunday morning at Sinai Hospital, Alfred L. Deutsch, campaign chairman, predicted.

Reporting at last Friday's workers' meeting at the Fred M. Butzel Memorial Building, Deutsch said that day's total of \$4,712,219 was subscribed by 14,751 pledgors.

Sunday's rally of campaign workers will be addressed by Dr. Julien Priver, executive vice president of Sinai Hospital.

The Abraham and Anna Srere Radiotherapy Center will be dedicated at Sinai Hospital after the Allied Jewish Campaign report meeting.

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