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## PRAVDA, IZVESTIA PRINT RUSSELL-KHRUSHCHEV LETTERS ON SOVIET ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, March 3. (JTA) -- In an unprecedented move indicating to experts here the extreme sensitivity of highest Soviet authorities to Western criticisms of the USSR's policy of anti-Semitism, Moscow's two leading newspapers this weekend printed in full the exchange of letters on the Russian-Jewish problem between Lord Bertrand Russell, the British philosopher, and Prime Minister Nikita S. Khrushchev.

Both Pravda, the official organ of the Communist Party of the USSR, and Izvestia, the official organ of the USSR Government, printed Lord Russell's letter seeking clemency for Jewish victims sentenced to death during the Soviet Union's recent wave of "economic crime" show trials. Mr. Khrushchev's reply cited the Soviet constitutional guarantees of freedom for all religious "cults," insisting that Jews and others who had been sentenced to death were punished only because they were "economic criminals."

Soviet sensitivity on the issue was seen here as illustrated in another example. Yesterday's "Daily Mail" carried a two-page advertisement, paid for by the Russian authorities, reporting the full text of Mr. Khrushchev's speech at an election meeting last week. In that text, the Premier was quoted as referring to the main subject on which he touched in his reply to Lord Russell. Mr. Khrushchev mentioned that he had received a letter from a Soviet citizen in Turkmenia, asking him to intercede in the case of a person sentenced to death for an "economic crime." His reply was that he could do nothing in the matter because the judgment against the criminal had been just.

(In Rome, this weekend, Alexei Adjubei, editor of Izvestia, and son-in-law of Mr. Khrushchev, stated at a press conference, as the Premier had in his letter to Lord Russell, that "anti-Semitism is absent in Russia." He sought to prove this "fact" by listing names of Jews who were his own colleagues and mentioning other leading Soviet personalities who, he said, were Jewish.)

## CLAIMS CONFERENCE CALLS ON W. GERMANY TO AID MORE NAZI VICTIMS

NEW YORK, March 3. (JTA) -- The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, meeting here today, appealed by formal resolution, directly to the Government and Parliament of the West German Federal Republic, to redress injustices to victims of Nazi persecution, and to speed up the enactment of basic amendments to the German indemnification law "which are long overdue." The resolution expressed the hope that the German Government would bring to the closing chapter of the indemnification program "the same degree of understanding it showed in making the Luxembourg Agreement and in enacting the original legislation for indemnification."

The step was taken at the opening session of a two-day meeting, attended by more than 40 Jewish leaders from North and South America, Europe, Israel, Australia and South Africa. They represented 23 national and worldwide Jewish member organizations of the Claims Conference, and they will decide tomorrow on the allocation of \$10,000,000 scheduled to be received this year.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Claims Conference, reported to the board on the outcome of discussions held by him at Bonn last week with German Chancellor Adenauer and with Federal Finance Minister Rolf Dahlgren. Dr. Goldmann voiced deep distress at "the protracted delays in framing the necessary legislation," although he acknowledged that certain objective factors have played a limited role in the delays. He pointed out that the wrongs for which indemnification payments are made arose under the Nazi regime, which came to power 30 years ago.

Nazi victims, in the scores of thousands, who have already waited decades for compensation, have grown deeply embittered, said Dr. Goldmann, while thousands of others have died over the course of years without receiving a penny in compensation. He expressed the hope that the proposed draft legislation will be completed in the course of the next month, so that it could serve as a basis for early discussion and negotiation.

### Over 600,000 Claims Still Pending; Goldmann Urges New Approach

Over 600,000 claims for indemnification were still pending on December 31, 1962, the date on which adjudications under the Federal indemnification law were scheduled to be completed, Dr. Goldmann said. The basic amendments for which the Conference was