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# KHRUSHCHEV GETS APPEAL ON JEWS

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LONDON, Feb. 17—Bertrand Russell, the 91-year-old British philosopher and left-wing intellectual, has appealed to Premier Khrushchev for better treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union.

The appeal was in the form of a letter to the Soviet leader dated Dec. 2 and made public today. It was written by Lord Russell and signed by him and 11 other persons, most of them famous in science, literature, philosophy or Socialist politics. Five, in addition to Lord Russell, are Nobel Prize winners.

The 10-paragraph letter expressed “concern” over restrictions in Jewish religious freedom and other forms of hostility against Jews.

“The closure of synagogues and shortage of religious facilities have impaired Jews in the pursuit of their beliefs,” the letter said.

## **Abusive Terms Deplored**

“We are deeply troubled,” the letter added, “that there should be articles in Soviet journals of many republics expressing hostility to Jewish people as such and using terms such as ‘vermini,’ ‘blood-suckers,’ ‘parasites,’ in combination with caricatures of Jews.”

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imposition of the death penalty “harms the Soviet Union and allows those hostile to her to malign her.”

“We consider the fact that 60 per cent of those executed are Jews to be gravely disturbing,” the letter continued. “We are troubled by the prison sentences imposed for the preparation of unleavened bread.”

The letter said that although many of the signers were nonbelievers in any religion and campaigners against superstition, “nonetheless, we believe that the freedom to practice religious views should be allowed Jews of the Soviet Union in the same manner that such freedom is granted people of other religious persuasion.”

The other signers of the letter were:

Queen Elisabeth, dowager Queen of the Belgians; Dr. Max Ro?n, Nobel Prize physicist; Lr. Martin Buber, Israeli theologian; Ricardo Lombardi, a leader in the left-wing element of the Italian Socialist party.

Also, Francois Mauriac, Nobel Prize French novelist; Otto Nathan, trustee of the estate of Dr. Albert Einstein; Lord Boyd Orr, former, Director General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and winner of the Nobel Peace prize; Prof. Linus Pauling, winner of Nobel Prizes for chemistry and peace.

Also, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, medical missionary, philosopher and musicologist and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize; Norman Thomas, American Socialist party leader, and Prof. Giuseppe Ungaretti, Italian poet and leftwing intellectual.

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