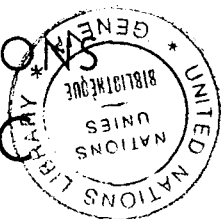


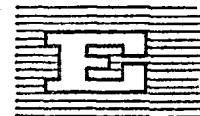
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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL
FREEDOMS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE
TO COLONIAL AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

Letter dated 9 March 1977 from the representative of the
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics at the thirty-third
session of the Commission on Human Rights to the Chairman
of the Commission on Human Rights

The Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations Office at Geneva has disseminated in document E/CN.4/1251, a malicious libel consisting of deliberately false allegations about the position of Jews in the Soviet Union.

The whole world knows that in the Soviet Union, where full equality of rights of all persons is assured, Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality enjoy the full measure of rights guaranteed by Soviet legislation on an equal footing with Soviet citizens of all other nationalities. This unassailable fact cannot be obscured or distorted by any falsification or insinuation.

The Soviet delegation on the Commission on Human Rights categorically rejects the vicious slander and racist-zionist propaganda disseminated by the Permanent Representative of Israel.

I request you to circulate this letter as an official document of the thirty-third session of the Commission on Human Rights under item 12 of its agenda.

Accept, Sir, etc.

(signed) V. ZORIN

Representative of the
Soviet Socialist Republics
on the Commission on Human Rights