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Jews Conduct a Service for Jordan at Czech Mission

About 100 Jews, adults and students, staged a memorial service and a demonstration across the street from the Czechoslovak mission to the United Nations yesterday. They were protesting what they charged was the murder of Charles H. Jordan, executive vice chairman of the American Joint Distribution Committee.

The body of Mr. Jordan was found last week in the Vltava River in Prague after he had disappeared from the Esplanade Hotel, where he was staying with his wife, and a nephew, Paul Kaplan.

An official Czechoslovak autopsy attributed the death to drowning. A medical team of the Joint Distribution Committee, a relief agency for needy Jews overseas, confirmed the finding but was unable to obtain tissues from the body for chemical analysis.

Body Sent From Prague

Louis Broido, general chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, said yesterday that the body was being flown here from Prague. He said his agency would ask prominent pathologists here to obtain tissues "for further examination and analysis."

The 90-minute demonstration at the Czechoslovak mission on the northeast corner of 83d Street and Madison Avenue was held under the auspices of the Ad Hoc Committee to Protest the Murder of Charles H. Jordan.

Demands for the "establishment of an international committee to investigate" the death were made by Rabbi Steven Riskin of the Lincoln Square Synagogue, Rabbi Louis Newman of Temple Rodeph Shalom, and Jacob Birnbaum, head of the Ad Hoc Committee and national coordinator of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry.

Demonstrators Carry Signs

Standing behind barricades, the adults and the students, many wearing skull caps, carried signs, some of which read,

"Czechs do the Russian's dirty work" and "Redress Jordan's murder."

Persons of the second floor of the Czechoslovak mission peered from behind curtains and took photographs of the demonstration.

A statement issued by the Ad Hoc Committee declared that

the "tempo of antisemitism in the Soviet Union and several satellite nations has greatly increased" since the end of the Israeli-Arab War in June. The statement noted that several days before Mr. Jordan's death, "a violent attack on the Joint [Distribution Committee] was published in the Soviet press."