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BERLIN JEWISH COMMUNITY PROTESTS ACQUITTAL OF DEPUTY WHO WANTS "JUDENREIN" GERMANY

FRANKFURT, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- President Theodor Huess and Chancellor Konrad Adenauer today received telegrams from the Berlin Jewish Community protesting "the scandalous verdict" of the court in Neu-Muenster yesterday in acquitting the former Nazi, Wolfgang Hedler, of charges of making an anti-Semitic speech, in which he supported the Hitler idea of "getting rid of the Jews." (See Page 3 for earlier report.)

"This verdict opened the way to great developments, fostering anti-Semitism and Nazism," the protest of the Jewish Community said. "Grave danger is again confronting the Jewish survivors in Germany."

The West German press was today unanimous in its condemnation of the acquittal. The Bavarian Landtag (state parliament) also joined in protests against the verdict. Landtag president Dr. Georg Stan was applauded when he said Hedler's behavior in court reminded him very much of the manner of Hitler when he was tried in 1924. Within minutes of Hedler's acquittal yesterday, Social Democrat leader Kurt Schmacher condemned the decision as a "disgusting scandal."

PROTEST ON BRITISH SHIPPING OF ARMS TO ARABS REFERRED BY TRUMAN TO STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- President Truman said at his press conference today that he has referred to the State Department the matter of the joint protest on British arms shipments to the Arab states submitted to him last week by the American Federation of Labor and the C.I.O.

The State Department's reaction was indicated late yesterday when Secretary of State Dean Acheson said that he has replied to A.F.L. president William Green's letter. The Secretary said he reiterated the same sentiments contained in his letter to Rep. Jacob K. Javits. He indicated he still feels it is desirable for the Arabs to receive arms shipments and does not believe there is serious danger of renewed hostilities involving Israel.

YEMENITE JEWS CLASH WITH GUARDS IN ISRAEL IMMIGRANT CAMPS; ONE OFFICIAL IS WOUNDED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The director of a Yemenite immigrant camp was slightly wounded here today in a clash between the immigrants and the guards and officials of the camp. The Yemenite immigrants were quieted only after the intervention of police detachments which were urgently summoned from Hadera and nearby settlements.

The incident occurred following the arrival of two religious youths from the Bnai Brak colony who requested permission to visit the Yemenite camp. They were detained by the guards when they could not produce identity documents. This resulted in a protest on the part of the camp inmates which developed into the fight.

ARAB GOLD SMUGGLERS CAPTURED IN ISRAEL; 13 MARAUDERS KILLED IN BORDER PATROL CLASHES

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Arab infiltrations in the Negev are gradually assuming increasing proportions, it was reported here today. The report said that ten Arab marauders were captured Tuesday night at Migdal Gad. A search in the house in which they were hiding unearthed 70 pounds of gold and 3,000 British pounds in cash.

One marauder was killed in a clash with police on Sunday near Migdal Gad and 12 were killed in clashes with army and police patrols in other sections of the Negev border since Sunday. A number of marauders were captured, including two Sudanese and one Tunisian.

SECOND PART OF ANGLO-ISRAEL FINANCIAL TALKS DRAWING TO CLOSE; NO HITCHES REPORTED

LONDON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The second part of the Anglo-Israel financial talks are drawing to a conclusion here, it was learned today. However, study of various documents and the drafting of certain provisions which have been proposed are holding up the final conclusion of the talks, which were slated to end this week.

Meanwhile, it was learned here that no major hitch has occurred in the Anglo-Israel financial conversations and that David Horowitz, director-general of the Israel Finance Ministry, will not leave on a scheduled trip for the U.S. before all the complex questions relating to assets and liabilities arising out of the termination of the British mandate over Palestine are cleared up. It is generally believed that the second part of the talks will be concluded some time next week.

Talks between Israel officials and British commercial firms are continuing. A reception for Israel Minister to Britain, Dr. Mordecai Eliash, and Mr. Horowitz, will be tendered at the Savoy Hotel by Lord Wimborne, chairman of Harris and Dixon, a shipping firm, and by directors of the company.

FEDERAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATOR URGES AID TO ISRAEL; RIDICULES "DUAL LOYALTY" TALK

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Oscar Ewing, Federal Security Administrator, warned today that Israel's economy must be reinforced by aid from America if the new republic is to survive as a "stronghold of democracy in the western sense" in the Middle East. Speaking at the concluding session of the mid-winter conference of Hadassah, Mr. Ewing scolded as "silly" charges of dual loyalty hurled at "American citizens who take an earnest interest in the future of Israel." He said it is "part of American nature to help other people."

Discussing the huge economic, social and political problems--housing, immigration, relations with the Arab states and vocational training--which faced Israel, Mr. Ewing said he shared the confidence of its people who are "supremely sure" they can solve their problems. "I am proud of the part played by the American Government in ultimately making it possible for Israel to be born," he said. "I am equally proud of the voluntary role played by the American citizens, including especially the members of Hadassah in helping bring success to Israel."

WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS WILL OPEN IN JERUSALEM ON DECEMBER 20; DECISION ANNOUNCED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The Zionist Actions Committee will meet on April 19 and the 23rd World Zionist Congress will open on Dec. 20, it was confirmed here today. Both bodies will convene in Jerusalem.

TRADE UNIONS IN GERMANY PROTEST ACQUITTAL OF ANTI-SEMITIC DEPUTY; WANT JUDGES TO RESIGN

KIEL, Germany, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Trade unions here today called on all workers in the city to lay down their tools in protest against the acquittal yesterday of Wolfgang Hedler, former member of the right-wing German Party, who was charged with making an anti-Semitic speech in which he said that although the extermination of Jews in gas chambers might have been wrong, there were other ways of getting rid of them.

Bruno Verdieck, president of the Kiel trade unions, said the unions demand the resignation of the judges who tried Hedler, a ban on the German Party and a ban on any more speeches by Hedler in Schleswig-Holstein, where he was elected a member of the Bundestag. Unless these demands are met, the unions will take other measures, he warned.

The German Party announced today that, despite Hedler's acquittal, he will not be readmitted to membership in the party. The announcement added that Hedler's expulsion from party ranks was not connected directly with the anti-Semitic speech for which he was tried.

It became known today that two of the three presiding judges who issued the verdict in the Hedler case were former members of the Nazi Party. The judges ruled that the charges against Hedler were not proven because there was no exact transcript of what Hedler actually said in his speech.

According to Die Neue Zeitung, American-licensed German-language newspaper, Hedler had said in his speech: "Everyone makes much ado about Hitler's barbarism against the Jewish people. One may have a different opinion on whether the gas extermination of the Jews was the right way. But certainly there would have been other ways and means to get rid of them."

United States High Commissioner John J. McCloy, after receiving news of the verdict in the Hedler case--which was issued by a court in Neu-Muenster, in Schleswig-Holstein--stated last night in Frankfurt that he doubted if Hedler would ever be acquitted by public opinion. "Hedler may have been acquitted by a court," McCloy commented, "but if he did, in fact, say the things which are attributed to him, I doubt that he can or will ever be acquitted morally by public opinion of the world or indeed of Germany."

BILL TO DENY FEDERAL AID TO COLLEGES PRACTICING DISCRIMINATION INTRODUCED IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Rep. Jacob K. Javits today introduced a 1950 education bill providing for denial of federal aid to institutions of higher learning which practice segregation or discrimination in admission of students on grounds of race, religion, or national origin. Mr. Javits said the Federal Government is now spending \$3,400,000 for aid to schools through Veterans Administration payments and research and special study grants.

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE INVESTIGATES BURNING OF WEST COAST SYNAGOGUE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith here today started an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the burning down of the Free Synagogue in the San Fernando Valley, which was set afire by unknown persons.

1,000 JEWISH YOUTHS TRAINED IN U.S. FOR SETTLEMENT IN ISRAEL, HECHALUTZ PARLEY HEARS

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Approximately 1,000 American Jewish youths have been trained by the Hechalutz in this country during the past two years and many of them went to Israel, it was reported here today by Yehuda Messinger, executive secretary of the Hechalutz Organization of America, which opened its three-day national convention at Adelphi Hall here.

Mr. Messinger said that at present, on the eight training farms maintained by the Hechalutz in the United States, a capacity enrollment of 250 youths is completing agricultural training in conjunction with studies of the Hebrew language and culture. Because of limited facilities, there is a backlog of over 300 applicants awaiting opportunities for similar training, he stated. Over 100 pioneer aspirants have already completed training and are awaiting transportation to Israel.

"The Hechalutz Organization," Mr. Messinger said, "does not urge a mass Chalutz movement from the United States such as has characterized the European movement. Nor does Hechalutz see the necessity of such a movement at this time. But it becomes clear from a simple examination of figures that the total contribution of American manpower to Israel falls far short of what it should be. It is entirely possible for ten times more Chalutzim, than are presently doing so, to emigrate to Israel yearly, without America or American Jewry being the least bit poorer for it. Such a migration would have immense value for the newly established outpost of democracy in the Middle East. But lack of support on the part of American Jewry and insufficient facilities of Hechalutz have prevented the numbers of Chalutzim to Israel from reaching significant proportions."

800 American Jews Settled in Israel Since Establishment of Jewish State

Zvi Lurie, member of the Jewish Agency executive, disclosed that from the day of the establishment of the Jewish state until Jan. 1, 1950, about 800 settlers from the United States went to Israel. Of this number, about 500 were Chalutzim. During the same period about 15,000 American tourists visited Israel. He revealed that in the course of the current year about 500 Chalutzim from America will go to Israel.

Declaring that the contribution from America to Chalutz immigration to Israel is "still very small," Mr. Lurie said: "There are two reasons for this--Jewish and Zionist neglect, and internal obstacles in the American Jewish community." He criticized the Zionist movement in America for its inadequate support of American Jewish youths wishing to go to Israel as Chalutzim. "There is always the scarecrow of dual allegiance, but only people with a weak national consciousness and insecurity in this country develop this inferiority complex," he said.

Beruch Zuckerman, president of the Labor Zionist Organization of America and a member of the Jewish Agency executive, similarly criticized the Zionist movement in the United States for not giving stronger support to the Hechalutz movement in this country. He warned that Zionism in America will be faced with the danger of collapse if organized Zionist bodies will not give greater support to the Hechalutz organization.

PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; WILL CONFER WITH TOP LEADERS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the American Jewish Congress, arrived in Israel by air today. He will confer with Jewish Agency and other top leaders in the Jewish state on matters concerning aid to Israel.

DROPSIE COLLEGE EXPERT CHARGES SUPPRESSION OF HEBREW MANUSCRIPT FOUND NEAR DEAD SEA

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The validity of the pre-Christian date ascribed to the recent discovery of ancient scrolls comprising the Book of Isaiah is further beclouded by the suppression of the Scroll of the Haftorat, a manuscript supposedly found by a wandering Bedouin in a half-closed Dead Sea cave with the manuscript of the Book of Isaiah, Prof. Solomon Zeitlin of the Dropsie College charged here today.

The charge continues Dr. Zeitlin's controversy with such well-known scholars as Dr. F.W. Albright, Professor of Semitic Languages at Johns Hopkins University; Professor Eleazar L. Sukenik of Hebrew University, Jerusalem; Dr. Millar Burrows of Yale University and Dr. John C. Trevor of Duke University, who have expressed the opinion that the Book of Isaiah, and the other discovered manuscripts, are of true pre-Christian vintage.

Dr. Zeitlin, basing his charge of the suppression of the Haftorat on the testimony of T. Wechsler, a Palestinian authority on Biblical antiquities, says that the Scroll of the Haftorat, when "produced for the scholars of the world will be another proof of the lateness of the other scrolls, and it will show from where they came. I believe that study of the Haftorat will support my contention that the scrolls were planted in the cave and that they date from a late period. Hence they are of no value whatsoever for the history of Judaism and early Christianity."

Mr. Wechsler has stated that in the summer of 1947, he was taken as an expert on Hebrew antiquities to the convent of the Archbishop of the Syrian Convent in the Old City of Jerusalem to give his opinion on the authenticity and age of some newly discovered Hebrew manuscripts. In the presence of H. St. Stephen of the Library of the Museum of Rockefeller, he was shown two manuscripts, one of which he recognized as the Book of Isaiah and the other a Book of Haftorat.

At that time, Mr. Wechsler told the Archbishop that the Haftorat scroll was not of great antiquity, that he believed the scrolls to have been taken from a geniza (a depository for the burial of sacred Hebrew scrolls) of a synagogue from one of the countries adjoining Palestine. In an article in the December, 1949, issue of Haolam, published in Jerusalem, Mr. Wechsler expresses the opinion that the Archbishop decided to hide the Haftorat scroll because it might cast doubt on the antiquity of the Book of Isaiah and "spoil the business."

Dr. Zeitlin, one of the world's leading authorities on the period of the second Hebrew Commonwealth, the era preceding the time of Jesus, says that the revelation of this new fact "should give food for thought to those who still believe that the scrolls were placed in the cave near the Dead Sea during the pre-Christian period."

BROTHERHOOD WEEK OPENS THIS WEEK-END; \$3,500,000 BUDGETED FOR YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The annual observance of Brotherhood Week will start throughout the country this week-end under the chairmanship of former Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan, it was announced here today by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Brotherhood Week has been endorsed by President Truman.

The sum of \$3,500,000 has been budgeted by the National Conference of Christians and Jews in order to carry forward this year the principles of Brotherhood Week in an expanded year-round program, Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, president of the Conference, stated today.

PRIORITY FOR UNITED JEWISH APPEAL CAMPAIGN IS URGED BY NEW YORK BOARD OF RABBIS

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The New York Board of Rabbis, at its 69th annual meeting here last night, adopted a resolution declaring that "the United Jewish Appeal should have priority among the philanthropic campaigns of American Jewry." The board is comprised of 425 Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

The Board also adopted resolutions commending efforts for the maintenance of separation between church and state, and urged that constant vigilance be exercised against the rise of Nazism in postwar Germany. The meeting also endorsed President Truman's civil rights program and lauded the aims of the F.E.P.C.

The present large-scale immigration of Jews to Israel, the Board stated in another resolution, "places an inescapable responsibility upon every American Jew to give generous financial assistance towards providing for housing, care, education and employment."

GATES OF ISRAEL MUST BE KEPT OPEN TO JEWISH IMMIGRATION, U.J.A. DELEGATION HEAD SAYS

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- The gates of Israel must be kept open to large-scale Jewish immigration in order to assure peace in the Middle East, Louis Nizer, attorney and author who headed a delegation from the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York to Israel, declared today upon his return.

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL AT COLUMBIA URGES REMOVAL OF BIAS MEMBERSHIP RESTRICTIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Pamphratia, interfraternity council at Columbia University, last night declared in a statement of policy that as "soon as possible" all "fraternity membership restrictions based on considerations of race, creed or color" should be removed. Nicholas McKnight, dean of students, emphasized that the statement was merely an expression of policy and could not be enforced.

WOMEN'S GROUP PRESENTS \$225,000 TO U.A.H.C. FOR SITE OF "HOUSE OF LIVING JUDAISM"

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- An initial contribution of \$225,000 has been presented by the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for the purchase of an appropriate site and equipment for the "House of Living Judaism," national center of Reform Judaism to be erected here, it was announced by Jacob Aronson, chairman of the board of the U.A.H.C. A check for this amount was presented yesterday to Mr. Aronson and Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the union, at the organization's headquarters here.

UHLMANN LEAVES FOR ISRAEL TO STUDY POSSIBILITY OF BUILDING GRAIN ELEVATORS

NEW YORK, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Paul Uhlmann left yesterday on the Queen Mary for Tel Aviv as the guest of President Chaim Weizmann and Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan. He will look into the possibility of building a grain elevator in Israel together with other interested parties, and will also look into Israel's flour mill and feed mill requirements. Mr. Uhlmann has for a long time been a director of the Weizmann Institute of Science and is now a director of the Industrial Institute of Israel under whose auspices he is making the trip.

BERNARD MENINSKY, WELL-KNOWN JEWISH PAINTER, DIES IN LONDON; WAS 69

LONDON, Feb. 16. (JTA) -- Bernard Meninsky, outstanding Jewish painter whose works are on exhibit in the Dublin Municipal Art Gallery and in the Imperial War Museum, died here at the age of 69, it was announced today. A native of Russia, Meninsky studied in Liverpool, London and Paris and began to exhibit his paintings in 1913.

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