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## ISRAEL RABBINATE URGED TO PREVENT RELIGIOUS STREET DEMONSTRATIONS

JERUSALEM, July 16. (JTA) -- An appeal to the Chief Rabbinate of Israel to prevent mass demonstrations against the National Service Bill, which provides that girls exempted from military service because of religious convictions should be conscripted for service in social welfare institutions, was made today by the Miz-rachi and Poale Hamizrachi, two Orthodox Zionist groups.

The appeal was made in order to head off a mass demonstration planned by the Agudath Israel and Poale Agudah, two other Orthodox groups which strongly oppose the bill. The demonstration is planned for Wednesday when the National Service Bill will be introduced in Parliament by the government.

Preparations for the demonstration were begun today by the Agudah groups. The two organizations intend to mobilize 100 rabbis who would march in front of the demonstration carrying 100 Torah Scrolls. The Mizrachi opposes such a demonstration, fearing that the Scrolls will be desecrated during disturbances which are considered inevitable, especially if the police use fire hoses to disperse the demonstrators.

## ISRAEL MILITARY COURT RESUMES TRIAL OF TERRORIST YOUTHS

SARAFAND, Israel, July 16. (JTA) -- The trial of 15 members of an alleged underground terrorist group which the government believes responsible for the blasting of the Soviet legation in Tel Aviv resumed here before a military tribunal today after a week's recess, with the prosecution beginning to present its evidence against the defendants.

Only four of the accused were in the courtroom today. Seven still refused to recognize the court's jurisdiction and to cooperate in the trial and were again barred from the courtroom where they are being tried in absentia. Three 17-year-olds who pleaded guilty last week remained on bail and another one was on bail because of ill health.

The prosecution began its case by calling police officers to testify about their investigations and the finding of arms stores and secret documents. One of the officers told of searching the home of Shouel Dreimans, former Sternist in whose home weapons and documents were found, and who will later be called as a state's witness.

The court ordered a closed session for the presentation of some of the documents which are highly classified and whose disclosure, according to the prosecution, could be harmful to the state. Other documents included stolen military police identification cards, giving gang members access to all military installations, and army leave forms. The government will attempt to prove that they were stolen by Yaacov Heruti, number one defendant and son of the president of the Supreme Military Court, when he was in the army.

## U.S. REFUSES TO MOVE ITS EMBASSY IN ISRAEL TO JERUSALEM

WASHINGTON, July 16. (JTA) -- The United States has no intention of moving its Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem because the question of the internationalization of Jerusalem is still pending before the United Nations, a State Department source indicated today.

Speaking through the American Embassy in Israel, the State Department has notified Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett that the United States will not move its Embassy. All communications between the two governments will be handled in Tel Aviv at the Foreign Ministry's liaison office, it was said here.

## FOREIGN COUNTRIES OFFER GOODS TO ISRAEL ON GERMANY'S ACCOUNT

NEW YORK, July 16. (JTA) -- The Associated Press today reported that several foreign countries having adverse trade balances with Germany, owing to the success of Germany's export drive, have offered to sell goods to Israel to be paid for out of future reparations payments to Israel.

The report said that Finland, which bought more from Germany than it sold to Germany and is in debt to that country, may sell wood to Israel against long-term Israeli promissory notes. These notes will not be endorsed or in any way guaranteed by the German Government, which is paying reparations to Israel over a period of 12 years. Finland and other countries interested in similar transactions are expected to use these promissory notes obtained from Israel to pay off some of their debts to Germany.

On this basis, firms in France, Brazil and other countries in Europe and overseas are reportedly prepared to extend long-term credits to Israeli importers, the report stated, adding that "all these proposals may result in Israel getting reparations from Germany sooner than the 12 years provided in the agreement.

## SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS HEARS VIEWS OF ISRAEL'S LABOR

STOCKHOLM, July 16. (JTA) -- "Israel will never yield its demand that Jews in countries behind the Iron Curtain should be permitted to take an active part in the building of a new life in the land of the Jewish people," Jonah Kesse, member of the Israel Parliament and one of the delegates of the Israel Labor Party at the Socialist International Congress here, declared today, addressing the Congress.

Mr. Kesse also touched upon Arab-Israel relations and stated that the policy of the Israel Labor Party was one of peace and understanding with Israel's neighbors. "Our party," he said, "is ready at all times for direct talks with the Arab countries. We believe that an Israeli-Arab settlement is possible on the basis of mutual recognition of national sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states in the area."

The Israeli delegate pointed out that it was necessary for the Middle East to develop and build up true democracies. "Peace in the Middle East," he said, "is impossible by encouragement of an arms race and by supplying heavy armaments to states which refused to negotiate a stable settlement in the area." He pointed out that Israel labor offered a hand of friendship to the Arabs and promised cooperation with the Arab workers in all countries.

"Our people are devoted to the cause of world peace," he declared. "We yearn to continue constructive work and to admit newcomers in order to help the building of a society based on ideals which animate the Socialist International." Mr. Kesse concluded with a warning to the Socialist Congress not to overlook the danger of the neo-Nazi and neo-Fascist forces in the world which are both anti-Semitic and anti-labor.

**IRISH PREMIER EMPHASIZES ABSENCE OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN IRELAND**

DUBLIN, July 16. (JTA) -- The absence of anti-Semitism in Ireland was emphasized here today by Premier De Valera in the course of a conversation which he had with Rabbi M. C. Weiler, leader of South African Jewry, who is now visiting Ireland. Rabbi Weiler was accompanied on his visit to the Premier by Robert Briscoe, the only Jewish member of the Irish Parliament.

The Irish Premier displayed great interest in South African affairs and was especially interested in the position of South African Jewry. He indicated that he would like to make another visit to Israel, recalling that he visited the Jewish State several years ago in the company of Mr. Briscoe.

**SWISS GOVERNMENT GRANTS \$30,000 TO ORT VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE**

GENEVA, July 16. (JTA) -- A \$30,000 grant by the Swiss Government to the Central ORT Institute for the Training of Vocational Teachers, which is situated at Anieres near Geneva, was announced here by Dr. A. Syngalowski, chairman of the executive committee of the World ORT Union.

Dr. Syngalowski made the announcement in speaking at the second graduation ceremony at the Institute which took place under the chairmanship of Antoine Pugin, President of the Canton of Geneva. The ceremony was attended by diplomatic representatives from the United States, Britain, France, Israel, Belgium, Italy, Holland and Iran.

The 12 instructors who graduated from the Institute were addressed by A. Borel, president of the Geneva Parliament. They will serve in ORT schools in Israel, Iran, France, Italy, Morocco, Tunis and Algiers. Swiss Government experts reported on the excellent record of the students in the official examinations.

**BERMUDA BUREAU USES CODE TO IDENTIFY RACIAL ORIGIN OF TOURISTS**

NEW YORK, July 16. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress called upon the Bermuda Government Information Office to investigate the Bermuda Tourist Bureau which suggested in circulars to New York City travel agents that they use code words in their correspondence to identify tourists as Gentiles, Jewish, Negro or Asiatic "because 'some hotels are restricted.'"

The circular is marked "confidential information to travel agents," and suggests the use of the following code words to denote racial origin: Gentile - Oleander; Jewish - Hibiscus; Negro - Geranium; Asiatic - Poinciana. The letter of protest pointed out that "under New York law, it is illegal for any agent or any place of public accommodation, resort or amusement to display any notice that the patronage of any racial or religious group is not acceptable."

"It is bad enough," the American Jewish Congress declared, "that hotels and other resorts in Bermuda discriminate against guests otherwise qualified, because of their race or religion, but intolerable when Bermuda tourist bureaus attempt by secret codes and conspiracies to involve New York agents in their discriminatory policies." It added that the Bermuda Government Office should, at the very least, take steps to prevent the distribution of the offending circulars and other violations of New York laws.

BAYONNE PRIEST CONFESSES KIDNAPPING THE FINALY BOYS

PARIS, July 16. (JTA) -- The Finaly affair took a sensational turn today when Father Pergola, priest of the St. Leon Parish of Bayonne, confessed in a Bayonne court that he was solely responsible for spiriting the boys out of France to Spain.

The priest insisted in court that he had acted with the full consent of the children who, he said, wanted to be "saved" and not go to Israel. He added that the children wanted to remain with Mlle. Brun, the woman who had them baptized into the Catholic faith in 1948, and "whom they love as a mother."

Father Pergola, in whose parish the children were hidden just before they were taken across the Pyrenees, took full responsibility, refused to implicate anyone else and refused to make any further explanation except when he is confronted by the children in court. He said he did not doubt that at that time the boys would change their story.

He told the judge: "I will not tell you who brought them to me nor how I took them to Spain. I know that on this point the children have not told the truth and when I am brought face to face with them they will change their story."

Father Pergola said that his part in the affair had been common knowledge both in and outside his parish from the very beginning. He chided the French police for taking five months to unearth this "common secret." He also stated that if Mrs. Hedwig Rossner, the boys' aunt and their legal guardian, does not drop the charges against him and the other accused priests she will have broken her word - given when she signed an agreement with Catholic authorities for the return of her nephews.

SENATE VOTES TO RE-ADMIT EX-NAZI WHO GAVE UP U.S. CITIZENSHIP

WASHINGTON, July 16. (JTA) -- A former member of the anti-Semitic German-American Bund who gave up his American citizenship to serve Hitler would be re-admitted to the United States under the terms of a special bill passed by the Senate on the recommendation of the Senate Judiciary Committee. The German is Alfred Theodor Ex, whose re-admission is being arranged by Congress despite a Justice Department recommendation that he be excluded because of pro-Hitler activities.

Following approval of the bill by the Senate it was sent to the House. Senate Judiciary Committee chairman William Langer personally introduced it. Despite the fact that the Justice Department report on the German urged his exclusion, the bill passed the Senate without any opposition from Sen. Pat McCarran who claims to be the principal opponent of the admission of totalitarians.

The Justice Department report on Mr. Ex said that "on June 4, 1946, he admitted in Berlin that he had been a member of the German-American Bund from 1929 to 1937, that he had held office in that organization in 1937, and in 1941 he received a certificate of German citizenship." The Department also pointed out that Mr. Ex, "on June 20, 1946, was convicted by a summary military government court in Berlin of knowingly making false statements to the Allied forces."

After studying the case the Justice Department concluded that his re-admission would not be desirable, saying that "when it seemed to serve his purpose best, he renounced U.S. citizenship and embraced German nationality." It is despite this Justice Department report, however, that Congress is acting to expedite the admission of Mr. Ex.

**ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA RESUMED IN GERMANY, JEWISH SURVEY SHOWS**

NEW YORK, July 16. (JTA) -- The present attitude toward Jews in Western Germany is analyzed in a survey conducted by the American Jewish Committee on the neo-Nazi movement. The results of the survey, made public here today, establish that anti-Semitic propaganda has been openly resumed this year in Germany.

"In psychological terms, most Germans have not acknowledged the Nazi extermination of 6,000,000 Jews and do not wish to do so," the report says. "Up to recently there was a tendency to avoid subjects concerning Jews. In the last year, however, openly anti-Semitic literature has begun to reappear in Germany.

"One typical pamphlet accuses Jews of having arranged for their own murders so that after the war they might be able to conduct trials of war criminals. A favorite theme of the contemporary anti-Semitic propagandists is that the number of Jews exterminated by the Nazis has been exaggerated. Thus, a leading neo-Nazi publication claimed that one and one-half million, not six million, was the correct number of Jewish victims.

"On the positive side, however, when Israeli representatives in Germany issued a release showing in detail how six million Jews had perished at the hands of the Third Reich, this rebuttal was given wide circulation by a good part of the German press. There also has been firm excoriation of anti-Semitism by leading German political figures, such as Federal President Theodor Heuss. There is a consciousness among responsible German officials that anti-Semitism must be fought. And there is the work of certain democratic groups to promote better understanding."

While lauding the West German Government for its reparations pact with Israel and world Jewish organizations and for the legislative program which it prepared with regard to restitution and indemnification to victims of the Nazi regime, the survey of the American Jewish Committee says that "there is some evidence that the German people are lagging behind their legislators in accepting responsibility for the Third Reich's acts against Jews."

**PRESIDENTS OF ALL JEWISH GROUPS URGED TO MEET ON VARIOUS ISSUES**

CHICAGO, July 16. (JTA) -- A proposal that presidents of every national Jewish organization should meet with each other at least four times a year, in order to effect greater cooperation in American Jewish community life, was advanced here by Philip M. Klutznick, B'nai B'rith president, addressing the 85th annual convention of the District Grand Lodge No. 6 of the order. More than 1,000 delegates attended the gathering.

Stressing the importance of "good community manners" and the recognition of genuine differences in ideology and approach to issues within the Jewish community, Mr. Klutznick offered as a first step toward cooperation the following suggestion:

"What I would suggest first of all is that the men who lead our communal organizations get to know each other, get to talk together informally and without the encumbrances of staff and protocol. I think it would be a good thing for the community if the presidents of every national Jewish organization--and only the presidents, no substitutes--were to meet with each other at least four times a year. The

agenda of such meetings might consist of matters submitted in advance which the presidents agreed to consider. There would be no voting except by objection; and no action unless agreement was unanimous. "

Citing the example of the heads of two prominent American Jewish organizations holding office during the same four-year period who had never met each other, Mr. Klutznick declared: "I cannot repeat often enough that we need to have a place where we can learn to know each other better. Not only do most of us need Jewish education, we need education about Jews - their ideologies, their institutions and their organizations. Whether we agree with each other or not is not half so important as that we learn through knowledge of each other to respect one another. "

#### TOLEDO JEWISH CENTER STUDIES QUESTION OF FUNCTIONING ON SABBATH

TOLEDO, July 16. (JTA) -- The board of directors of the Toledo Jewish Center has appointed a special fact-finding committee to study the question of keeping the new center open on Saturdays.

The center, which is now open for a full program of activities, will be formally dedicated on September 13. There has been considerable discussion in the community as to whether the building should be kept open on Saturday or closed in observance of the Jewish Sabbath.

Advocates of a policy of having the building open on Saturdays stress the advantage of an organized program at the center for children over unorganized activities in poorer facilities or in the streets.

#### COURT BARS DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES BY EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

NEW YORK, July 16. (JTA) -- The Appellate Division today announced that the use of discriminatory pre-employment inquiries by employment agencies is prohibited. The court upheld the powers of the New York State Commission Against Discrimination, which had ordered the Holland Vocational Service in New York to stop using a questionnaire containing inquiries about a person's creed and national origin. The case was the first test in an appellate court of the commission's power to issue such an order.

#### ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT AGREES TO HAVE DR. KUBOWI AS ISRAEL ENVOY

BUENOS AIRES, July 16. (JTA) -- The Argentine Foreign Ministry yesterday agreed to the designation of Dr. Arish Kubowi as Minister to Buenos Aires, replacing Yaacov Tsur. Dr. Kubowi, the Israeli Minister to Prague and Warsaw who was declared persona non-grata by the Czech and Polish Governments in an aftermath to the Slansky trial and execution, will arrive here at the end of September.

Dr. Tsur, who is being sent to take over the Israel Embassy in Paris, is being given farewell receptions by all the major Jewish and Zionist organizations in this country.

#### SIX ISRAELIS START ON AROUND-THE-WORLD CRUISE IN SMALL YACHT

TEL AVIV, July 16. (JTA) -- Six young Israelis between 22 and 28 years of age set out yesterday from Tel Aviv for an around the world cruise in a 39-foot yacht named "Israella. " The six are all trained seamen who have served in the Israel Navy and on commercial craft.

The ship, which is powered by a 15 horsepower engine, will sail along the Mediterranean shore, through the Straits of Gibraltar, down the Western shore of Africa, and across to the Gulf of Mexico to complete the first major leg of their cruise. It will carry supplies for two weeks and is equipped with a powerful radio.