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SET BACK FOR POLISH OFFICIAL ANTI-SEMITISM SEEN IN WARSAW EVENTS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Official Polish anti-Semitism has been set back and perhaps squelched as a result of the Polish-Soviet crisis, according to an authoritative source here thoroughly familiar with Poland and known for his friendliness to Jews.

Two of the old Politburo members ousted this week in the reshuffle of the governing body of the Polish United Workers (Communist) Party are well known for their anti-Semitism, the source pointed out. These men are Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky, Defense Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Army; and Zenon Nowak, a Deputy Premier. A third high official, for whose dismissal demands are being made now, is Lt. Gen. Kazimierz Witaszewski, the army's political chief, who was shown through information revealed here as one of the backers of Zenon Nowak's anti-Semitic policy.

Nikita S. Khrushchev, head of the Soviet Communist Party, had placed anti-Semitism on the agenda during his stormy meeting with the Polish Communist leaders last week, the source emphasized. "We have all read that Khrushchev told the Polish leaders that they wanted 'to sell the country to Americans and the Zionists' Khrushchev himself is well known for his anti-Semitism. Now he wanted to fan the flames of anti-Semitism in Poland. Instead, he has been rebuffed on that issue as well as on others," he declared.

The source pointed to one of six resolutions just adopted by the Polish party's new central committee, opposing the "regulation" of the number of Jews in party and government positions. That plan for "regulating" the number of Jews is a policy advocated openly by Zenon Nowak and backed powerfully by Gen. Witaszewski. Both spoke up for such a policy last summer at a meeting of the old central committee of the Polish Communist Party, when the Poznan riots were analyzed by party leaders.

Warsaw Military Academy Demands End of Anti-Semitism

"Now a resolution adopted by officers and cadets of the Warsaw Military Academy," the source said on the basis of information just received, "demands an end to anti-intellectualism and anti-Semitism. Meetings throughout the country are demanding the ousting of Rokossovsky, who fired 200 Jewish officers in 1949 when he took over command of the Polish Army.

"There is no certainty that anti-Semitism as such has been wiped out in Poland," the source declared. "We have the word of a Polish educator, Prof. Tadeusz Kotarbinski, who wrote recently for the teachers' union's newspaper, Glos Nauczycielski, that many Poles feel Communism has been 'a Jewish plot against Poles and Christians.' In a recent article, this educator conceded that many Polish parents forbid their children to play with Jewish children and that teachers frequently hear children as well as adults say that 'God sent Hitler to liberate us from the Jews.'

"But there is little doubt that anti-Semitism as an official policy, as practiced by Rokossovsky, advocated by Zenon Nowak, and backed by the powerful Gen. Witaszewski, has been set back by the reorganization of the Polish Communist Party's Politburo and its defiance of the Khrushchev edicts."

Asked whether the downgrading of official Polish anti-Semitism might result in increasing permission for Jews to emigrate from Poland, the source stated he was not certain of such an outcome in the immediate future. "In fact," he said, "it could be that Polish Jews will now be told there is no longer any reason for their emigration, since anti-Semitism will be equated with illegality. However, it is possible that the government may now allow firmer contacts between Polish Jews and Jews outside Poland, as well as greater encouragement to Jewish cultural and religious development."

Polish Youths Demand Action Against Anti-Semitic Propaganda

LONDON, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The Warsaw Radio today carried a broadcast reporting that at a meeting of the Union of Young Communists in the Polish city of Wroclaw a demand was voiced to curb propaganda inciting the people in Poland to "all kinds of anti-Semitic manifestations." The demand was addressed to the central committee of the United Workers (Communist) Party of Poland.

ARAB COMMANDOS OPERATING FROM LEBANON CAPTURED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- A gang of Arab fedayeen (suicide squad members) operating from Lebanese territory but under Egyptian directives, was captured this week-end near Nazareth, an Israeli military spokesman announced here today.

Among the arrested Arabs were two Lebanese and a number of residents of Arab villages in Upper Galilee. They belong to a band which three years ago murdered a Jewish couple named Zipori and which has carried out attacks on Israeli vehicles on northern roads.

U. N. OFFICIAL KILLS ISRAELI BOY IN CAR ACCIDENT; SEEKS IMMUNITY

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- United Nations truce chief Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns demanded today that a UN official who killed a 14-year-old boy in a traffic accident in this city be granted diplomatic immunity. This is the fifteenth traffic accident involving UN personnel. Four accidents have ended in deaths, but no UN personnel have ever been prosecuted.

The Israeli police, who detained Maxim Cailleaux, have agreed to release him if Gen. Burns gives his personal guarantee that M. Cailleaux does not leave the country until the police complete their investigation of the case. M. Cailleaux refused to give any testimony when brought before an examining magistrate.

ISRAEL PILOT, IN PLANE CRASH, PREVENTS EXPLOSION IN POPULATED AREA

TEL AVIV, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Israel today hailed as one of its heroes an Air Force pilot who was severely injured in a plane crash after refusing to abandon the craft until he had first jettisoned bombs, machine gun ammunition and gasoline in the Mediterranean Sea off Haifa.

The pilot was participating in a military exercise when his engine failed. He was ordered to abandon the plane and parachute to safety. However, when he realized that he had a full load of gasoline and explosives and that the plane might land in a heavily populated area, the pilot stuck to his controls and managed to guide the engine-less craft over the sea.

On his return, he glided into a dead stick landing in a field adjacent to a huge factory in the Haifa vicinity. The plane caught fire and the pilot was thrown clear, but was severely injured. The incident occurred last week, but was only revealed today.

REORGANIZATION OF CONFEDERATION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS DEMANDED

LONDON, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- An appeal to Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, and Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the World Confederation of General Zionists, to take the initiative to reorganize the Confederation and include in it only the General Zionist parties outside Israel, was voiced here today at a meeting of the European and North African executive of the Confederation.

The plea to Drs. Goldmann and Goldstein noted that such a reorganization is needed to avoid future internal conflicts and disputes. Such a reorganized Confederation, the executive said, would enable the national parties to concentrate on constructive tasks in the field of education, membership and financial and political assistance to Israel.

The executive also announced plans to hold a session of representatives of European and North African General Zionist parties after consultations among the parties. The parley would determine a common policy and elect a new leadership.

DR. PERETZ NAFTALI ELECTED JEWISH AGENCY MEMBER; SUCCEEDS JOSEPH TAL

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The election of Dr. Peretz Naphtali as a member of the Jewish Agency executive was announced here today at a meeting of that body. Dr. Naphtali, who received 73 of a possible 86 votes in a mail election, succeeds Dr. Giora Josephthal who left the executive after 11 years of service to take up the post of secretary general of the Mapai Party of Israel.

ISRAEL APPOINTS MINISTER TO RUMANIA; WAS MAJOR IN WORLD WAR II

JERUSALEM, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The appointment of Dr. Arie Harell as Israeli Minister to Rumania was announced here today by the Israel Foreign Ministry. Dr. Harell, born in Kiev and educated in Germany and Poland, served with the British force with the rank of major during World War II.

BELGIAN QUEEN-MOTHER POSTPONES TRIP TO ISRAEL

BRUSSELS, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Queen Mother Elizabeth postponed today her forthcoming trip to Israel because of the current Middle East situation. The Queen and her party were due to leave October 30 for a two-week stay in Israel.

HUNGARY MAY PERMIT EMIGRATION OF PERSONS OVER 45 YEARS OF AGE

VIENNA, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The Hungarian Ministry of the Interior has announced that it is considering releasing for emigration persons over 45 years of age who for one reason or another cannot support themselves in Hungary, it was reported here today from Budapest.

The Ministry announcement noted that such people would have to have relatives in another country who can provide them with a means of support and the prospective emigrant must be accepted by the country to which he wishes to go. This was interpreted as significant for Hungarian Jews who might wish to migrate to Israel.

SAAR JEWS AWAIT EXTENSION OF GERMAN INDEMNIFICATION LAWS

SAARBRUECKEN, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The Jews who make their home in this industrial region between France and Germany privately view with considerable uneasiness the forthcoming reunification--scheduled for January 1, 1957--of the Saar territory and Germany. Meanwhile, the Synagogue Community of the Saar has announced that it expects German indemnification legislation for individual victims of Nazism to be extended to the Saar some time next year.

The Synagogue Community, which is the representative Jewish body in the Saar territory, notes that no date has been set on which indemnification legislation will become effective for present and former Saarlanders. The question is still open whether special transitory regulations will be issued.

Indemnification claims should be filed at this time already, the Synagogue Community recommends. Applications from present or former Saarlanders who currently reside in any European country should be addressed to the Indemnification Agency in Cologne. The office having jurisdiction for ex-Saarlanders who now maintain a permanent residence overseas is the Indemnification Agency in Neustadt.

Indemnification payments already received from the Saar authorities will be deducted from future indemnification awards by the proper West German agencies, it is indicated.

GERMANY TO BUILD 25 MORE SHIPS FOR ISRAEL AS REPARATIONS

ZURICH, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The Israel Minister of Trade, Pinchas Saphir, has signed an agreement with Germany to build 25 more ships under the reparations pact between the two nations.

The agreement, signed here, calls for final delivery by 1962. It calls for the building of a total of 1,000,000 deadweight tons at a cost of \$75,000,000.

C. J. F. W. F. ASSEMBLY TO CONSIDER MAJOR JEWISH COMMUNITY PROBLEMS

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The progress of Jewish community organization in the past quarter century will be reviewed at the 25th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds which will take place in Toronto next month, it was announced here today by Herbert R. Abeles, CJFWF president. The Assembly will also set perspectives for programs and services in the years ahead.

Mr. Abeles emphasized that Jewish leaders from all parts of the world will participate in the gathering. The delegates from the United States and Canada, he said, will consider major problems of Jewish responsibilities at home and overseas, including critical financial needs, advancing health and welfare services, building leadership, strengthening Jewish cultural programs, community organization and community relations.

"The Assembly this year will mark an historic milestone in Jewish community life," Mr. Abeles stated, "for the history of the Council in the past 25 years is inextricably linked with the historic achievements of our Jewish communities during that period. We will review the lessons of the past and seek to lay a solid foundation for enriching Jewish life in the generation ahead."

"The General Assembly will be a working conference," Mr. Abeles added. "It is the one time of the year when presidents, executives, board members, campaign chairmen, budget chairmen, and other lay and professional leaders of our community organizations can jointly discuss their problems frankly and fully, exchange experience and learn from each other how to deal most successfully with the major problems which confront all of them."

The General Assembly is the annual convention of the 229 federations, welfare funds and community councils of the CJFWF. These member agencies, which comprise the Council, represent almost 800 communities and annually raise more than 90 percent of all Jewish philanthropic funds. As the governing body of the CJFWF, the General Assembly will determine its policies and programs for 1957, define the major Jewish welfare objectives, adopt a budget and dues schedule and elect the Council leadership for 1957.

JEWS COMPRISE ABOUT FOUR PERCENT OF POPULATION OF DETROIT

DETROIT, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- Jews now comprise about four percent of the population of metropolitan Detroit, but young Jewish couples are having fewer children per family than any other major racial-religious group in this area, according to the University of Michigan's Detroit Area Study, it was reported in "The Jewish News" here. The study also noted that the Jewish population was older than the Catholic and Protestant groups and attends religious services far less frequently than do non-Jews in the area.

Other facts revealed by the University's study showed that nearly three-fourths of Detroit's Jews are employed in "white collar jobs"—a proportion nearly twice as high as that of non-Jews; that nearly one-half are self-employed, compared to less than 10 percent of heads of non-Jewish households; and that one-third had an annual income of at least \$10,000 or more—as compared to less than eight percent of non-Jews.

Two University of Michigan experts—sociologists David Goldberg and Harry Sharp—commenting on the findings, cautioned that the small proportion of Jews included in the study made exact analysis and comparison of the material difficult. They added, however, that "the average size of the Jewish family does not appear sufficient for family replacement."

For purposes of the study, Jews were defined as those describing themselves as Jewish in response to the question: "What is your religious preference?" Because of the small number of persons found in this category under the survey's random sampling techniques, the analysis was based on material collected in separate studies made in 1952, 1954 and 1955.

LOS ANGELES JEWISH COMMUNITY PLANS INTEGRATION OF SUBURBS

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 23. (JTA) — A plan designed to integrate a number of suburban areas with the central organization of the Los Angeles Jewish community has been adopted by the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council's board of directors. The plan, which has been under study for almost two years, calls for the setting up of coordinating councils on the community level to cope with local Jewish needs and problems.

The first of the local coordinating councils will be established in the San Fernando Valley, following talks with leaders of the San Fernando Valley Council of Jewish Organizations, spokesman for all Valley Jewish charitable, fraternal, religious and social institutions. It will be followed by councils to be set up in San Gabriel Valley and other suburban areas.

In approving the new set-up, the LAJCC board voted to adopt a policy governing suburban community organization. Under this policy, local coordinating councils are to be set up under the LAJCC with members of the council limited to institutional members of the LAJCC in that area; and coordinating councils are to have professional guidance, enjoy ex-officio representation on the LAJCC board, and are to set up committees corresponding to the existing LAJCC committees with which they will be in liaison.

NEW YORK TIMES PRESENTED WITH STEPHEN WISE AWARD BY JEWISH CONGRESS

NEW YORK, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The 1955 Stephen S. Wise Award was presented by the American Jewish Congress today to the New York Times at a luncheon attended by noted Jewish and non-Jewish personalities. The award, accepted by Arthur Hays Sulzberger, publisher of the Times, is a bronze plaque which carries the inscription: "To The New York Times--for its outstanding service as a leading organ of public opinion in championing the constitutional rights and freedoms of all Americans." A check for \$1,000, which usually accompanies the plaque, was returned with thanks to the AJC by Mr. Sulzberger.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the AJC, who made the formal presentation, stated that the "great merit of the New York Times in this age of doubt is its absolute confidence in the ability of the free citizen to arrive at truth through the unrestricted airing of competing ideas, and its complete faith in the collective judgment of the people when it is given full information and a fair presentation of divergent opinions."

Judge Simon E. Sobeloff of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, who served as chairman of the 1955 Stephen Wise Awards Committee, declared that in "honoring the Times we honor at the same time all who are fighting the good fight for civil rights and civil liberties." In accepting the award, Mr. Sulzberger noted that today American newspapers are being subject to closer scrutiny than ever before. "They are reporting it without governmental interference, with freedom and with a heavy responsibility to report it fairly," he said. Charles H. Revson was chairman of the luncheon.

MIZRACHI WOMEN'S CONVENTION SCORES AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM

ATLANTA CITY, Oct. 23. (JTA) -- The 31st annual convention of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of America closed here today following the adoption of a resolution expressing the delegates' "complete abhorrence of the American Council for Judaism for its dissemination of extreme falsehoods and distortions put out by paid Arab propagandists."