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HOUSE PASSES HUMANE SLAUGHTER BILL; RECOGNIZES SHECHITAH METHODS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The House of Representatives today passed by voice vote a humane slaughter bill including an amendment recognizing the Jewish method of animal slaughter as humane.

But Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, speaking on behalf of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis, opposed both the bill and the amendment. The amendment, introduced by Rep. Victor L. Anfuso, New York Democrat, was described by Rep. Anfuso as "acceptable to the vast majority of the Jewish community and its religious leaders."

Rep. Farbstein, on the House floor, pointed out differing views held by the Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform factions of Jewry. He voiced opposition to the bill, H.R. 8308, "regardless of any amendment." He read a telegram from the Orthodox rabbinical body stating that "all rumors of acquiescence in any amendment by any Orthodox organization are false and groundless."

Rep. Farbstein told the House the Orthodox rabbis asked him to emphasize that "from an historical viewpoint, the American Jewish community has cause for deep concern over such legislation for experience demonstrates that it leads in time to agitation against shechitah itself. Moreover, except shechitah, the methods prescribed in the bill as humane are highly dubious. This demonstrates that further study and research are necessary before any legislation is proposed." He added that the U.S. Department of Agriculture was itself opposed to the legislation in connection with an existing question about the definition of the word "humane."

The Anfuso amendment, incorporated into the bill by a voice vote before the bill was passed by the House today, referred specifically to Jewish ritual slaughtering. The amendment said that slaughtering is humane if it is in accordance "with the ritual requirements of the Jewish faith or any other religious faith that prescribes a method of slaughter whereby the animal suffers loss of consciousness by anemia of the brain caused by the simultaneous and instantaneous severance of the carotid arteries with a sharp instrument."

According to Rep. Anfuso, Major Jewish organizations and Jewish religious leaders in this country expressed concern that, unless the Jewish method of religious slaughtering was given such recognition, it would interfere with the religious practices of the Jewish community by stopping the supply of Kosher meat. Rep. Anfuso said that adoption of the bill without his amendment would have opened the way "to an attack upon Jewish religious practices" and would have made Jewish religious slaughtering impossible.

The bill was introduced by Rep. W. R. Poage, Texas Democrat, a member of the House Agriculture Committee. Rep. Clare Hoffman, Michigan Republican who has a record of extreme expressions on issues involving Jews, spoke against the Anfuso amendment. The bill now goes to the Senate.

ISRAEL RESUMES CLEARING MINES IN DEMILITARIZED ZONE AT SYRIAN BORDER

TEL AVIV, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Israeli police, under heavy military guard, resumed work today on clearing mines from the 6,000 square yard demilitarized area along the Israel-Syrian border. It was in this area that Syrian troops last week unleashed a savage attack which killed two policemen and wounded six others, all engaged in clearing the land, which belongs to the Jewish National Fund.

(At the United Nations, the Syrian delegation submitted a note to the Security Council protesting against the Israel action, calling it an incursion by 60 troops, four military vehicles and one jet aircraft. Later in the day four Israeli jets flew over Syrian territory, the note claimed. Syria also protested to the Mixed Armistice Commission.)

Before starting today's operation, the Israeli authorities notified United Nations headquarters of their intentions and official UN observers were sent to study the activity. Syrian gun positions were silent today in the face of the escort protecting the policemen.

In Jerusalem, a Foreign Ministry spokesman expressed the hope that the presence of UN observers would be sufficient to prevent a recurrence of Syrian violence. He denied out of hand Syrian charges that Israel had concentrated troops, armor and jet planes over the area. Mine clearance work began three months ago to make moeländ available for cultivation.

FRANCE AND ENGLAND HOLD CONSULTATION ON SYRIAN-EGYPTIAN MERGER

LONDON, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The French Ambassador in Britain, J. Chauvel, and Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd were in consultation yesterday on the Syrian-Egyptian federation, the Times of London reported today. It described the Anglo-French attitude toward the new "United Arab Republic" as a "wait and see" policy--a description which has been applied to policy in the major capitals of the Western world and at the United Nations.

The union between the two Arab states is "bound to increase anxieties in Israel," the Times diplomatic correspondent wrote. The French would like to see an arms embargo clamped down in the Middle East, he added, but are aware of the difficulties involved in controlling the use of arms supplied to the Bagdad Pact powers.

The Times writer, who expressed the belief that an arms embargo would be helpful in dealing with the Israel-Arab problem, added: "Many of those who have negotiated in the Middle East in the past would say that when the Great Powers agreed on the need for an armistice or settlement, the problem of negotiation between the Middle East countries themselves would become much simpler."

U.S. Considers Syrian-Egyptian Union Actually Non-Existent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- State Department spokesman Lincoln White said today that to his knowledge no union of Syria and Egypt has yet taken place and that many steps must come before a union actually exists. Therefore, he said, he did not want to speculate.

Mr. White had no information on precise details of how the proposed new federation will work out or whether it would involve recognition of the new "United Arab Republic" by the United States. He said that many bridges remain to be crossed, including ratification, a plebiscite, and other steps, with dependence being placed on Egypt and Syria for detailed information. For the time being, he stressed, the U.S. was expressing no view, explaining that this government reserves its position.

FRANCO-ISRAEL COOPERATION IN ATOMIC RESEARCH STRESSED BY FRENCHMEN

TEL AVIV, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- A unique degree of Franco-Israel cooperation in atomic research, in which Israel scientists are placing important discoveries at the disposal of France, and France is supplying Israel with uranium for research, was disclosed here last night during an exuberant reception for the visiting French Parliamentary delegation.

The disclosure was made by Francois Benard, former French Minister for Atomic Affairs at an official public meeting in honor of the delegation. The meeting was held in the Fredric R. Mann Auditorium which was packed with some 3,000 cheering Israelis. Many thousands had cheered the delegation as it passed through Tel Aviv's main street toward the Municipality Building.

Raymond Laurent, another member of the delegation, declared at a meeting of the Tel Aviv Municipal Court that "we will tell our people that all you want is peace." He also demonstrated his esteem for Tel Aviv Mayor Chaim Levanon by presenting the mayor with his parliamentary badge, which he described as the "most cherished possession of a French Parliamentarian."

Henri Forest, chairman of the delegation, said that the French Government would not abandon North African Jewry. Other speakers included the French Ambassador and heads of the Israel-French Association for Promoting Trade and Economic Ties.

MOSCOW POSTPONES ARBITRATION HEARINGS ON ISRAEL'S \$2,000,000 CLAIM

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The arbitration hearings on Israel's claim for over \$2,000,000 in damages resulting from Soviet unilateral cancellation of a citrus-for-oil agreement have been postponed again in Moscow, it was reported here today. Though Israeli officials have declined comment on the development, observers here have begun to suspect Soviet delaying moves designed to avoid a ruling by the Moscow Chamber of Commerce court of arbitration, the body which has jurisdiction of disputes under the Israel-Soviet trade pact.

After only a few days of the hearing late last year, the proceedings were halted by the announced illness of one of the three judges. Since then two new ones have been set and later abandoned. Last week Israeli counsel again flew to Moscow for hearings scheduled to begin yesterday, but once again the Soviet authorities entered a sick plea.

HISTADRUT WILL ESTABLISH LIAISON OFFICE IN ASIA, OFFICIAL ANNOUNCES

TEL AVIV, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The Histadrut, Israel's general federation of labor, will set up a liaison bureau in Asia within the next three or four months, Reuven Barakat, head of the Histadrut political department, announced today. He did not specify in which country the bureau would be located.

GERMAN SCHOOL TEACHER INDICTED ON CHARGE OF CENTRAL JEWISH BODY

FRANKFURT, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- A bill of indictment against Ludwig Zind, Offenbach high school teacher accused of asserting that Hitler had not gassed enough Jews, was sent to the court of appeals in Karlsruhe where the teacher has filed a complaint against his arrest. If the appeals court rejects Zind's complaint, the bill of indictment can be returned to the district court for indictment of the teacher.

Zind was arrested January 27 after nation-wide protests against the failure of the Baden-Wuerttemberg authorities to act against the teacher. A charge of defamation of the memory of the dead was filed against him by the Central Council of Jews in Germany. Officials here said that disciplinary action against Zind had been deferred pending court judgment of his guilt.

GERMAN YOUTHS SEEK TO REHABILITATE GRAVES OF JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS

KARLSRUHE, Germany, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The Youth Council of this city is planning to set up summer vacation camps in Southern France so that German youth might be involved in the rehabilitation of the graves of Jews and other victims of the Nazis deported from the Province of Baden to concentration camps in France where they were subsequently murdered.

The Youth Council decision is part of a plan which the Jewish community of Karlsruhe together with members of the municipal government and Mayor H. Klotz of this city are working out. The Mayor and representatives of the Jewish community visited the site of camps at Gurs, Noe, Portet-Saint Simeon and Rebecqodou.

The graves are in a dilapidated condition and rent is due on them under a French law which calls for the payment of rental fees after a 15-year moratorium. Some of the remains may be exhumed and reinterred elsewhere, if the Conference of German Rabbis grants permission.

BERLIN JEWISH LEADER SEES REVIVAL OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN GERMANY

BERLIN, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- There are many signs of a revival of open anti-Semitism in various parts of Germany, Heinz Galinski, leader of the Berlin Jewish community, charged in an article in the current issue of the "Allgemeine Wochenzeitung der Juden in Deutschland." He cited the case of a Berlin newspaper which uses its columns for indirect anti-Semitic propaganda.

A Darmstadt court has sentenced a German to 14 days' imprisonment for voicing anti-Semitic insults in public. It also fined a friend of his involved in the same incident 100 marks (approximately \$25).

BAVARIAN PARTY ASKS FOR REINSTATEMENT OF EX-NAZIS TO FULL RIGHTS

MUNICH, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The German Unification Party in the Bavarian Parliament has called for abolition of denazification laws and the reinstatement of former Nazis to full citizenship rights.

During the debate, Socialist deputy Wilhelm Hoegner agreed that "a line must finally be drawn" under Germany's past. He asserted that "liberation laws" had not cleared up the political situation in the country.

JEWISH YOUTH LEADERS IN YUGOSLAVIA MEET; SEEK CONTACT WITH JEWS ABROAD

LONDON, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Representatives of the youth section of the federation of Jewish communities of Yugoslavia met in Zagreb to discuss problems pertaining to Jewish young people in this country and abroad, the World Jewish Congress reported here today.

The congress elected a coordinating committee to act as the supreme body of Jewish youth in Yugoslavia. The delegates discussed contacts among the various Jewish youth of Yugoslavia and Jews abroad.

JEWS IN POLAND URGE UNESCO TO PUBLISH WORKS OF JEWISH WRITERS

LONDON, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Folkstimme, the Yiddish daily published in Warsaw, has printed an appeal to Jewish organizations throughout the world to urge the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to publish the works of Sholem Aleichem. Publication of the Yiddish writer's works in all countries and languages will give the non-Jewish world "insight into Jewish culture and the past," the newspaper said.

JEWISH COMMUNITY IN TANGIERS PRESENTS GIFT TO KING OF MOROCCO

PARIS, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Tangiers today presented a gift of a motor car to King Mohammed of Morocco, it was reported from Rabat, the Moroccan capital. The presentation was made by Abraham Lored and Jacques Pinto, president and vice president respectively, of the Tangiers community.