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DANGER POINT IN MT. SCOPUS SITUATION IS PAST, U. N. ENVOY REPORTS

TEL AVIV, April 14. (JTA) -- The danger point in the Mt. Scopus situation has been passed and time will bring a solution of the problem, Dr. Francisco Urrutia, UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's personal representative, said here today before leaving for UN headquarters.

The Colombian diplomat, who had spent two weeks shuttling between Israel and Jordan trying to remove obstacles to a pact on the height he had negotiated with the parties several months ago, said some progress had been made. He refused, however, to specify or elaborate. Asked whether progress had been made on the promised transfer of books and medical equipment from the Hebrew University and Hadassah Hospital grounds on Mt. Scopus, he said the matter had been looked into but he was unable to report progress.

Dr. Urrutia said Dr. Ralph Bunche, Nobel Prize winning UN Under Secretary assigned by Mr. Hammarskjold to the Mt. Scopus problem, might come to the Middle East shortly. He looked on his own visit as routine and envisaged further trips in the future.

JEWS FROM 60 LANDS FOUGHT IN ISRAEL'S LIBERATION ARMY, BEN GURION REVEALS

JERUSALEM, April 14. (JTA) -- Tribute was paid today to the Jews of all countries for the role they played in the establishment of the State of Israel in an Independence Day message issued by Premier David Ben Gurion in connection with the forthcoming celebration of Israel's Tenth Anniversary. The message was sent to the American Committee for Israel's Tenth Anniversary Celebration and will be read at many of the celebrations scheduled by more than 200 Jewish communities throughout the United States.

Pointing out that "the United Nations did not lift a finger" when the Arab states attacked Israel during the early days after its establishment ten years ago hoping "to annihilate her," the Israel Premier said:

"One loyal ally arose -- the Jewish people in the Diaspora. Volunteers from more than 60 countries came to Israel to participate in the War of Independence, and the help given by the Jewish people to Israel in its defensive war continued to grow, as young, conquering Israel began its great and difficult task of gathering in the exiles and making the desert bloom.

"More than one million Jews were added to the country since the establishment of the State. Whole exiled communities were brought over to Israel, and from 79 countries in all parts of the world, Jews streamed and are continuing to stream to their ancient homeland."

"Tribes of various tongues, separated by time and space, distant by hundreds of years and thousands of miles, are mixed in Israel into one nation that once again speaks its Hebrew tongue, that is becoming rooted anew in the soil of its homeland, and is creating by its physical labor, and through its spiritual, moral and intellectual ability, an economy and a culture and a society and a science which will be a glory to Jewry wherever it may be."

The Prime Minister in his message painted a picture of continued progress for Israel's second decade in the face of grim opposition, expressing confidence that with the continued support of the peoples of the democratic nations and world Jewry, his country would develop into a "Rock of Israel."

"We know that our work is not finished," he said, "and will not be finished easily or quickly, and it is possible that there await us difficulties and dangers no less great than those we overcame in our first decade, but we look to the future with confidence in the Rock of Israel, depending on our strength, and on the justice and purity of our case, believing in the brotherhood of world Jewry, and hoping for the good will of all nations who seek peace and justice and freedom."

Embracing the aid and contribution of Jews from all over the world, Mr. Ben Gurion emphasized that the State of Israel was not established by the 650,000 Jews who lived in the country, in May 14, 1948, when it was proclaimed a State. "Pioneering activities of three generations preceded the declaration of independence," he said.

ZIONIST LEADERS MEET TO STUDY CLOSER COOPERATION WITH ISRAEL GOVT.

JERUSALEM, April 14, (JTA) -- A commission composed of representatives of all Zionist parties, named at the recent session of the Zionist Actions Committee to study means for establishing closer cooperation between the Israel Government and the Zionist movement, held its first meeting last week and will confer again Wednesday, World Zionist Organization president Dr. Nahum Goldmann announced here today.

Moshe Sharett, former Premier and Foreign Minister of Israel, reported to a plenary session of the Jewish Agency executive today, on his recent tour of the United States and Canada in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. He said that he found no decline in contributions to the UJA despite the economic recession. The UJA's income was up in certain areas, he reported. He spoke glowingly of the interest of the "young blood" in the UJA leadership. He asserted that most of the new crop of UJA leaders had been to Israel and had studied its problems.

TWO GERMAN JOURNALISTS DISAPPEAR IN ISRAEL; BELIEVED CROSSED INTO JORDAN

TEL AVIV, April 14, (JTA) -- Two German journalists in Israel have disappeared from their room in Elath and are presumed to have accidentally crossed into Jordan territory.

The two are Hans Germani, Viennese correspondent of Der Spiegel, and Miss Helgard Otto, a journalism student. They left the hotel to "look around" the Akaba Gulf port town, leaving all their possessions behind them.

ISRAEL COURT GETS APPEAL AGAINST DEPORTATION OF JEW SOUGHT BY FRANCE

JERUSALEM, April 14, (JTA) -- An appeal against a deportation order was filed with the Supreme Court here today by attorneys for Joseph Jonavici, wanted by the French authorities on tax evasion charges. Jonavici arrived in Israel several months ago under an assumed name.

The appeal asserted that the deportation order had been issued for political reasons, not-as had been claimed--because of Jonavici's character. The appeal noted that charges of collaboration against Jonavici had been offset by testimonials by French personalities that the defendant had made contact with the Nazis during the Vichy regime to further underground rescue work.

ISRAEL RATIFIES INTERNATIONAL PACT ON ABOLITION OF FORCED LABOR

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 14, (JTA) -- Israel today ratified the convention on the abolition of forced labor which was adopted by the international labor conference last June, it was announced here today.

The convention provides that each member state will not make use of any form of forced or compulsory labor as a means of political coercion or as a means of racial, social, national or religious discrimination. Israel has now ratified 21 of the International Labor Organization's conventions which together form the so called World Labor Code.

JEWS IN GERMANY DO NOT SEE "ZIND CASE" AS A REVIVAL OF ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, April 14, (JTA) -- Neither informed Jewish nor German opinion views the Ludwig Zind case as indicative of a resurgence of anti-Semitism in Germany, the Daily Telegraph reported in a dispatch today from its Bonn correspondent.

The report noted that from time to time "relatively minor" expressions of anti-Semitism occur in bars and the offenders are treated "with comparative severity" by the German courts. It cited a recent three-week jail sentence for a German who shouted anti-Semitic remarks during the showing of an anti-fascist film and a two-week term for a disabled German war veteran who had shouted anti-Jewish insults at a Jewish colleague in the course of a personal argument.

The Bonn correspondent quoted Dr. H. G. van Dam, secretary general of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, as stating that suspended schoolteacher Zind was a "pathological and untypical case." Nevertheless, it was disturbing, the Jewish leader told the correspondent, that Zind was permitted to hold his teaching post.

German opinion varies, the dispatch pointed out, and though sympathy in Offenburg was with Zind, "enlightened opinion" in Germany considers the sentence just and necessary to reaffirm Germany's reformed character to the world. Enlightened Germans, including Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, are "painfully anxious to make amends to the Jews. They feel their record on restitution is good," the Daily Telegraph report concluded.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ALLOCATES \$180,000 FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF SYNAGOGUE

LEGHORN, Italy, April 14, (JTA) -- Italian Minister of Public Works Giuseppe Togni has informed Chief Rabbi Alfredo Toaff that the Italian Government has approved an allocation of the equivalent of \$180,000 toward the reconstruction of the famous Leghorn Synagogue which was destroyed during the war. The sum represents half of the contribution pledged by the Italian Government toward the cost of rebuilding the synagogue.

FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGNS GOING WELL DESPITE RECESSION, C. J. F. W. F. REPORTS

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- Despite economic recession, Jewish fund-raising campaigns this year are generally moving better than originally predicted, it was reported at a meeting of the board of directors of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds held here under the chairmanship of Herbert R. Abeles, CJFWF president.

"Many top givers have increased their gifts," Louis J. Fox, chairman of the CJFWF Campaign Planning Committee, reported to the 33 members of the board who attended the meeting. "Individuals, trades and cities have been affected with varying degrees of intensity by the economic situation. Yet there are reports of striking individual gifts even in industries that are hardest hit."

Mr. Fox was joined by William Rosenwald, CJFWF vice-president and national UJA leader, Stanley C. Myers, past president of the Council, and other community leaders in an assessment of the campaign situation. They agreed that communities were adjusting to 1958 conditions with "flexibility and imagination." Current stress is on individual solicitation of persons who can give more, and on trades and industries not too sharply affected by economic conditions, they said.

The board authorized on-the-scene consultations in Israel this summer by a small group of Council leaders with top Israeli officials. They will review Israel's future needs for philanthropic funds, economic conditions and prospects, relation of welfare funds to other support, use of philanthropic funds, operations of the Jewish Agency, manpower problems and training and education problems. The Council officials will also interpret American fund-raising and community organization responsibilities to the Israeli leaders.

Council of Jewish Federations to Start National Cultural Study

Julian Freeman of Indianapolis, past president of the CJFWF, will head up a special board committee on a long-planned national cultural study, which was authorized at the meeting. This study, which is being financed by special foundation and individual grants, will delve into all aspects of Jewish cultural activities; research, archives, training of Jewish scholars, publication resources, creative work in Jewish letters, training personnel for adult Jewish education and channels of information on Jewish affairs.

The board also heard reports on the national study on services to the chronically ill, and other ongoing communal programs. Robert Morris, CJFWF social planning consultant, reporting for Dr. Franz Goldmann, director of the Council's three-year study of coordination of community health services for the chronically ill, told the board members that 218 agencies across the country had taken part in the study thus far. The project is being financed by the U. S. Public Health Service.

The sites of future General Assemblies--the annual national meeting of community leaders--were approved by board action. The 1958 Assembly will take place November 13-16 in Washington, D. C. In 1959, the Assembly will take place in San Francisco, Detroit in 1960, Dallas in 1961, and Philadelphia in 1962.

Other reports dealt with developments in leadership training programs, progress of the committee which will award the first Harry L. Lurie Fellowships, the Large City Budgeting Conference, community relations, professional personnel shortage in welfare agencies, multiple appeals, and community organization. The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds is the national association of 213 central Jewish community organizations representing approximately 800 communities throughout the United States and Canada.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN U. S. URGED TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS OF EDUCATORS

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- A call to the American Jewish community to establish the conditions to attract young Jews with talent to the professional field of Jewish education was voiced here at the sixth annual convention of the Educators Assembly of the United Synagogue of America, the congregational arm of Conservative Judaism.

The parley spelled out the need for congregational school officials to accept the professional status of Jewish educators, recognize their need for security on the job and in retirement, and to bring their personnel practices into line with these requirements. The educators further suggested that the place of Israel be enhanced in Jewish religious schools and that scientific instruction in these schools be balanced with spiritual and moral growth in the youth.

DR. SILVER FLIES TO ISRAEL TO PARTICIPATE IN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, American Zionist leader, left here today for Israel via El Al to participate in the celebration of the 10th anniversary of Israel's independence.

ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HONORS DR. SALK; PRESIDENT ATTENDS CEREMONY

BUENOS AIRES, April 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Jonas Salk, developer of the anti-polio vaccine which bears his name, was awarded the order of the Grand Cross of the Benefactor at a ceremony here opening a new rehabilitation center for children who are victims of poliomyelitis. Provisional President Pedro Aramburo attended the ceremony.

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PROPORTION OF JEWS IN U.S. WILL DECREASE BY ONE-THIRD, SURVEY INDICATES

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 14. (JTA) -- The number of Jews in the United States will drop below 5,000,000 by 1975 and their percentage within the entire population will decline by nearly one-third, Dr. Arthur T. Jacobs, administrative secretary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, declared here today at the five-day meeting of the National Association of Temple Secretaries of the Reform movement.

Drawing on a recent Federal Census Bureau survey of the population, Dr. Jacobs said that while Protestants and Catholics were increasing in numbers and percentages, Jews were failing to maintain their own position and would, in less than 20 years, decline from 3.2 percent of the population to 2.2 percent. The Census Bureau's survey was the first in which a representative population sample was asked: "What is your religion?"

Other than increasing the birth rate, Dr. Jacobs pointed out, two possibilities exist for increasing the number of Jews: through immigration or conversion of Christians. He said large-scale Jewish immigration was "beyond the realm of our expectations" but replacement of the McCarran-Walter Act by "a decent immigration law" might swell the "present trickle of Jewish immigration into a small stream." Dr. Jacobs expressed the opinion that there are hundreds of thousands of nominal Christians who would find Reform Judaism a "satisfying religion," but it could not come about "unless our rabbis come to believe it necessary and are given time and tools to do the job," he said.

The Reform leader noted that population statistics highlighted another important congregational problem--service to aging Jews. The latest statistics, he pointed out, showed that over 37 percent of American Jews were past 45 and that there were already an excess of 43,000 Jewish women over Jewish men in the age groups past 65. He warned that unless the Reform congregations became "sensitive to this problem," they would "either lose this older group or retain them as nominal members" but fail to serve them adequately.

Dr. Jacobs dwelt, too, on the plight of Reform synagogues which find themselves isolated in rapidly changing and deteriorating neighborhoods. While this is a prime problem of city temples, he noted, the suburban temples face similar situations. Finally, Dr. Jacobs warned that the exploding scientific and technological forces of American society would in the coming two decades present the religious movement with untold new moral and spiritual problems.

JEWS CONGRESS ANTICIPATES CONFLICTS WILL GROW ON SUNDAY CLOSING LAWS

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- Sunday closing laws have become an increasingly controversial issue in various sections of the nation during the past year and it is anticipated that conflicts between religious and commercial groups over Sunday laws will grow more acute in the future, it was indicated in a new study issued today by the American Jewish Congress.

The report noted that while Sunday closing regulations have been on the statute books of most states and municipalities, particularly in the East and South, for a long time, "the past year has seen an intensification in the demand for new and more restrictive legislation. This has been met by stiffening resistance to such legislation by some religious groups as well as some commercial interests."

JUDGE LEVINTHAL TO BE HONORED BY AMERICAN JEWISH LEAGUE FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 14. (JTA) -- Judge Louis E. Levinthal, veteran Zionist leader, will be honored by the American Jewish League for Israel at a testimonial dinner on April 21 at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria. The event will mark the jurist's 65th birthday year and commemorate Israel's Tenth Anniversary.

The speakers will include Abba Eban, Israel's Ambassador to the United States; Dr. Israel Goldstein, co-chairman of the World Organization of General Zionists; Ezra Z. Shapiro, president of the American Jewish League for Israel, and Louis Lipsky, dean of American Zionism and an honorary president of the League.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY GETS \$100,000 IN MEMORY OF MURDERED JEWISH FAMILY

ITHACA, N. Y., April 14. (JTA) -- Deane W. Malott, president of Cornell University, today announced the grant of \$100,000 from the estate of Wilhelm Weinberg, which will be used toward the construction of the proposed new \$5,000,000 research library. One floor of the new library building will be named after Mr. Weinberg and the members of his family who were victims of Nazi genocide during World War II. A plaque memorializing Mr. Weinberg and his family will be placed in the library.

Wilhelm Weinberg was born in Germany in 1886. As a young man he settled in Paris, and at the end of the first World War he moved to The Netherlands, acquiring Dutch citizenship. While he was away from Holland, the Germans invaded that country during World War II, and killed his wife and their three children.