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NEW AGENCY STARTS SECRET INVESTIGATIONS OF RECENT SYNAGOGUE BOMBINGS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 6. (JTA) -- Secret investigations into the recent bombings of synagogues, Jewish centers and Negro schools are being conducted by an agency formed following the conference here last Saturday of mayors and police officials of 29 cities in the South, it was disclosed today.

Capt. H. W. Branch, of the Jacksonville Police Department, who heads the new agency, said that he has information leading him to believe that one person, or one organization, is responsible for the 47 separate bombings and bombing attempts in the South since last year.

The Council of the American Jewish Congress in South Florida today published a statement calling for wide public support of a House of Representatives bill that would make it a Federal crime to possess or transport dynamite or other explosives in violation of any state law. The bill, introduced by Rep. J. Carlton Loser of Tennessee, grew out of the recent unsolved bombings in Jacksonville, Miami and other Southern cities. The measure is now before the House Judiciary Committee. Enactment of the bill into law would permit the Federal Bureau of Investigation to enter into all cases in which explosives are used unlawfully.

"We urge every citizen who supports law and order and abhors violence to write or wire his Congressman at once, asking that the bill be voted favorably out of Committee and brought to the floor of the House of Representatives," the AJC statement said. "The longer the perpetrators of these bombing attacks go undiscovered and unpunished, the more outbreaks of violence may be expected. Thus far, not one arrest has been made in any bombing attack, despite the best efforts of local police.

"We are grateful for the prompt investigations launched by state and city police officers in Jacksonville, Miami, Nashville and other cities in which bombings have taken place or been attempted," the statement continued. "We strongly believe, however, that in order to hunt down the criminals, bring them quickly to justice and halt the mounting wave of terror and intimidation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation must be permitted to bring its superior facilities and experience into play."

Eisenhower Urged to Visit Cities Where Synagogues Were Bombed

MONTREAL, May 6. (JTA) -- An appeal to President Eisenhower to make a personal on-the-spot investigation of the bombings in the South was voiced at the convention of the Workmen's Circle, major Jewish fraternal organization, which is now being held here. The organization has more than 90,000 members in the United States and Canada.

The appeal was made by Adolph Held, national chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee. Addressing the delegates, he suggested that President Eisenhower make a tour "in order to use the impact of his visit to restore sanity and law and order to the areas where the bombings took place."

The American Jewish labor leader strongly assailed the Soviet Government for suppressing Jewish culture. He said that several months ago a delegation of his organization elicited a promise from the State Department that it would begin negotiations with the Soviet Union to include Yiddish and Hebrew books and periodicals in the American Russian cultural exchange program. "To date there has been no reply from the Russians," Mr. Held said. He asked that the answer be made soon.

Dallas Rabbis Join in Approving Integration in the Public Schools

DALLAS, Texas, May 6. (JTA) -- All five rabbis in this city joined in expressing approval of a statement by 300 Protestant clergymen of Dallas supporting the integration of children of all races in the public school system.

Noting that the United States Supreme Court had "spelled out in law what the prophets of our faith declared long ago," the rabbis expressed the hope that the citizens of Dallas "will move wisely, and morally and spiritually toward the orderly fulfillment of the law."

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT IS SLOW IN TALKS ON RESTITUTION TO NAZI VICTIMS

VIENNA, May 6. (JTA) -- Completion of negotiations between the Austrian Government and representatives of Nazi victims on restitution payments does not appear in sight, informed observers indicated here today. Leaders of both parties on the government coalition confirm that the talks are continuing.

Bruno Pittermann, Social Democratic Vice Chancellor, said that the question of restitution of political persecutees remains under discussion within the Socialist and Peoples Parties. The news service of the Peoples Party, the major partner in the government, reported that a committee within the Finance Ministry is working on an agreement which will be submitted to Parliament as soon as possible.

ANTI-SEMITISM NOT INCREASING IN GERMANY, PRESIDENT OF PARLIAMENT SAYS

BERLIN, May 6. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitism is not increasing in Germany and the instances which do occur are isolated and are not important in the overall picture in Germany, the president of the German Parliament declared here in an interview with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, who is a top leader of the Christian Democratic Party and of the German Protestant church, averred that anti-Semitism was "shrinking" though he admitted it had not disappeared. He asserted that the attempt of some Germans to shut their eyes today about Hitler's crimes is an indication of their shame at the crimes and at the fact they had been hoodwinked by the Nazi gang.

He also defended Justice Minister Fritz Schaeffer who several months ago attacked the restitution situation and charged that Germany was obligated to the extent of \$6,000,000,000 for restitution to Jews. Herr Schaeffer was not motivated by anti-Semitism, Dr. Gerstenmaier claimed.

In reference to German-Israeli diplomatic relations, he insisted that the decision here would be made by the two states involved. He implied that threats by the Arab states against Germany if she entered into diplomatic relations with Israel were likely to have the reverse effect on the situation.

YUGOSLAV PEASANT SENTENCED TO FOUR MONTHS FOR ANTI-JEWISH INCITEMENT

LONDON, May 6. (JTA) -- A Yugoslav peasant who told a Jewish woman that her husband should "go to Palestine because his place is there" was sentenced to four months' imprisonment for inciting intolerance by insulting citizens, the Federation of Jewish Communities of Yugoslavia reported in a Bulletin which arrived here today.

The Bulletin reported that the peasant, Laslo Sarvas, made the statement to Margita Ujhelji. He was indicted by the district public prosecutor in Subotica and sentenced under Article 19 of the Yugoslav Criminal Code.

BUDAPEST COMMUNITY TO ESTABLISH A YESHIVAH; WILL TRAIN RABBIS, TEACHERS

LONDON, May 6. (JTA) -- The Orthodox Jewish community of Budapest has decided to open a yeshivah, the Agudas Israel Organization reported here today on the basis of a communication from Moritz Paskusz, president of the Budapest community.

The yeshivah, under the direction of Rabbi B. Moskovitz, who formerly directed a yeshivah at Paks, will train rabbis, Jewish teachers, and shochemim. The Agudah has promised its support for the yeshivah, the report said.

HOUSE APPROVES BILL ON GRANTING U.S. CITIZENSHIP TO HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

WASHINGTON, May 6. (JTA) -- The House approved yesterday and sent to the Senate a measure which would clear the way for 31,000 Hungarian refugees who came to this country after the 1956 rebellion to become American citizens.

The measure, designed to carry out President Eisenhower's request that the refugees--most of whom are officially parolees--be given permanent status, provides that they be checked by immigration officials after they have spent two years in the United States. Those who received clearance would be given permanent residence status retroactive to the date of their arrival, thus shortening the time required to obtain citizenship.

ITALIAN COUNT DENIED PASSPORT IN ROME BECAUSE HE FOUGHT IN ISRAEL ARMY

ROME, May 6. (JTA) -- Italian Count Goffredo Polidori said today that he had been denied an Italian passport by the Italian Foreign Ministry because he had fought as a volunteer in Israel's 1948 War of Independence and was therefore "considered an Israeli citizen."

Count Polidori, a Catholic, arrived in Palestine with a group of clandestine immigrants and fought with the Jewish forces as a captain under the name of Abraham Cohen. He has already sent a request for information to Israel officials on the possibility of becoming a citizen of Israel.

FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN U.S. AND ISRAEL REMAINS STRONG, HADASSAH LEADERS TOLD

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- Despite occasional differences of opinion, the strong bond of friendship between the United States and Israel has never been weakened or impaired, Mrs. Samuel W. Halprin, acting chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, declared today at a Hadassah gathering celebrating the tenth anniversary of Israel's establishment. More than 1,500 leaders and members of Hadassah attended the function in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Mrs. Halprin said that the bond of friendship between the United States and Israel "has expressed itself not only in words but in economic and technical assistance, which constituted a joining of forces for the development of Israel." She added that "as Israel looks ahead to its second decade, it is clear that its tasks in the next ten years will be no less difficult than those of the first." She stressed that Israel counts upon the continued friendship and support of the American people and the Government of the United States in the fulfillment of its constructive undertakings.

Dr. Miriam K. Freund, national president of Hadassah, said that "Israel is ready and willing to help its Arab neighbors in the field of health. Israel is prepared to help train Arab nurses, medical, dental and pharmacy students. Israel is prepared to send out its experts to help Arab countries set up proper health institutions. Israel is ready to assist in training Arab specialists in all branches of medicine and surgery. Israel is willing to provide these specialized services to the impoverished Arab peoples."

ISRAEL PAVILION OPENS TODAY AT U.S. WORLD TRADE FAIR IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- United States exports to Israel amounted to about \$100,000,000 in 1957 while Israel exports to the United States amounted to \$21,000,000, it was reported here today at the Israel pavilion at the U.S. World Trade Fair, which formally opens tomorrow at the New York Coliseum.

The largest pavilion to be erected by the Israel Government for display in the United States, it is a counterpart of Israel's 1958 participation in similar fairs in Johannesburg, Helsinki, Poznan, Izmir and Marseilles. Covering 3,200 square feet on the mezzanine floor of the Coliseum, the handsomely designed pavilion is a showcase for a multitude of products and produce of Israel.

Ten years of industrial progress and flourishing trade, along with the dramatic panorama of Israel's historical and cultural background, is depicted through a series of beautifully stained plexiglass mosaic, integrated sculpture, suspended glass showcases, colorful space modulators, life-size photographs, and an array of Israel products.

The top honors for the design of the pavilion were awarded to Abba El-Hanani, an outstanding Tel Aviv architect. Mr. El-Hanani was formerly a member of the Faculty of Architecture at the Hebrew Technion in Haifa and is the designer of a war memorial for Independence Park in Tel Aviv.

Exhibits to Acquaint American Public with Quality of Israeli Products

"A key purpose of the exhibit," stated Nathan Raviv, Israel Trade Commissioner in the United States, "is to acquaint the American public with the great variety and excellent quality of Israel products exported to the United States."

Mr. Raviv pointed out that Israel is a growing customer of the United States and strikes a remarkable parallel to the pioneering growth that made this country a leader in the world today. In his opinion, it was the vast immigrant populations of both countries that contributed to the phenomenal industrial growth and supplied the overall culture to both democratic nations.

Many of the products previously sold in the United States plus many new products, are displayed at the Israel pavilion. Cut diamonds, accounting for a major share of Israel's exports to the United States, are shown, along with wines, home products, textiles and fashions (raincoats, knitted wear, woolen coats, blouses and sportswear), industrial products (cement, fertilizers and chemicals), glass and ceramics, foods and candies, and jewelry and giftware.

El Al Israel Airlines, which operates regular passenger and freight service to New York and other principal world cities, has a major display in the pavilion. Israel's largest shipping company, Zim Israel Navigation Co. Ltd., also has a large, attractive display.

DELEGATION OF AMERICAN BANKERS HONORED IN ISRAEL BY JEWISH AGENCY

JERUSALEM, May 6. (JTA) -- A delegation of American bankers were the guests today of David Horowitz, governor of the Israel State Bank. The six bankers were guests of honor last night at a reception given by Jewish Agency treasurer Dov Joseph. They are accompanied by Gottlieb Hammer, executive director of the New York headquarters of the Jewish Agency.

B'NAI B'RITH PRESIDENT CALLS FOR EXTENDED U.S. AID TO FOREIGN LANDS

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., May 6. (JTA) -- A call for an extended American program of foreign economic aid as an instrument of "our religious character as a nation" was voiced here last night by Philip M. Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith. Mr. Klutznick spoke at the annual meeting here of B'nai B'rith's District Three at which 1,000 delegates have gathered from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New Jersey and Delaware.

Extension of aid to underdeveloped nations, "even if there was no threat of Communist expansion," Mr. Klutznick asserted, is a "commitment of our nation's Christian-Hebraic concept of human dignity and brotherhood." The B'nai B'rith leader scored Congressional attempts to slash the foreign aid program because of charges of waste and inefficiency in its administration as a case of "permitting little errors to destroy big ideas."

\$1,250,000 FOR U. J. A. RAISED AT JEWISH WELFARE BOARD DINNER IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- Contributions and pledges totalling \$1,250,000 toward the regular and emergency campaigns of the 1958 United Jewish Appeal was raised here tonight at a dinner of the UJA of Greater New York under the auspices of the National Jewish Welfare Board. Three hundred guests attended the function.

Lloyd W. Dinkelspiel, newly-elected president of the JWB, described the manifold JWB programs and their effect on the contemporary social scene. The JWB-affiliated community centers, he noted, present a good program to combat juvenile delinquency, while the JWB's religious program is a powerful "morale missile" for Jews in the United States armed forces.

UNITED ISRAEL DRIVE STARTED IN ARGENTINA; 10,000 JEWS ATTEND MEETING

BUENOS AIRES, May 6. (JTA) -- More than 10,000 Jews gathered in Luna Park Stadium last night to formally launch the 1958 United Israel Campaign in Argentina. The chief speakers were Israel's Minister for Interior, Israel Bar Yehuda, who came here to attend the inauguration of President Frondizi, and Dr. Arie L. Kubovy, Israel's Ambassador.

Mr. Bar Yehuda told the assemblage that Israel was recognized today by the free nations of the world and only the Arab states pretended that Israel did not exist. He noted that Israel permitted no foreign bases on its soil, but that the Arab states could not say the same.

QUEEN JULIANA OF NETHERLANDS DECORATES PROMINENT JEWS IN HOLLAND

THE HAGUE, May 6. (JTA) -- Several Jews were named on the Honors List released here yesterday in connection with Queen Juliana's 49th birthday.

Martin van Crevald, president of the Ashkenazi Congregation of Amsterdam, was named an Officer of the Order of Orange and Nassau; Sally L. de Beer, Netherlands vice consul in Tel Aviv, a Knight of the Order of Orange and Nassau, and Peter Diamond, organizer of the annual Holland Festival of Art, a Knight of the Order of Orange and Nassau.

Premier Willem Dress of the Netherlands received today an Israel Parliamentary delegation headed by Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Knesset. The presidents of both houses of the Holland Parliament last night tendered a reception to the visiting Israeli legislators.

CITY COUNCIL OF MONTREAL ADOPTS RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ISRAEL

MONTREAL, May 6. (JTA) -- The City Council of Montreal has passed a resolution of congratulations on the occasion of Israel's tenth anniversary. At a meeting attended by 15,000 people here marking the Israeli birthday, a resolution was passed hailing Israel's decade of achievement.

In Toronto, close to 2,000 persons were unable to enter Massey Hall for the Israel celebration. Extra police had to be called in to handle the overflow as people even with reserved seats were unable to be accommodated in the auditorium 20 minutes after the doors were opened. Speakers included: Haim H. Cohn, Attorney General of Israel; Arthur Lourie, Israel Ambassador to Canada; the Jewish Mayor of Toronto, Nathan Phillips, Q. C., and Allan Bronfman, chairman of the Canadian Anniversary Committee. George Hees, Minister of Transport, brought greetings on behalf of the Canadian Government.

JUDGE SOBELOFF HONORED; GETS MEDAL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO JURISPRUDENCE

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- Judge Simon E. Sobeloff, of the Fourth Circuit Court of the United States Court of Appeals, was honored here last night by the New York Association of Trial Lawyers. A medal was presented him for his "outstanding contribution to American jurisprudence."

JOSEPH EISNER, JEWISH COMMUNAL LEADER, DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 57

NEW YORK, May 6. (JTA) -- Joseph Eisner, active in Jewish philanthropy and communal activities, died here Sunday night at the age of 57. Mr. Eisner was vice-chairman of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and had served as general chairman of several campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.