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BONN CABINET DECIDES TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

BONN, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Cabinet decided today to introduce anti-defamation legislation in the West German Parliament. The Cabinet took the view that it would not be feasible to wait for a general penal code reform outlawing race hatred.

The measure will be introduced in a few days. A draft of the proposal submitted today to the Cabinet would make hate-mongering against national, religious and racial groups punishable by up to three months' imprisonment. (See page 3 for more news from Germany.)

MIKOYAN REFUSES TO SEE JEWISH DELEGATION; GETS MEMO ON ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas I. Mikoyan today refused to receive a Jewish delegation seeking his views on the attitude of the Soviet Government toward the question of restoring Jewish cultural life in the Soviet Union. The audience was denied by an official of the Soviet Embassy.

The delegation, representing the Jewish Labor Committee, thereupon left a memorandum at the Soviet United Nations Mission headquarters, addressed to Mr. Mikoyan, citing examples of anti-Jewish abuses and anti-Jewish propaganda under the Moscow regime. The memorandum said that for the past ten years the JLC had "catalogued documented evidence showing that Jews in the Soviet Union were the victims of a cultural pogrom endorsed by both Stalin and Khrushchev."

The memorandum also cited two broadcasts by Soviet broadcasting facilities in Kirovograd, one on December 17, 1958, and the other on December 23, 1958, in which the commentators "ranted against Jews in language echoing the ghost of Josef Goebbels." The earlier broadcast, the JLC document said, "echoed the old canards against Jews that incited the Russian people under the Tsars."

A book recently published in Moscow, entitled, "The State of Israel: Its Position and Policy," by K. Ivanov and Z. Sheynic was termed, in the memorandum, "A companion piece of the anti-Semitic forgery, 'The Protocols of Zion,' which was used by Tsarist secret police and by professional bigots to incite the masses of non-Jews against the Jews."

The Soviet Deputy Premier was asked why the Jewish press, Yiddish literature, Jewish theatre and Jewish cultural institutions were repressed. The memorandum pointed out that to this date the families of scores of Yiddish writers purged and liquidated between 1948-52 have never received a public apology, nor their cases discussed in the Soviet press.

Moscow Urged Not to Transfer Soviet Jews to Biro-Bidjan

LONDON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The Anglo-Jewish Association, reacting to reports of Soviet plans to resettle a large number of Soviet Jews in Biro-Bidjan, urged the Soviet Government today against undertaking "transfers of population, direct or indirect, of Jews or others."

The strongly-worded memorandum, which was conveyed to Jacob Malik, the Soviet Ambassador in London, contained a specific plea that "Jewish citizens" of the Soviet Union "not be forced by open or disguised pressure to leave their present homes and that, above all, only such proposals be entertained for the future of Soviet Jewry as are entirely compatible with the exercise of free choice by the individual."

The memorandum stressed that recent reports of such Soviet plans "have not been refuted by any responsible Soviet source." Recalling the failure of the original "autonomous Jewish region," the memorandum warned that the basic obstacle to such a resettlement was "the inherent artificiality of the idea of settling an urban European element in a primitive Asian area, adjacent to the Chinese border, to which no historic, sociological and spiritual ties bind them."

The association cited the repeated purges carried out among the Jewish leaders of Biro-Bidjan, the suppression of Jewish cultural life there and the fact that at present Jews constituted only one-fifth of the region's population. These facts, the Association declared, prompted fears that a new resettlement "would have to be carried out only by means of overt or covert compulsion."

U. J. A. CALLS EMERGENCY PARLEY ON EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM EAST EUROPE

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Some 200 key American Jewish leaders have been called to an extraordinary session of the National Campaign Cabinet of the United Jewish Appeal at the Savoy-Hilton here next Monday to consider a mounting resettlement emergency in Israel growing out of the sudden upsurge of immigration, particularly from Eastern Europe, it was announced today by UJA general chairman Morris W. Berinstein.

Outside of the Soviet Union, the largest Eastern European Jewish community is in Rumania, with more than 250,000 Jews. It is estimated that about 40,000 Jews still remain in Poland.

Mr. Berinstein termed the enlarged emergency session of the UJA's top planning body "one of the most important UJA meetings since World War II." It was called after UJA officers convened here earlier this week and heard Levi Eshkol, Israel's Minister of Finance, present the full implications of the impact on Israel of this expanded immigration expected to reach 8,000 in January and a possible total of 100,000 during 1959.

Mr. Eshkol, who just arrived in the United States, told the UJA leaders that the migration of Jews permitted to leave for Israel has now reached such proportions that it will threaten Israel's entire immigrant absorption program unless large new resources are immediately forthcoming.

"In the light of the new immigration developments," Mr. Berinstein said, "it is obvious that the forthcoming special UJA meeting on January 19 will be one of the most important gatherings of American Jewish leadership since World War II. A great new turn in American Jewish humanitarian thinking and objectives must result from this emergency meeting."

Mr. Berinstein envisioned that "the key American Jewish leadership will come together with representatives of Israel's people to reorient both Jewish communities to a completely new concept for the 1959 campaign year, a campaign that must swiftly enlarge its scope and its intensity."

EBAN TO DISCUSS RENEWED TENSIONS ON SYRIAN FRONTIER WITH HAMMARSKJOLD

JERUSALEM, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Ministry today instructed Ambassador Abba Eban to take up with United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold the renewed tensions on the Israel-Syrian border when the two statesmen meet tomorrow.

The Foreign Ministry indicated also it expected to receive from its Ambassador a report on the results of Mr. Hammarskjold's Christmas visit to the Middle East, which included stopovers in Amman, Jordan and Cairo, where he discussed Article Eight of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Agreement and the Syrian border situation, respectively. Article Eight provides for unimpeded access to the Israel enclave of Mt. Scopus which is within Jordan territory.

While Jordan reportedly told the UN official that it remained unwilling to implement Article Eight, there was understood to have been a more equivocal rejection by Cairo of a proposal to demarcate physically the Israel-Syrian border as one step to prevent border incidents. It was reported that the Nasser regime was making difficulties not about the proposal but rather about the recognized location of the borderline.

During the Hammarskjold-Eban meeting Thursday, the Ambassador was expected to call to Mr. Hammarskjold's attention three recent Syrian border incidents. These included firing on fishermen in Lake Kinneret, shooting at an Israel shepherd and kidnapping two young American tourists 500 meters inside Israel. The tourists were released to the UN after six hours of questioning.

Mr. Eban was expected to point out that while none of the incidents was in the category of the violent Syrian artillery assault early in December on a ring of settlements, the incidents nevertheless were viewed seriously in Jerusalem as proof that the Syrians were unwilling to abandon border hostilities.

ITALIAN PREMIER INFORMS ISRAEL ENVOY OF RESULTS OF HIS CAIRO TRIP

ROME, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Premier Amintore Fanfani, reporting at a press conference on his recent visit to Cairo, declared today that when he was invited by the Israel Government to visit Israel, it was agreed that there would be "no immediate geographical, temporal or political relationship with the trip I made to Cairo." He added that "the situation has not changed." A date for his visit to Israel "will be established at a convenient time," he declared.

The Premier received the ambassadors of the United States, Britain, Turkey, West Germany and Israel to inform them of the results of his Cairo visit. Asked about an announced visit to Lebanon, the Premier said he had informed the Lebanese Government that "I cannot go to Beirut without having first accepted Israel's invitation which was addressed to me before that of Lebanon."

GERMAN COURT ORDERS CONFISCATION OF HAMBURG ANTI-SEMITIC PAMPHLET

HAMBURG, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The anti-Semitic pamphlet which has aroused West German officials all the way up to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer was ordered temporarily confiscated yesterday by a Hamburg Civil Court.

The temporary order was issued against the brochure--written by Friedrich Nieland, a timber merchant, and printed by Adolf Heimbach--after the Hamburg Supreme Court declined to act. The action was taken by the lower court at the request of the Central Council of German Jews which contended that the pamphlet was an offense to the Jewish people. Kurt Fiedeking, former Hamburg mayor, represented the Central Council in the lower court.

Dr. A. Kröner, chairman of the Christian Democratic Party in the West German Parliament, said today that his party would study the possibility of introducing legislation against anti-Semitism. It was disclosed today that Dr. Emno Buetzer, chairman of the court which rejected a plea for prohibition of the brochure, has been accused of being himself the author of an anti-Semitic article published in 1935.

Two criminal courts previously had refused to try the merchant, accepting defense arguments that he did not seek to instigate racial hatred but had only criticized "a limited group" of "influential Jews." The pamphlet blamed "international Jewry" for the fate suffered by German Jews under the Nazis and denied that the Nazis had murdered 6,000,000 Jews.

The merchant was not expected to appeal yesterday's temporary court ban, having stated before he would no longer circulate the pamphlet. He said it had been intended only for "a small circle of readers." The case meanwhile was under the investigation, on orders of Chancellor Adenauer, by the Bonn Ministry of Justice and by the Federal Attorney General.

TWO BERLIN POLICEMEN ARRESTED AS SUSPECTED NAZIS WHO KILLED JEWS

BERLIN, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The Berlin authorities have arrested two members of the West Berlin police force on suspicion of having murdered Jews during the Nazi regime when both were members of a special police battalion, it was announced here today.

The names of the two suspects were not made public, but one is known to be a detective and the other uniformed patrolman assigned to a Berlin border inspection post. They were among 440 policemen of the special battalion rounded up by the British authorities at the end of World War II and turned over to the Soviet Union for trial as war criminals. These two were serving 25-year sentences when the USSR returned them to West Germany where they were immediately freed.

Meanwhile, the prosecutor in Hanau, Hesse, announced today that the trial of H. Unkelbach, former member of the German police force, on charges of murdering Jews in the Polish city of Czenstochow will open this month. Unkelbach, who was arrested last October, is said to have murdered 30 Jews while guarding them on their daily march between the ghetto and a nearby munitions plant where they were slave laborers.

ANTI-SEMITIC GROUP IN LONDON SEEKS VOTES IN JEWISH-POPULATED AREA

LONDON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The extreme right-wing and anti-Semitic League of Empire Loyalists today picked a heavily Jewish area in which to present a candidate for the next general elections.

The League entered A. Brookes as a candidate for Bournemouth. Brookes has been directing the League's publications, "Truth" and "Candor," which have taken on a definite anti-Semitic tone. Brookes is the third candidate. MP Nigel Nicholson, who was disowned by the local electorate for opposing the Suez Operation, and Major James Friend, a former member of the League, had previously announced their candidacies.

RABBI TESTIFIES AT TRIAL OF ACCUSED IN BOMBING ATLANTA SYNAGOGUE

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Rabbi Jacob Rothschild, of the Temple bombed last October 12, testified today that George Bright, accused of the bombing, questioned him about the world's Jewish population several months before the bombing. Bright is on trial in Fulton county superior court.

The rabbi's testimony came after Judge Jeptha C. Tanksley held it admissible. When the nature of the testimony was first indicated, the defense vigorously objected. Defense attorney R. Garland maintained that it would inflame the jury.

NOTORIOUS ANTI-SEMITES LOSE LIBEL CASE IN FRENCH SUPREME COURT

PARIS, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The Supreme Court of France ruled today against the former Commissioner for Jewish Affairs of the Vichy regime who had sought to recover libel damages from a newspaper which published his anti-Jewish activities under the Petain Government. The Supreme Court reversed a lower court's decision giving Xavier Vallat the right to sue.

ST. LOUIS REFORM TEMPLE WINS CASE IN MISSOURI SUPREME COURT

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The Missouri Supreme Court today ruled that Temple Israel of St. Louis could not be barred from building a new temple in a residential area because of zoning restrictions.

The decision came in the first suit ever to reach the Missouri Supreme Court on the question. At issue were zoning ordinances of the fashionable St. Louis suburb of Creve Coeur which were invoked when Temple Israel--the city's leading Reform congregation--sought a building permit to erect a new temple and religious school.

Presiding Justice Lawrence Hyde ruled that "the State by its zoning act has granted no authority to cities to prohibit building either churches or schools in residence districts." The decision noted that "if it is believed to be necessary to regulate the location of churches, this is a matter for the legislature to provide with proper safeguards for the fundamental liberty of the free exercise of religion protected by the Constitution."

In ruling for Temple Israel, the Missouri high court upheld the decision of a lower court following a trial last year in which Temple Israel brought suit against the City of Creve Coeur. St. Louis community reaction to the earlier decision voiding the zoning ordinances was highly favorable, with all church groups and local newspapers hailing the decision as a victory for religious liberty. The decision of the City of Creve Coeur to appeal the case to the Missouri Supreme Court therefore came as some surprise.

The American Jewish Congress was invited to participate in the lawsuit by Temple Israel officials. In a brief submitted to the Missouri Supreme Court, the AJC cited 25 cases in 17 State courts in which zoning ordinances against religious institutions were held invalid.

MOSES LEAVITT RECEIVES HONORARY FELLOWSHIP FROM HEBREW UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, received tonight an honorary fellowship from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem at a dinner following the meeting of the board of directors of the American Friends of Hebrew University. About 200 members of the board and national council, the organization's advisory group, attended the dinner.

Mr. Leavitt was presented with a certificate flown in from the Jerusalem university citing him "in recognition of his devoted services to the University in its work for Learning and Science in Israel, the Jewish People and Humanity." The presentation was made by Bernard Cherrick, director general of the board of governors of the Hebrew University who arrived recently to report on University progress in research and training activity.

Mr. Leavitt played a key role in the negotiations which led to the recent opening of the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work at the Hebrew University with the aid of a grant of \$500,000 from the JDC. One of the honored guests at the session was Paul Baerwald, honorary chairman of the JDC, in whose honor the school is named. During the 40 years since its founding in 1918, the Jerusalem school has conferred honorary fellowships on only 14 other distinguished citizens "for conspicuous services to the University."

DR. MOSKOWITZ HONORED BY MEXICAN GROUP; RECEIVES 1958 AWARD

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Moses Moskowitz, secretary-general of the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations, today received a 1958 award from the Mexican Front for Human Rights, sharing the honor with President Eisenhower, Gen. Charles de Gaulle and the Mexican Ambassador to Haiti, Dr. Cesar Garizurieta.

The award was presented to Dr. Moskowitz at a special ceremony conducted this morning in the office of Edyardo Espanosa y Prieto, acting chief of the Mexican delegation to the United Nations. The citation to Dr. Moskowitz was given to him on connection with his proposals to the United Nations Human Rights Commission on behalf of the Consultative Council which represents here the American Jewish Committee, Alliance Israelite of France and the Anglo-Jewish Association of Britain.

MOGEN DOVID ADOM SENDS BLOOD PLASMA FOR WOUNDED CUBANS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Officials of the Mogen Dovid Adom, Israel's equivalent of the Red Cross, announced today plans to ship 3,000 pounds worth of blood plasma to Cuba for those wounded in the revolution. They said that during Israel's War of Independence, Cuba was one of the countries which sent plasma for wounded Israel soldiers and civilians.

UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS TO MEET IN MIAMI BEACH

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The 45th biennial general assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and its affiliated bodies will be held in Miami Beach during the week of November 14-19, at the Fontainebleau Hotel, it was announced here today.