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BONN PARLIAMENT DEBATES ANTI-SEMITISM IN GERMANY; ADENAUER CONDEMNS IT

BONN, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The West German Government will "not tolerate the slander of our fellow citizens," Chancellor Konrad Adenauer told the German Bundestag today in a debate occasioned by the recent spate of anti-Semitic incidents throughout Germany.

"The recent anti-Semitic excesses are a serious affront to our Jewish fellow citizens," he told the deputies. He insisted that the German people were unanimous in their condemnation of anti-Semitism and that these events had both disgraced the German people and hurt Germany's reputation abroad.

Dr. Adenauer's statements were occasioned by questions posed by Social Democratic leader Adolf Arndt who, seizing the opportunity during a discussion of judicial reform, asked what the government was doing to bring Nazi criminals to justice and prevent the escape abroad of wanted criminals like Dr. Hans Eisele, former concentration camp doctor who fled to Egypt to avoid prosecution for crimes against camp inmates.

Dr. Arndt charged that recent court decisions had underscored the fact that Germany still had not overcome its Nazi past. The government, he continued, was guilty of "serious neglect" in failing to collect documentary evidence of Nazi crimes. He also hit a statement last year by Minister of Justice Fritz Schaeffer that reparations and indemnification to the Jews would eventually cost Germany \$6,000,000,000.

Minister of Justice Explains Slow Action of Nazi War Criminals

Herr Schaeffer, in defense of his Ministry, said that justice in the case of Nazi war criminals was slow because the judiciary was hampered by an excessive case load. Both judges and prosecutors are overworked, he added, proposing that a central judicial administrative group be formed to speed the trying of Nazi criminals.

Herr Schaeffer's suggestions brought a hoot of derision from Socialist deputy Dr. H. John, who insisted that the Minister was evading the basic problem of bringing the Nazis to justice.

Meanwhile, the Minister of Justice of North Rhine-Westphalia told a meeting of legal experts in Dusseldorf today that there will be no general amnesty on the crimes committed by the Nazis. Herr W. Flehinghaus, the Minister, declared that if an amnesty were declared and criminals of the calibre of those now being tried in various German courts for the murder of hundreds and thousands of human beings were allowed to freely walk the streets of Germany, "the basic principles" of a state based on law would be jeopardized.

At any rate, he stressed, the statute of limitations would come into effect in a few more years to end the prosecution of Nazis. Under West German law charges of murder in such cases must be tried before the close of 1965, while homicides are limited to prosecution by 1960.

The Ministry of Interior of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia reported today that it has asked the Center for Jewish Documentation in Paris -- postwar outgrowth of an underground movement in France to collect documents pertaining to the fate of Jews in Nazi Europe -- for assistance in substantiating claims for indemnification filed by Jews. The Center is one of the largest archives of documents pertaining to the history of Jewish suffering under the Hitler regime.

Ex-Nazi Sentenced to Seven Months for Defamation of Jews

BIELEFELD, Germany, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A one-time high functionary in the Nazi party, Karl Krumiseck, was sentenced last night to seven months in prison on charges of libel, defamation of the memory of the dead and condoning Nazi crimes. Krumiseck had declared publicly last April that it was "unfortunate" that "not all the Jews had been gassed" and that it was "imperative to shoot or poison the Jews in Israel."

Now a prosperous merchant, Krumiseck had offered to pay 1,000 marks to the Herford Jewish community as a "voluntary atonement" if the community would withdraw the charges. He told the court that he sincerely regretted the remarks, although he could not remember saying them in detail.

PALESTINE ECONOMIC CORPORATION ANNOUNCES OIL DRILLING IN NEGEV

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Drilling operations for oil and natural gas in the center of Israel's Negev desert were begun today on a concession licensed to Pan-Israel Oil Co., Inc., and Israel-Mediterranean Petroleum, Inc., it was announced by Palestine Economic Corporation here on behalf of the operators.

The first of a planned series of five shallow test wells was spudded in by Denver-Golden Oil and Uranium Co., of Denver, Colorado, which has contracted to carry out the drilling program over the next 12 months on a well-by-well option basis in return for a 50 percent working interest on the 80,000-acre concession area known as the Kurnub structure.

The object of the program is to evaluate the crystal portion of the Kurnub structure and a show of gas encountered on this structure four years ago when Pan-Israel drilled a dry hole to a depth of 9,000 feet. Located southwest of the southern tip of the Dead Sea, midway between the Jordanian and Egyptian borders, the Kurnub structure has evinced interest among oil geologists and oil companies for nearly half a century.

A spokesman for Palestine Economic Corporation, which is associated in the project with Denver-Golden on a joint venture basis, explained that its participation in the current exploration program was prompted by the challenging history of this structure and because of the discovery of natural gas on another structure within 15 miles of Kurnub. Before World War I, one of the world's major oil companies showed an interest in this particular area, and preliminary work was carried out at a considerable expense by another major oil company, Iraq Petroleum Company, just before World War II.

According to Gerson H. Brodie, vice president and chief geologist of Denver-Golden, the show of gas and other data gathered in earlier exploration justify further wildcatting. On-the-spot operations are directed on behalf of Denver-Golden by Dr. George R. Downs, formerly a geologist with Carter Oil Co..

HISTADRUT BUDGET FOR 1959 SET AT 22,500,000 ISRAELI POUNDS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The 1959 budget of Histadrut, Israel's general federation of labor, was set here at 22,500,000 Israeli pounds.

Co-treasurers I. Haskin and G. Levenson reported that 13 percent of Histadrut's budget was covered by income raised abroad by the Histadrut Campaign. They addressed a special appeal to American friends of the Histadrut to continue and extend their support of the labor movement in Israel.

JORDAN RELEASES AMERICAN JEWISH STUDENT; WAS IN JAIL THREE WEEKS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Gary Schwartz, 18, of Far Rockaway, N.Y., a scholarship student who boasts openly that he crossed into Jordan "to see what it looks like," was returned to Israeli authorities today and was immediately held on charges of illegal crossing of the border.

Jordanian soldiers accompanied the youth to the Mandelbaum Gate. The youth, who had been in jail for three weeks, said he had been treated well, and was visited frequently by members of the American consulate. First he was held in the jail in the Old City in Jerusalem, then he was transferred to a prison in the Jordanian capital of Amman.

Schwartz did not seem sorry, nor the worse off, for his adventure. However, Israeli authorities do not treat his crossing as something amusing and are planning to file serious charges that would carry a heavy fine upon conviction.

SWISS-ISRAELI SHIPPING COMPANY TO BUILD THREE CARGO SHIPS FOR ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The parliamentary finance committee today approved a Treasury guarantee of a loan for construction of three freighters being built now for a Swiss-Israeli shipping company. The ships will be of 13,000-ton displacement. They are expected to be completed early in 1961.

VIENNA POLICE CONFISCATE SECOND EDITION OF NAZI PAPER, EDITOR DETAINED

VIENNA, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Police authorities today confiscated a second edition of the newspaper Der Trommler, whose publisher, Konrad Windisch, was arrested last week when the police clamped down on an issue which contained Nazi propaganda. This time the newspaper was banned because it criticized the police action in the first case. This time, too, editor Helmuth Weswaldi was detained.

WARSAW MUNICIPALITY RESTORES MONUMENT BUILT FOR MARTYRED JEWS

VIENNA, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The famous monument memorializing the martyrs of the Jewish Ghetto in Warsaw is being restored and partially rebuilt at a cost of 1,200,000 zlotys appropriated by the Warsaw Municipal Council according to word reaching here today from the Polish capital. The renovation work is scheduled to be completed in time for the 16th annual observance of Warsaw Ghetto Martyrs' Day, next April.

U. N. REPORTS ON WAGES IN ISRAEL; FINDS THEM HIGHER THAN IN GERMANY, FRANCE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 22. (JTA) -- In proportion to population, Israeli industry outproduces Turkey and Egypt, pays its workers higher wages, and is growing faster in manufacturing, according to a report issued here today by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. However, the report states, due to its rapid rise in population--both through a relatively high birth rate and through large-scale immigration--Israel "is now faced with an urgent and difficult development problem."

Wages in Israel, states the report, "are not only higher in Israel than in Egypt or Turkey, but also higher than in several more industrialized countries." Comparable statistics in the report show that, in manufacturing, the average hourly earning of an Israeli worker is 48 cents, while it is 27 cents in Turkey, and 11 cents in Egypt. Israel's hourly manufacturing wage-rate is shown to exceed Western Germany's, where it is 40 cents; and that in France, where it is 38 cents.

However, the report continues on this score, "while labor costs in Israel are comparable with those in Western European countries, production per worker (in Israel) is much lower." Israel's labor productivity is "perhaps only about 50 percent of that in many industrial nations," the report declares, "and probably in the vicinity of 25 percent of productivity in the United States."

"In general," the report says, "the technical competence of the enterpreneurial class (in Israel) seems to be on a much lower level than their commercial skills. Most members of the entrepreneurial class are immigrants from Europe, few of whom have had previous industrial experience. The majority of present entrepreneurs started as merchants or artisans whose workshops have expanded into small factories."

Stresses Shortage of Skilled Personnel in Israel's Industry

While Israeli industry "can be said to be better equipped generally than in Egypt and Turkey," the report holds that, in Israel, "much obsolete equipment exists in some branches, notably weaving, printing and foundries; and the small size of plants in these and other branches is an obstacle to the use of the technically most efficient machinery." The report adds that the Israel Government "is currently encouraging mergers in one industry, weaving, in order to make possible use of more efficient equipment, and to facilitate its financing."

The report states further: "In Israel, before 1948, many immigrants were skilled workers, and industry was relatively well supplied. But thereafter, the proportion of skilled immigrants fell, as the composition by country or origin changed. Most new immigrants must receive some training before they can be employed. In addition, the egalitarian wage system, which minimizes the differential in wages between skilled and unskilled, has discouraged the acquisition of skills. There is thus at present a shortage of trained personnel in Israel."

\$250,000 RUBINSTEIN PAVILION OF CONTEMPORARY ART OPENED IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The \$250,000 Helena Rubinstein Pavilion of Contemporary Art of the Tel Aviv Museum was dedicated here this evening with ceremonies at which Madame Rubinstein was present. Principal speakers were: Zalman Aranne, Israeli Minister of Education and Culture; Mayor Haim Levanon of Tel Aviv; William O. Baxter, Charge d'Affaires of the United States Embassy; Eliezer Peri, chairman of the Israel board of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation; and Madame Rubinstein.

Madame Rubinstein, in her remarks, made formal presentation of three painting which will be a part of permanent collection of the pavilion. They are two Utrillos and one Portinari. This additional gift is valued at over \$30,000. Madame Rubinstein said:

"In presenting to Israel a Pavilion for Contemporary Art, I have had the happy privilege and opportunity of combining two deep and abiding interests--my great enthusiasm for the brave new State of Israel, and my respect for contemporary art in all its phases. The remarkable achievements of the courageous people of Israel in ten short years of statehood have thrilled me, and I have been moved by their pioneer struggle and growth. Impressive, too, are the contemporary art forms and cultural progress achieved by a people so necessarily concerned with the establishment and expression of a national identity.

"This pavilion," she continued, "is offered as a showcase for the outstanding work of the artists of Israel and as an everlasting tribute to the heroism of a people dedicated to freedom. I am proud that the pavilion will bear my name, and it is my heartfelt hope that it will contribute to the continued development of art in Israel."

TRUMAN ACCEPTS HONORARY PRESIDENCY OF YOUNG JUDEA; RECEIVES EMBLEM

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Former President Harry S. Truman has accepted the honorary presidency of Young Judea, oldest and largest Zionist youth organization in the United States which is currently marking its 50th anniversary. At a ceremony at the Truman Library in Independence, Mo., Mr. Truman was presented with the organization's emblem.

ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED AMONG STUDENTS IN NORTH DAKOTA

GRAND FORKS, N. Dak., Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic literature available in large quantities at a local business establishment patronized by both American and Canadian Jews from the surrounding area is making its way to Canada and throughout North Dakota, the local lodge of the B'nai B'rith revealed.

More than 4,000 copies of "Common Sense," Conde McGinley's anti-Semitic sheet, have been distributed to students on the University of North Dakota campus, according to the estimate of a local Jewish resident. The matter has been brought to the attention of the regional office of the Anti-Defamation League in Minneapolis.

COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM OPENS ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- The American Council for Judaism opened its 15th annual conference today with an attack on efforts of "Zionist controlled agencies" to lure Jewish refugees into Israel.

Delegates to the four-day conference heard a message from President Eisenhower, which praised the council for contributing to America's "domestic and spiritual well-being and to our country's international objectives."

Meanwhile, Clarence Coleman, Council president, has protested to Chicago Mayor Richard Daley against the latter's proclamation of the period of January 5 to February 5 as "Zionism Month" in Chicago. The objective of the month is to enroll additional members in the Zionist movement in the Chicago area.

ARGENTINE JEWISH LEADERS HONORED BY JEWISH AGENCY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Abraham Mibashan, president of the DAIA, central representative body of the Jews in Argentina, Emilio Gutkin, president of the Buenos Aires Jewish Community, and Rabbi Ziperstein, Orthodox Chief Rabbi of Argentina, were tendered a luncheon here by the Jewish Agency under the chairmanship of Mrs. Rose Halpern, acting chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency.

In addresses delivered at the affair, the three prominent Argentine Jewish leaders pictured the growing Jewish cultural achievements in Argentina and the unity which prevails in organized Jewish life there. The speakers especially emphasized the achievements of the Jewish school system and stressed the need of Jewish communities throughout Argentina for Jewish teachers and rabbis. The establishment of a school to train young people for the rabbinate is contemplated in Buenos Aires. It is anticipated that funds for the project will be allocated by the Jewish Claims Conference.

ISRAEL'S VARIED ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOWN AT EXHIBITION IN HARTFORD

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 22. (JTA) -- An exhibition of Israel handicraft objectives, entitled "Forms From Israel," opened here at the Wadsworth Atheneum and will be open to the public until February 8. Israel Consul General Simcha Pratt was a guest at the preview.

Produced by the Israeli Institute of Industrial Design in consultation with the American Federation of Art, the exhibition is sponsored by the Government of Israel in cooperation with the American-Israel Culture Foundation and the Crafts from Israel Committee. It includes ceramics, metalwork in silver, brass and copper, jewelry, textiles and wood and basketry, as well as designs in plastics, calligraphy and typography.

Adolph Held of New York, representing the Crafts for Israel Committee, and James Plaut, former director of the Institute of Contemporary Art in Boston, attended the opening of the exhibit. Mr. Plaut analyzed the diverse arts and crafts work of Israel and stressed that the cosmopolitan make-up of Israel--with Yemenite and Western European Jews working side by side--has resulted in divergent art forms.

JEWISH MEMBERS OF U. S. CONGRESS HONORED AT WASHINGTON SYNAGOGUE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- A dozen Jewish Congressmen and Senators were honored last night at a special consecration and reception for Congressmen of the Jewish faith tendered at Adas Israel Synagogue here. In addition, many non-Jewish members of both Houses attended the service, the first of its kind to be held at the beginning of a session. Special prayers were recited by Rabbi David H. Panitz, rabbi of the synagogue.

Meanwhile, committee assignments for two new Congressmen and a new Senator of the Jewish faith were made known today. Sen. Ernest Gruening of Alaska was assigned to the Senate Committee on Interior, Public Works and Government Operations. Rep. Herman Toll of Pennsylvania was named to the important House Judiciary Committee, while Rep. Samuel Halpern of New York was placed on the House Banking and Currency Committee.