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GOLDMANN EXPECTS U.S. NON-ZIONIST GROUPS TO JOIN ZIONIST MOVEMENT

JERUSALEM, June 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, today expressed satisfaction over the approval yesterday by the Zionist Actions Committee of his plan to widen the world Zionist movement by facilitating group affiliation with that movement.

As a result of this decision, Dr. Goldmann said, important American and South American Jewish bodies are expected shortly to join the Zionist movement. The Actions Committee also approved elimination of the double Shekel for Israeli voter's to the World Zionist Congress. Under the new arrangement, non-Israelis will have 62 percent of the seats further future Zionist Congresses.

Dr. Goldmann revealed today that an agreement has been reached with the Israel Government under which the Jewish Agency will be relieved of liability for Government loans advanced for settling new immigrants.

Meanwhile, the Jewish Agency-Government of Israel Coordinating Committee met today under the chairmanship of Prime Minister David Ben Gurion. The committee is composed of four representatives of the Agency executive and an equal number of Government ministers. The meeting approved the Actions Committee's immigration quota for the current year, with a provision that the quota remain open and unlimited in case of emergency developments.

A subcommittee was named by the coordinating body to study the Jewish Agency's claim for exemption from customs duties. Under the Zionist movement's charter here. Agency imports are tax exempt. However, Parliament cancelled that exemption through a bill enacted in 1957, and the Agency's executive is challenging that cancellation as "illegal and absurd."

EGYPT GIVES ULTIMATUM TO "INGE TOFT"; INSISTS ON SEIZING ISRAEL CARGO

JERUSALEM, June 10. (JTA) -- Egyptian authorities today announced -- according to word received here -- that they will refuse to furnish water or fresh fruit to the crew of the Danish freighter Inge Toft, at Port Said, unless the captain of the ship agrees in the next 48 hours to permit the confiscation of the vessel's cargo. The cargo consists of Israeli products which the Inge Toft was carrying from Haifa, through the Suez Canal, to the Far East.

Commenting on the announcement, Israeli circles described the contemplated Egyptian action as "barbaric," especially because of the hot climate in which the Inge Toft crew finds itself now. They noted that United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold's last communication to Cairo, on the Inge Toft issue, has not been answered

The observers are of the belief that, if Fgypt carries out its threat against the crew aboard the Inge Toft, the current Suez crisis will reach new dimensions.

Cautious Optimism in Washington Over "Inge Toft" Crisis

WASHINGTON, June 10. (JTA) -- A feeling of very cautious optimism was noted here today with regard to the possibility of solving the Israel-Egyptian crisis provoked by Egypt's halting of the Danish freighter Inge Toft at the Suez Canal and the attempt to seize the Israeli cargo on that vessel.

There was no further information as to the fate of the Israeli cargo aboard the Daniish freighter. The basic positions of the parties involved remain unchanged for the time being. However, the feeling in Washington circles seems to be that the issue is not closed yet. The U.S. continues to show deep interest in the developments. The possibility that some prospect of solution may develop should not be excluded, although at present there is no firm basis for such an assumption, informed circles said today.

The Israel Charge d'Affaires, Yaacov Herzog, today again conferred with Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, William Rountree. It is understood that the Inge Toft problem was the main topic of their discussion.

TOUDAN RENEWS DISPUTE WITH ISRAEL OVER MT. SCOPUS ROAD PASSAGE

JERUSALEM, June 10. (JTA) -- Jordan today has renewed an old dispute with Israel about a road coming down from Mt. Scopus. Through the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, Israel was notified by Jordan that the Amman government will "take steps" unless Israel permits "uncontrolled, unrestricted" Arab travel on the road from Mt. Scopus.

The road in question is one that leads from the Arab village of Issawia, on Mount Scopus, through the edge of the Israel-held portion of Mt. Scopus. Israel permitted Jordan unrestricted use of that road until a year ago, when Jordanians started a battle with an Israel mountain patrol, killing four Israeli soldiers as well as the Canadian Col George Flint, who was at that time chairman of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission.

Following that Jordanian attack, Israel shut off Arab travel on that road entirely Later, at the insistence of Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, who tried to ease tensions between Israel and Jordan, Israel decided to allow Arabs to use the road in the daytime only. Jordan's demand now is seen here as a threat that Jordan is ready to start trouble again in the Mt. Scoous area.

ISRAEL RETURNS DETAINED PLANE TO LEBANON; "GOOD BEHAVIOR" CITED

TEL AVIV, June 10...(JTA) -- A Government spokesman announced today that a Lebanese reconnaissance plane, forced down while photographing Israel sites last week, has been returned to Lebanon as a "gesture of Israel recognition of Lebanon's positive behavior in the past."

Two Lebanese flyers arrived at the Rasngura border post where they met Israel officers and United Nations observers who escorted the flyers to the Haifa port where the plane was being detained. The flyers then boarded the plane and flew it off to Lebanon. The crew of the plane had been released previously by Israel.

KNESSET DEBATES STUDY OF "JEWISH CONSCIOUSNESS" IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JERUSALEM, June 10, (JTA) -- The basic split in Israel political life on the relations between secular and religious aspects of the Jewish State flared again today in a debate in Knesset about the "Jewish consciousness" curriculum in the public schools. The debate found all parties agreed on the desirability of increasing Jewish consciousness among school children but sharply divided on the content and methods. "I state the state of the content and methods."

Two women deputies of left-wing parties, Emma Talmi of Mapam. and Ruth Hetkin of Achdut Avodah, introduced a joint motion calling for a committee of inquiry into the way in which the "Jewish consciousness" policy was being implemented. Asserting that they welcomed the principle, they said that in practice, the public school's were being converted into synagogues, secular parents were being "compelled" to subject their children to religious instruction and prayers were not being taught in the context of Hebrew literature but as "a subject in themselves."

The Socialist Mapai and the moderate General Zionists stoutly defended the new studies and stressed that these were "most essential" to preserve the Jewish heritage and tradition for the coming generations. They argued also that such courses were needed as a bridge between "the past and the present," betwen the religious and secular elements in Israel's population and between Israel and world Jewry.

Israel Yeshayahu, a Mapai deputy, commented that Mapam and Achdut Avodah were "just as extreme" as the ultra-Orthodox Neturei Karta. Heruth deputy Esther Raziel-Naor and General Zionist deputy Shoshana Persitz also spoke against the left-wing deputies. Both argued for more Jewish awareness content to make the new studies more effective. The debate will be completed next week when Zalman Aranns, Minister of Education, sums up the issues in the arguments.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT SELLS SUGAR FACTORY TO GROUP OF MEXICAN INVESTORS

JERUSALEM, June 10. (JTA) -- A new sugar factory being built by the Government has been sold to a group of Mexican investors, in the first transaction of the kind, it was announce, here today.

Pinhas Sapir, Minister of Commerce and Industry, who signed the contract for the sale of the factory today, said the investors will pay 14,000,000 Israeli pounds, of which 40 percent will be in cash, and the remainder on a 15-year loan. The investing group was represented here by Moshe Darshan, Alfredo Bernstein, and Leon Bialik

ISRAEL TO ESTABLISH MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE NAMED AFTER SHILCAH

JERUSALEM, June 10. (JTA) -- A new Middle East Study Institute to bear the name of the late Reuven Shiloah will be established at the Hebrew University. Mr. Shiloah had been Minister Plenipotentiary to Washington.

PROSECUTOR DEMANDS LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR NAZI WHO KILLED JEWS

HANAU, Germany, June 10. (JTA) -- Life imprisonment was demanded in court here today for Wilhelm Unkelbach, "the horror of Czenstochova," who has been on trial, on charges of murdering at least 30 persons, most of them Jews. He had been a policeman in the Czenstochova ghetto under the Nazi regime, his job being to drive a truck transporting Jews to the death camp at Treblinka.

The prosecutor demanded the life sentence after the court heard the last of a group of foreign witnesses, brought here for the trial from Israel, the United States and other countries. The final witness was Jacob Benzlowicz, a carpenter from Israel, the man who discovered Unkelbach's whereabouts two years ago. It was Benzlowicz who notified authorities who, subsequently, arrested Unkelbach. The Israeli testified that Unkelbach crushed his jaw by kicking him and was about to shoot him, when another policeman told Unkelbach: "Don't kill this Jew, we need carpenters."

Unkelbach denied the many accusations at the trial, including the shooting of old men, sick people, and a mother and her child. His wife took the stand as a "character witness, telling the court he is a "kind and good man who loves animals and clidren."

BAVARIAN AUTHORITIES START ACTION AGAINST ANTI-SEMITIC PUELISHERS

MUNICH, June 10. (JTA) -- The Bavarian Ministry of the Interior has started action against the anti-Semitic Arrow Cross publishers, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today.

Officials of the group, which maintains a research center and a library of fascist and anti-Semitic literature in upper Bavaria, are expected soon to receive a request to leave the West German Republic voluntarily and to "seek political asylum elsewhere. Upper Bavarian authorities have received orders from the Ministry of the Interior to so inform the Fascist leaders.

The Arrow Cross has been publishing two periodicals, "Cel" and "Hidverok," which have been distributed to Hungarian refugee groups in Europe, the United States and Australia. One of the Arrow Cross leaders is Geza Alfoldi, former Propaganda Secretary in the World War II pro-Nazi Szelasi Government in Hungary.

70,000 YOUTHS ARE MEMBERS OF NEO-NAZI GROUPS IN WEST GERMANY

BONN, June 10. (JTA) -- At least 70,000 German youths are members of tightly-organized, neo-Nazi groups, according to an article in the latest issue of 'Civis,' official organ of the Circle of Christian Democratic Students, appearing here today.

The article charges that former Nazi "bigwigs," like Raoul Rudolf Nahrath, "are poisoning German youths with anti-democratic, anti-Semitic ideology," It declares further that a "conglomeration of Ludendorff myths and Teutonic-Aryan heritage" is being disseminated among children by organizations like the Viking Youth, and other groups. An "umbrella organization," the National Organization of Youth Comrades reportedly joins the youth groups and is, in turn, closely connected with the neo-Nazi Deutsche Reichspartei, the German Bloc, and other neo-Nazi and militarist organizations.

Many of the papers published by the youth groups, states "Civis," appear at regular intervals and boast of circulation of between 30,000 and 40,000 copies. These papers allegedly glorify "the Germanic past, the achievements of Nazism." One youth paper attacked American jazz as Negrophile, another has designated Zionism as "rasist' fascism." a third abjured German girls not to wear jeans which, it said, were "the invention of Jewish world capitalism."

RABBI OBJECTS TO TELEVISED INTERVIEW OF NAZI WAR CRIMINAL

TORONTO, June 10. (JTA) -- Rabbi Abraham Feinberg of Holy Blossom Temple today accused Trans-Canada's CBC television chain of making "a televised hero" of General Kurt Meyer, a convicted war criminal who now heads a movement of 150,000 former SS men.

Gen. Meyer appeared in a televised interview on the CBC "News Magazine" series. silmed in Meyer's home in West Germany. Larry Duffy, producer of the series, said the interview was one part of a half-hour story on nationalism in West Germany. Duffy added that the Meyer interview was suggested by Dr. Van Dam, chairman of the Central Jewish Council of West Germany, who also took part in the interview.

Gen. Meyer was sentenced to death for shooting 18 Canadian prisoners of war in the Normandy landings but the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. The sentence then was reduced to 14 years of which Meyer served nine years before being released for "good conduct." After serving time in a Canadian penitentiary, he returned to West Germany to become sales manager of a brewery.

POLISH GOVT. TO ERECT HUGE MONUMENT FOR AUSCHWITZ CAMP VICTIMS

ROME, June 10. (JTA) -- The International Committee for the Auschwitz Monument announced today that construction of the monument -- based on a design emerging from an international contest in which 658 artist took part -- will begin within the next three months, on the site of the notorious Auschwitz camp where the Nazis annihilated hundreds of thousands of Jews in eas chambers.

Herman Langbein, executive secretary of the committee, expressed his appreciation of the decision of the Polish Government to hold an international competition for the monument. The winners presented four plans and a jury picked one of the four. The committee is headed by the famous British sculptor, Henri Moore.

The winning design consists of a diagonal path to cut across the site of the Auschwitz murder camp where the barracks stood. The path leads to the ruins of the crematories. Along both sides of this path, on the camp railroad tracks, will be 23 concrete blocks linked by sculptured iron hooks, to recall the trains which brought the victims to Auschwitz. Each block contains the name of one of the 23 countries from which the martyrs were shipped.

The artists who participated in the accepted design were Andre Cascella, Pietro Cascella, Giorgio Simoncini, Tomaso Valle and Mauirizio Vitale of Italy: Oskar Hasen, Jorgyi Jarnuskiewicz, Julian Palka and Lechoslaw Rosinski of Poland and Julio Lafuente of Spain, who worked with the Italian artists.

The construction will be started by the Polish Government, independently of private contributions as soon as blueprints are complete. Fund collections are underway in France, Italy, Switzerland and Italy and are expected to start soon in the United States. The Polish Government has already expropriated the land area of the Auschwitz camp, with an additional strip of land around the camp for the memorial.

PREMIER OF QUEBEÇ TAKES ISSUE WITH RABBI ON RELIGION IN SCHOOLS

MONTREAL, June 10. (JTA) -- The fundamental strucutre of the public school system of the province of Quebec again became a national issue when the Prime Minister of the province, Maurice Duplessis, accused Rabbi A. L. Feinberg of Toronto and the Daily Star of that city of working towards the abolition of religious instruction in the schools

All public schools in Quebec are Christian and belong to either Catholic or Protestant school commissions. They are maintained out of school taxes and government funds. Rabbi Feinberg in a statement to the press denied that "we are trying to preach atheism." He accused the Quebec Premier of misusing religion for a purpose which was probably political.

Rabbi Feinberg has written in the Ontario newspapers that religion should be taught to school children in Canada, but that sectarian religious instruction should not be financed out of public funds. Premier Duplessis said: "Various persons who have expressed the view that religious teaching in schools should be abolished may, or may not, have taken concerted action. But they were giving a concert of admiration for godless schools and for atheism." He pledged/that as long as he remained premier, Quebec schools would keep their confessional character. He stressed, however, that he had no intention of imposing on Anglo-Protestants and on other minorities a system of educational rules that would not fit them.

JEWISH HISTORIAN NAMED MEMBER OF U.S. CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL BODY

NEW YORK, June 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Bertram W. Korn, president of the American Jewish Historical Society, has been appointed to the Advisory Council of the Givil War Centennial Commission of the Federal Goyernment by Major General U.S. Grant, 3d, chairman of the Commission. The Givil War Centennial Commission was appointed by Congress to supervise and encourage celebrations by the Federal Government, the States and local communities of the various events and experiences of the Civil War period.

Dr. Korn is the author of four books dealing with the general period of the Civil War, including the standard study on "American Jewry and the Civil War." The American Jewish Historical Society is planning to create a travelling exhibit on Jewish participation in the Civil War which will be available to a number of communities throughout the country.

STREET IN SANTIAGO NAMED "A VENUE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ISRAEL"

SANTIAGO DE CHILE June 10. (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir, was the principal guest of honor at a ceremony naming a street in one of this city's suburbs Avenue of the Republic of Israel.

Mrs. Meir ended a six-day official visit to Chile today and left by plane for Mexico, as the next stop on her South American tour. German Vergara, Chilean Foreign Minister, and other officials escorted her to the airport.