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W. J. C. ASSEMBLY OPENS; GOLDMANN ADVANCES JEWISH DEMANDS TO MOSCOW

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- A call to the Jewish people to make their contribution towards the achievement of co-existence and peaceful competition between the East and the West was voiced here tonight by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, at the opening session of the ten-day Assembly of the WJC at which 300 Jewish leaders from more than 40 countries will study problems affecting Jews throughout the world.

The session was formally opened by the Swedish Premier, Tage Erlander, in the City Hall here. It will continue in the Swedish Parliament building, which has been put at the disposal of the World Jewish Congress by the Swedish authorities. Present at the opening session tonight were members of the Swedish Cabinet as well as members of the diplomatic corps.

Surveying the position of world Jewry, Dr. Goldmann said in his presidential address that "nothing would be more tragic than if the Jewish people were as a whole forced into an anti-Soviet position." However, he added: "We do not want to become participants in the cold war, but the Soviet Government cannot expect us to keep silent and to refrain from reiterating our demands."

Dr. Goldmann deplored the split between East and West. He pointed out that, as a result of this split, "about 9,000,000 Jews in the Western world are cut off from their brethren behind the Iron Curtain." He also deplored the absence of delegations at the Assembly from the Soviet Union, Hungary and other countries behind the Iron Curtain.

Jewish Communities in Communist Countries Decline Invitations

The only delegation from East European countries participating in the Assembly is one from Yugoslavia. A five-man delegation representing Polish Jewry arrived today from Warsaw, but will participate as observers only. The Jewish community in Hungary had earlier notified the WJC that it would send a delegation to the Assembly. But, last night, a telephone call from Budapest to Dr. Goldmann here notified him not to expect such a delegation, adding that the reasons are explained in a letter on the way. It is assumed by WJC leaders that the reversal took place under pressure from Moscow.

Invitations to the Assembly sent by the World Jewish Congress to about a dozen of the largest Jewish communities in the Soviet Union have brought replies from congregations there that they would not attend the world Jewish parley because they consider themselves "purely religious bodies" and it would, therefore, not be appropriate for them to be represented at an assembly with political aims. The replies were received from the Jewish religious congregations in Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, Odessa, Minsk, Vilna and Tiflis. Congregations in other cities did not answer at all to the invitations.

Danger of Jewish Assimilation Stressed by Dr. Goldmann

Dr. Goldmann, in his presidential address, said that Jews today face three main problems: 1. The danger that assimilation and disintegration may follow the generally successful fight for equal rights for Jews as citizens; 2. The fight for the right of Jews to remain Jews in a period when it is increasingly difficult to remain non-conformist; 3. The will of the Jews to remain Jews, as the coming generation has now to find "new motives and sources of strength to maintain its Jewishness."

To meet these tasks, Dr. Goldmann urged drastic changes in the present communal structure. "All efforts and funds which were devoted to fighting anti-Semitism, as well as of organized Jewish relief and philanthropy, will have to be switched to the great problem of Jewish education and creativeness, and in the participation of the upbuilding of Israel," he said.

Another task facing Jewry, Dr. Goldmann declared, is "to insist on the basic rights of every human being to choose the country where to live, or at least the right to leave a country in which he does not want to remain." He deplored the fact that, in Eastern Europe and in North Africa, these rights are either challenged or denied de facto.

The World Jewish Congress president concluded his address by reviewing the problems of Israel and its relations with the Jewish communities outside Israel. "The relationship

between these two parts will have to become one of mutual give and take, of mutual influence, of making Jewish communities and individuals in the countries outside of Israel a part in the achievement and the creativeness of Israel, and of making the life of Israel and its civilization a part of Jewish communal concern the world over," Dr. Goldmann stated.

"The time has come," he said, "when we will have to create the one overall organization which will organize the Jews outside of Israel for cooperation with Israel, and Israel for its tie-up with the Jewish communities in other lands. Also, to further the framework for the totality of our people."

Swedish Premier Stresses Sweden's "Close Links" to the Jewish People

Premier Erlander, in his welcoming address to the delegates, told the Assembly: "The World Jewish Congress, in its own sphere, can make a valuable contribution to the future welfare of the world. It can help create a world where all people, irrespective of race, religion or political belief, will have the possibility of human existence."

The Swedish statesman reminded the delegates to the Assembly of "the close links" which have tied his nation to the Jewish people. Stockholm's Mayor Carl Albert, addressing the opening meeting and welcoming the Assembly officially on behalf of the city, struck the same theme, referring with satisfaction to "the countless Jewish refugees who found haven here during the dark days of Nazi Germany."

Israelis Oppose Presence of German Ambassador at Assembly

Opposition to the fact that the Ambassador of West Germany was invited to the opening session of the Assembly was expressed by some of the Israeli delegates. The opponents, consisting of members of the Mapam, Achdut Avodah and the Religious Bloc in Israel, asked for a caucus of the Israeli delegation.

The opponents also demanded that the West German flag, among all the flags flying in front of the Parliament building where the plenary session is to be held, be lowered to half-mast in memory of the Jewish victims of Nazism. However, the moves in the Israeli caucus were defeated.

Later it was announced that, Monday morning, all of the flags of all nations in front of the Parliament Building would be lowered in memory of the victims of Nazism. It is understood that, during the political debates before the Assembly, some Israelis, including representatives of Mapam and Achdut Avodah, will raise the question of Israel's sale of arms to West Germany.

Zionist Movement Warned by Goldmann Against "Danger of Stagnation"

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- The Zionist movement was warned today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, against the "danger of stagnation" and against becoming just one of many Jewish organizations.

Addressing the congress of the World Confederation of General Zionists, which is taking place here parallel with the Assembly of the World Jewish Congress, Dr. Goldmann said that "the Zionist movement can receive great masses outside of it, if we can find suitable forms to receive them." This, he added, would strengthen the movement for the historic task of consolidating Israel.

Mrs. Rose Halprin, co-president of the Confederation, agreed with Dr. Goldmann that it is essential to attract new groups to the Zionist movement. Dr. Israel Goldstein, the other co-president, lauded Dr. Goldmann's contributions to the movement and said that the World Zionist Organization and the World Jewish Congress supplement each other.

ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES NASSER'S "CONDITIONS" ON PASSAGE OF CARGOES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold informed the Israel Government that while he fully recognizes Israel's right of navigation through the Suez Canal, under the rulings of the U.N. Security Council, he is not able to obtain any further concession from President Nasser of the United Arab Republic beyond the "conditions" set by Nasser concerning the passage of Israel cargoes.

This was learned here today following a meeting of the Israel Cabinet at which the latest developments in the Suez Canal issue were reported, including the latest talks with Mr. Hammarskjold and Western governments regarding free passage of Israel cargoes through the Suez. Premier David Ben Gurion was absent from the meeting because he is laid up with fever.

Nasser's "conditions" as conveyed through Mr. Hammarskjold have been reported here as stipulating that cargo from Israel would be permitted to pass the Suez Canal if it is carried FOB Haifa--meaning goods on board belonged to the buyer--and if all Israeli imports were to be CIF Haifa--meaning that they remained the property of the exporter until they reached Haifa.

The Cabinet meeting today also heard a report from Minister of Police Behar Shitreet on the disturbances this week-end in Haifa. Mrs. Golda Meir, Foreign Minister, who returned this week-end from her tour in Latin American countries, reported to the Cabinet on her visit to these countries.

POLICE DETERMINED TO PREVENT RIOTS IN HAIFA; NO. AFRICAN LEADER ARRESTED

HAIFA, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- Tension prevailed in downtown Haifa today, and reinforced police details were on the alert for possible further trouble, following a riot Friday night in which five persons were seriously wounded, many others suffered injuries, and 50 men were detained by the harassed police.

Among the wounded are a number of policemen. Among those detained is David Ben Haroush, self-proclaimed "leader" of the Wadi Salib quarter here, where the residents are mostly immigrants from North Africa.

The latest in the series of riots was staged Friday night, when the local branch of the Mapai Party was conducting an election rally in a downtown motion picture theater. Crowds gathered around the theater, intent, evidently, either on disrupting the meeting or preventing the audience from entering the house.

When police tried to disperse the crowd, rioters attacked the police, some mounting to rooftops in the area, throwing stones at the policemen. During the attempt by police to enter one house from which stones were being cast, one shot was fired.

The police surrounded the house whence the shot had come and ordered the occupants to emerge. Four men, including Mr. Ben Haroush, came out. Police said that the leader of the North African immigrants was in possession of the pistol from which the shot had been fired.

Previous riots by North African immigrants had taken place in this city, in Beersheba and at Migdal Haamek. Police said they have discovered no direct links between the earlier Haifa riot and those in the other cities. However, it is felt that dissatisfaction among some North African immigrants, perhaps inflamed by election propaganda, may have been a common denominator underlying the entire series of disturbances.

JEWS IN RUSSIA SEEK IDENTIFICATION WITH RELIGION, J. W. V. COMMANDER REPORTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- A keen, "almost pathetic" desire for identification with the Jewish religion, coupled with "stark fear," are the characteristics of Jewish life in the Soviet Union, Sam Shaikewitz, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans, declared here today.

Mr. Shaikewitz, whose home is in St. Louis, returned here early today from a visit to the Soviet Union. He is here to attend the 64th annual convention of the JWV which will open formal sessions Wednesday. Today, national committees dealing with organizational affairs opened their annual pre-convention sessions.

Mr. Shaikewitz said that, under the current regime of Nikita S. Khrushchev, "things are much better for the Russians, including Jews," than they had been under the late Joseph Stalin. The JWV commander, who visited not only Moscow but many other centers of Jewish population in European Russia, said he found "fear and desire for Jewish identification" wherever he went.

"In one large city, I was told there was a synagogue within a few minutes' walk of my hotel. I searched for an hour and a half and found no synagogue. I talked to people on the street, and some were Jewish--I talked to these in Yiddish. Those who speak Yiddish would start answering in Yiddish, then look behind them, and quickly change to Russian, insisting that 'all's well, we can find work whenever we want it.' They are just plain scared."

Mr. Shaikewitz said that he heard protests from Jews in Kiev about reports in the American press that their synagogue had been closed down by the government. Actually, he said, he saw the synagogue in operation. It is open several hours each morning and each evening, and services are held on the Jewish New Year and on Yom Kippur. He was told that, during the last High Holy Days, as many as 30,000 Jews passed through the Kiev synagogue to show that they were "still Jews."

In another large city, however, said the JWV commander, he found that the old synagogue is now used partly as a planetarium, partly as headquarters for the Communist Party's "agitation and propaganda" commissariat.

Mr. Shaikewitz said he found "a woeful ignorance" among the Russian Jews about Israel. "Many of them," he declared, "believe what they have been told that Israel is a desert wasteland where all the people are underfed, poverty-stricken, and live under substandard conditions."

TANGIERS TRIBUNAL RELEASES TWO JEWS ARRESTED FOR AIDING EMIGRATION

PARIS, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- The Tangiers Tribunal has released on bail Mr. and Mrs. David Levy, who were arrested several weeks ago on charges of aiding Jewish emigration, it was learned here today.

FRENCH ANTI-SEMITE ELECTED MAYOR; WAS PREVIOUSLY DISQUALIFIED BY COURT

PARIS, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- Senator Fernand Auberger, whose election as mayor of a small French town was annulled by the courts because of his introduction of racial issues in his campaign against this Jewish opponent, was re-elected to the post, by an even greater majority, when new elections were held.

Henry Torres, noted French barrister and head of the administrative council of the French radio and television, in a broadcast today, called on the French Senate to disqualify M. Auberger.

The annulment of M. Auberger's election as mayor, and a fine imposed on him for violation of the election laws, represented the first time the new legislation barring appeals to racial or religious bias in elections had been invoked. There were no indications whether the authorities would act to annul M. Auberger's re-election to the mayoralty.

TURKISH RADIO STARTS BROADCASTING ISRAEL MUSIC; CULTURAL PACT ANNOUNCED

ISTANBUL, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- The State-owned Istanbul Radio, under a reciprocal cultural agreement with Israel disclosed today, has started to broadcast Israel music for the first time. Tapes sent by Radio Kol Israel are being played on the "Concert Hour" program here.

The Technical University Radio, an independent station operated by university students, plans an "Israel Night" on the station. The program will consist of Israel music and a talk on music in Israel.

The Istanbul Radio will send to Kol Israel tapes of Turkish music which will include songs by the late Jewish cantor, Isaac Algazi, whose complete collection of recordings is to be found only at the Istanbul Radio studios.

MAJORITY STATES IN U. S. AVOID TEACHING RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- The principle of separation of church and state is being upheld by an "overwhelming majority" of the states, according to results of a survey made public today by the American Jewish Congress. Only in Virginia, West Virginia and Florida is religious teaching allowed in public schools during school hours, the study established.

In a 90-page report, the American Jewish Congress found that the chief law-enforcement officers of the states were faithfully supporting constitutional religious safeguards as interpreted by the United States Supreme Court.

The study summarized and analyzed all available opinions of state attorneys general on issues involving church-state relationships since the Everson decision by the Supreme Court in 1947. That decision held that the religious clause in the First Amendment to the Federal Constitution was equally applicable to the states.

HISTORY OF JEWS IN LOS ANGELES PLANNED BY LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- Preparation of a history of the Jewish community of Los Angeles, which now claims to be the second largest in the world, has begun under the joint sponsorship of the Southern California Jewish Historical Society and the Los Angeles Jewish Federation-Council, it was announced today. The study will be completed in 1961.

Rabbi Max Voorspan, registrar of the University of Judaism, is research director of the project which will be under the general editorial supervision of Prof. Allan Nevins, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, who is co-director, with Dr. Moshe Davis, of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Justin G. Turner, president of the Southern California society, said a permanent exhibit would be set up of material assembled in research on the project.

JULES COHEN CITED BY RABBIS FOR EFFORTS TO PROTECT SHECHITA IN U. S.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2. (JTA) -- Jules Cohen, national coordinator of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, was cited today by the Rabbinical Council of America for his work in coordinating Jewish religious and communal agencies in seeking to protect Shechita in consideration by federal and state legislatures of humane slaughter legislation.

Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, president of the Rabbinical Council, lauded non-Orthodox religious organizations, as well as Jewish community relations councils for joining "in an extraordinary demonstration of unified endeavor" in the legislative hearings. The work has been coordinated by the Joint Advisory Committee of the NCRAC and the Synagogue Council of America.

The citation said that Mr. Cohen, who is also secretary of the Joint Advisory Committee, "not only has helped shape policy and formulate programmatic strategy, but has effectively coordinated the expeditious implementation of policy and program."