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## U.S. JEWISH LEADERS ATTACK SOVIET TREATMENT OF JEWS AT STOCKHOLM

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, sharply accused the Soviet Union today of attempting "not only to extirpate Jewish institutional and cultural life" in the USSR but of striving also to wipe out "the very sense of Jewishness among the three million Jews" under the Kremlin regime.

Dr. Prinz voiced his attack against Moscow in an address at a plenary session this afternoon of the Assembly of the World Jewish Congress, which is now taking place here with 300 delegates from more than 40 countries in the world in attendance.

Declaring that the Jews in Soviet Russia "are isolated and defenseless," the leader of the American Jewish Congress said: "The only hope for Soviet Jewry is that world-wide public opinion may persuade Soviet authorities to abandon their anti-Jewish policies and restore a minimum of opportunities for the preservation of Jewish cultural and religious identity."

"Officially," Dr. Prinz continued, "the Jews of Russia are constituted as a distinct nationality, and the identity card of Soviet Jews describes their nationality as 'Jewish.' Yet the Jewish nationality group is the only one amongst those so recognized which enjoys no such corporate existence.

"There are no Yiddish newspapers in the Soviet Union, no Jewish publishing house, no Yiddish theatres, no Jewish cultural or communal institutions. This anti-Jewish bias goes beyond the anti-religious or irreligious policies of the government. Even the secular Jew has no means of preserving his folk culture," the president of the American Jewish Congress stressed.

"Soviet Jews are likewise barred from participating in international Jewish bodies, from subscribing and receiving Jewish books and periodicals published abroad. The fulfillment of this policy received its climatic expression in 1948, when several hundred Jewish writers were imprisoned, and a number were executed.

### Soviet Action Against Jews Considered "Worse Than Anti-Semitism"

"Disabilities imposed against Jewish religious life are even more severe and stringent than the examples cited," Dr. Prinz emphasized.

"While Soviet authorities are encouraging tourists to visit their country, my personally-collected information shows that only one American rabbi, who so designated himself on visa application, has been granted authority to enter the Soviet Union," he said.

It is up to the world, said Dr. Prinz, to rectify "this appalling situation" and free Soviet Jewry from their status as "victims of dual deprivation."

Another severe attack on the Soviet treatment of Jews was voiced at the session by Shad Polier, another top leader of the American Jewish Congress. He was replying to a speech delivered last night by a member of the five-man team of observers from Poland who attacked Israel for its "link-up with the Western world."

"It was sad," Mr. Polier said, "to listen to a fellow Jew who looked askance only at the West while forgetting the grave tragedy of Russian Jewry. What is happening in the Soviet Union today is a new phenomenon without any parallel in Jewish history. It is something worse than anti-Semitism. It is anti-Jewishness. It is a very dangerous and assiduous campaign to carve out part of the Jewish people from the rest of their brethren."

## ISRAEL GOVT. DISCONTINUES FOOD IMPORT; PRIVATE FIRMS TO TAKE OVER

JERUSALEM, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- In another step to liberalize Israel's economy, Minister of Commerce and Industry Pinhas Sapir announced today that the government will no longer engage in the food import field, and will leave this field to private enterprise.

In order to avoid competition, and to facilitate purchases of United States surplus food, a new joint food import company is being formed by Israel's major importing firms, with the government holding 10 percent of the shares in the new company.

Until now, Mr. Sapir said, the Government has spent about \$1,000,000 pounds annually on food stockpiling.

## NIXON VISITS WARSAW GHETTO; LAYS WREATH AT MONUMENT FOR KILLED JEWS

WARSAW, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Standing beside the memorial to the more than 70,000 Jews who fought and died in the famous Warsaw Ghetto, near the very bunker which served as the last bastion of the Jews against the Nazi onslaught, Vice President Richard M. Nixon today called on all men to "unite against such prejudices because here we see again what happens when such passions which are allowed to be nourished are unleashed."

Picking his way through the ruins of the bunker, the Vice President remarked: "I think this ruined building even more than the memorial, brings home some lessons we forget too quickly." The memorial to which Mr. Nixon referred is currently being built by the Polish Government. The plans for the monument were selected through a contest in which over 500 of the world's foremost artists competed. The memorial is being made from the stones which the Nazis had planned to use for a monument to Hitler's "1,000-year Reich."

Mr. Nixon was visibly stirred as he toured the sight of one of Hitler's gravest acts of inhumanity. He placed a wreath of flowers before the as yet unfinished monument. "As we see this memorial," the Vice President said, "we realize the importance of avoiding another war."

When completed, the Warsaw Ghetto memorial will consist of a broad path cutting diagonally across the ghetto site. Lining the path on either side will be twenty-three large marble blocks connected by heavy metal links. The blocks are meant to represent each of the countries whose citizens were exterminated at the nearby Treblinka concentration camp, while the metal chains portray the Nazi trains which carried these people to their death.

## TWO HISTADRUT CENTERS BURNED DOWN; POLICE SUSPECT ORGANIZED SABOTAGE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 3. (JTA) -- For the second night in succession, a Histadrut Cultural Center was burned down last night, this time in Kiryat Onno. Police, suspecting saboteurs and arsonists, have stepped up their efforts to track down the perpetrators.

The first outrage took place Sunday night at Migdal Haemek, where one of the recent riots by North African immigrants was staged last month. Both cultural centers, at Kiryat Onno and at Migdal Haemek, were totally destroyed. Special investigation teams spread out over the country today in strenuous police efforts to find not only the saboteurs but to locate also the center and guiding hands of the various incidents.

Meanwhile, a delegation of women from the North African immigrant quarter of Wadi Salib, in Haifa, met today with the Haifa chief of police, demanding that all of the 70 men arrested as a result of the Haifa riots be released. The women demanded also that police cease their night raids against the homes of suspects.

## CABINET RELAXES MILITARY REGULATIONS FOR ARAB RESIDENTS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- A special meeting of the Cabinet today, presided over by Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, voted to relax some of the military regulations concerning Arabs in Israel, permitting the Arabs to move about the country freely for purposes of engaging in employment, education, trade or public service.

However, a five-man committee of Ministers recommended unanimously that security requires continuation of military control in Arab areas along the frontiers of the Arab states. The committee declared that among parts of the Arab population on the borders there are "elements dangerous to the security of the State."

The Ministers expressed the hope, however, that periodic review of the border situation may lead, gradually, to complete liquidation of the military government, and pointed out that such a development "depends on the attitudes of the neighboring states."

According to the committee, infiltration must still be guarded against on the borders, as well as the danger of seizure of state lands. Lands in Galilee must be preserved for additional agricultural settlements for new immigrants, the committee pointed out.

Among the Cabinet recommendations adopted today are decisions to speed the settlement of evacuated and refugee Arabs and the payment of compensation for Arab land.

## HORACIO LAFER, NOTED JEWISH LEADER, NAMED FOREIGN MINISTER IN BRAZIL

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Horacio Lafer, prominent Brazilian Jew, was today named Foreign Minister by President Juscelino Kubitschek. He has been a member of Parliament for many years, and at one time held the post of the Minister of Finance.

Mr. Lafer has always taken an active interest in the United Jewish Appeal of Brazil and was interested also in other Jewish causes here. He is a member of the Klabin family, a famous Brazilian Jewish family, and is the head of the huge industrial enterprises in Brazil owned by this family.

## ISRAEL TO DROP COURT ACTION AGAINST BULGARIA FOR DOWNED PLANE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministry decided today to take no further court action against Bulgaria for shooting down an El Al passenger plane in 1956, when 58 passengers were killed through that Bulgarian action.

The decision was made in accordance with the recommendation of Shabtai Rosenne, the Foreign Ministry's legal advisor, who headed Israel's team of attorneys that lost its case against Bulgaria recently before the International Court of Justice at The Hague. The World Court agreed with Bulgaria's claim that the court lacked jurisdiction in this case.

Any further action by claimants as a result of the El Al plane crash will have to be taken up through diplomatic channels, the Foreign Ministry decided. The Ministry is opposed to having any claimant press a case in the Bulgarian courts, declaring that Israel could not accept the decision of a Bulgarian court. Furthermore, the Ministry held, Bulgaria's insistence that Israel must share the blame for the 1956 crash is invalid. Bulgaria has claimed that Israel was responsible in the crash for alleged "negligence."

## GERMANY ESTABLISHES LIBRARY FOR STUDIES OF GERMAN-JEWISH RELATIONS

COLOGNE, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- A special library has been established here, devoted to the aim of "bringing light to the question of the relation of Germany to her Jewish population." An official announcement made here today stated that the goal of the library is the gathering of material covering 2,000 years of Jewish life in Germany, with the help of the Federal Government, State Governments, and private collectors and contributors.

Thus far, 1,500 volumes have been gathered by the library, relating to general Jewish life in this country. A special division of the library is being devoted to the life, contemporaries and works of Moses Mendelssohn, the father of the Haskalah, or Enlightenment movement, among German Jewry. The library will also have material on Nazi atrocities against Jews.

Two of the foremost authors of the younger German generation, Heinrich Boell and Paul Schallueck, initiated the library by issuing a public call for establishment of a collection of "Germania Judaica." Financial support has been given to the library by the City of Cologne and the State of North Rhine-Westphalia.

## JEWISH WAR VETERANS DENOUNCE ANTI-JEWISH RESTRICTIONS IN RUSSIA

NEW YORK, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- A resolution denouncing the suppression of Jewish cultural life in the Soviet Union and "in certain satellite nations of Eastern Europe" was adopted today by the resolutions committee of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States and will be presented to the 64th annual convention of the organization which concludes its sessions on Sunday.

The resolution calls on the United States Government "to use its good offices to appeal to the governments concerned to remove the restrictions preventing the full cultural and spiritual development of their Jewish communities, and to lift the barriers to permit the free emigration of those who may desire to go to Israel and elsewhere."

Other resolutions on the agenda, certain of adoption, call for:

1. Cancellation of the United States agreement permitting Saudi Arabian discrimination against assignment of Jewish personnel at the American base at Dhahran Air Base.
2. Revocation of American visas held by Arab propagandists in this country.
3. "Vigorous" American governmental opposition to the Egyptian blockade of the Suez Canal against Israeli shipping, and to the Arab League's anti-Israeli boycott.
4. The deportation of Andrija Artujovic, former Yugoslav collaborator of Hitler, who now lives in California.

Other resolutions deal with elimination of racial or religious bias in housing, support of the United Nations, and call on the United States Senate to ratify the United Nations Convention Against Genocide.

## MOSCOW TO PUBLISH ANTHOLOGY OF HEBREW POETRY IN RUSSIAN TRANSLATION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- The Soviet State Publishing House, in Moscow, will issue a 300-page anthology of Hebrew poetry, in Russian translation, early next year, according to an announcement here today by Alexander Poet, an Israeli left-wing poet.

Mr. Penn, who just returned from Moscow, where he attended the Russian Communist-sponsored Soviet Writers Congress, said he will edit the anthology. He declared he will include the poems of 30 Hebrew poets of the present and last generations, including also works by some of the greatest poets in Israel.

He said that the Soviet press recently published translations of works by several Hebrew poets, and has written "favorably" of the revival of Hebrew and modern Hebrew literature.

## LAWS AGAINST RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS BIAS PASSED IN 14 STATES THIS YEAR

NEW YORK, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Twenty-four laws against racial and religious discriminations were adopted during 1959 by 14 states, the American Jewish Congress reported today following a special study made on civil rights legislation in various states.

"Both in number and content," the study notes, "the civil rights laws enacted by the states this year exceeded the product of any year in the past decade." The study summarizes the principal legislative advances of 1959 as follows:

1. California and Ohio adopted enforceable fair employment laws. This brought to 16 the number of states having such legislation.
2. Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Oregon adopted broad fair housing legislation, thereby following the path recently marked by New York City and Pittsburgh.
3. Maine became the 24th state to enact an enforceable law prohibiting discrimination in places of public accommodation. A number of other states improved the effectiveness of their laws in this area.

The Congress survey also reveals that the work of the 1959 state legislatures "brings to an impressive total the number of state anti-discrimination laws in effect today." Sixteen states, it notes, now have fair employment laws enforceable by an administrative agency using the method of conciliation, backed by the power to issue administrative orders enforceable in the courts. Four states have laws broadly prohibiting discrimination in education, enforced by administrative agencies, while a number of others have more limited legislation in that area.

Twenty-five states have prohibited discrimination in a substantial portion of the general housing market. Three others have prohibited discrimination in virtually all public and publicly assisted housing, and a number of states have more limited statutes in this area.

### Seattle Superior Court Declares Anti-Bias Law Unconstitutional

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 4. (JTA) -- A state law which prohibits discrimination on racial grounds in the sale of houses built with the aid of Federal financing, was declared unconstitutional today in Superior Court.

Judge James W. Holden set aside a ruling by the State Board Against Discrimination directing a home-owner to sell his house for \$18,000 to a Negro applicant. The judge ruled that the property-owner was acting as a private individual even though his home had been purchased with a Federal Housing Administration insured mortgage.

"A private individual acting in his private capacity is perfectly free to discriminate as he pleases," Judge Hodson declared. The Washington anti-discrimination law was enacted in 1957.

### California to Stiffen Enforcement of Anti-Bias Legislation

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 4. (JTA) -- State Attorney General Stanley Mosk has established a new section of his office, to be known as the Constitutional Rights section, to stiffen enforcement of the State's civil rights legislation.

The Attorney General pointed out in a statement that "protection of rights is as much a responsibility of our office as aiding in the prosecution of violations of the law." The new section, he said, would make the Attorney General's office "more sensitive and responsive to the needs of our citizens."

The fourfold functions of the new section will be to investigate and report on alleged infringement of the civil rights of any persons or groups in the state, to institute or to intervene as friend of the court in civil and criminal actions as required, to serve as mediator in order to prevent infringement of civil rights of individuals or groups, and to work closely with the Fair Employment Practices Commission "to help achieve the legislative objectives."

Judge Mosk commented that "while the general state of civil liberties in California is good, there is room for substantial improvement." He named Franklin H. Williams, until now West Coast counsel for the NAACP, to head the new office. Judge Mosk is a former president of the Los Angeles Jewish community.

### JEAN BENOIT-LEVY, WORLD-KNOWN AUTHOR AND FILM PRODUCER, DIES IN PARIS

PARIS, Aug. 4. (JTA) -- Jean Benoit-Levy, one of the world's outstanding authors and producers of educational and documentary films, died here yesterday. He was 71 years old.

One of his full-length films, "La Maternelle," which attracted world-wide attention, was also shown in Germany under the Nazis. "When the Germans omitted the 'Levy' from his name and advertized the film as directed by 'Jean Benoit,' he threatened suit and forced the complete billing of his name. His family had lived in France for 200 years under that name.