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W. J. C. ASSEMBLY ASKS MOSCOW TO PERMIT EMIGRATION OF SOVIET JEWS

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- The Assembly of the World Jewish Congress today adopted a resolution calling upon the Soviet Union to permit Russian Jews to emigrate to Israel. The resolution also expressed "regret" that Soviet Jews are "denied the opportunity to participate in Jewish life in cooperation with other Jewish communities."

The resolution deplored "deeply" the denial to Soviet Jews of the "basic rights of every Jewish community to preserve its spiritual and cultural traditions" and "to make its distinct contribution to the life of its country and the country's citizenship."

Urging the Soviet Government to "secure for all of its citizens the full opportunity of collective religious and cultural self-expression," the resolution further called on the Kremlin "to take the necessary legislative and administrative measures to facilitate and to safeguard the exercise of this fundamental right."

The Assembly resolution stressed that the World Jewish Congress deems it its duty to draw the attention of the Soviet authorities to the fact that the Jews of the Soviet Union do not have the possibilities, such as are available to other nationalities and ethnic groups in the USSR, of "forming publishing houses, issuing publications and periodicals, conducting theatres, and pursue other cultural and educational activities through institutions that would maintain and develop spiritual heritage through the Hebrew and Yiddish languages."

"Unlike other religious communities," the resolution stated, "Jewish religious congregations in the Soviet Union have no central organization for serving the common objectives and for taking care of the spiritual services and similar activities that are indispensable for the maintenance of religious life."

In conclusion, the resolution urged the Soviet Government, together with the governments of all other countries, to "translate the ideals of human rights into living reality for all men."

Appeals to Rumania to Resume Reunion of Broken Jewish Families

Parallel with the resolution appealing to the Soviet Government to permit emigration to Israel of Soviet Jews "who may wish to do so," the Assembly also adopted a resolution affirming the right of any person to leave and return to any country, including his own. The resolution directs the WJC executive to continue to provide "all available means" to Jews in all lands "to avail themselves of the rights of freedom of emigration, if they desire to emigrate."

The resolution included a clause directed particularly at Rumania, appealing to the Bucharest Government "to resume the humanitarian action, unfortunately interrupted in recent months, of granting facilities for reuniting broken families." The interruption of the older policy by Rumania had "resulted in a sad situation," the resolution pointed out.

Another resolution, calling upon Austria to "recognize the wrongs inflicted against victims of Nazism" by satisfying the "legitimate claims" of those victims to compensation "without delay," was adopted by the Assembly late in the evening. The resolution also voiced protest against Austrian governmental reprieves of the sentences of "Nazi criminals who have been justly convicted and sentenced to long terms for the mass murder of Jews."

This clause of the resolution declared that the mitigation of the sentences handed out against the Nazi criminals "has diminished confidence" in the Austrian authorities who took the actions. Further, the resolution noted that "a number of Austrian Nazis guilty of crimes against Jews have, thus far, gone unpunished."

A further resolution urged the World Jewish Congress to take all measures to protect the mass graves of victims of Nazism at the former Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, and demanded that the graves be kept from neglect.

The Assembly called for world-wide elimination of racial discrimination in employment. All WJC affiliates were urged to do all in their power to get their governments to ratify United Nations conventions outlawing such discrimination.

ASSEMBLY OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS ADOPTS GLOBAL CULTURAL PROGRAM

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- A global program for the revival and stimulation of Jewish educational and cultural activities throughout the world was adopted here today by the Assembly of the World Jewish Congress. The Assembly, which has been meeting here the last ten days, with 300 delegates from 40 countries in attendance, decided that at least 20 percent of the World Jewish Congress budget be spent on the newly-revitalized educational and cultural program.

Included in the program are the following items: 1. Establishment of a central Jewish high school, probably in Europe, for Jewish students from all over the world; 2. Creation of local Jewish cultural committees by all communities affiliated with the WJC that do not as yet have such committees; 3. The convening of regional WJC conferences in the future prior to world-wide sessions of the plenary Assembly; 4. Increased cooperation between the WJC and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Other portions of the program call for the publication of a Jewish journal of sociology; establishment of a Jewish Teachers Seminary for the training of teachers for higher grades of Jewish secondary schools, so that such teachers might serve communities that cannot establish teachers' seminaries of their own; sponsorship of Jewish educational materials in Spanish for the children of 750,000 Jews in Latin America; provision of teachers, free books and scholarships in Jewish education for Jewish children in India.

Will Convene: Global Conference of Jewish Educators

A proposal to convene a global conference of Jewish educators in 1960 was also approved by the Assembly. Fears by some leaders of Mizrahi that the Congress itself will enter the field of education through conduct of its own educational programs were allayed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Congress.

Dr. Goldmann assured the Mizrahi delegates that the Congress will not itself enter the functional phase of Jewish education and that, in any case, Mizrahi will be consulted during the implementation of the program voted today. With the Mizrahi acceptance of Dr. Goldmann's assurance, the program was voted unanimously.

A major aim of the educational program will be the stimulation and development of Jewish day schools which the program describes as "the fundamental instrument for Jewish survival in lands outside Israel." Jewish communities throughout the world are urged in the plan to provide adequate financial means for the establishment and maintenance of day schools.

Another group of delegates, in addition to Mizrahi, was assured by Dr. Goldmann that the Congress will do its utmost to associate their constituents with Congress work "as closely as possible." These delegates represent the Sephardic communities.

Sephardi Delegate Reports on Problems of Oriental Jews in Israel

Eliahu Eliachar, vice-president of the World Sephardic Union, and president of the Sephardic Community of Jerusalem, told the Assembly of difficulties experienced by Oriental Jews who settle in Israel. He declared that the "sociological, educational, housing, and employment difficulties" faced by these Jews in Israel "cannot be tolerated."

Mr. Eliachar called upon world Jewry to help solve these problems facing Oriental Jews in Israel, by paying special attention to: 1. Educational and vocational training facilities for the Oriental Jews; 2. Creation of greater facilities for their constructive and productive employment; 3. Special assistance to large families; 4. Establishment of seminaries and development of the post-graduate college which the Sephardic Federation has established in Jerusalem; 5. Abolition of the slums in the "maabarot"; the "temporary" camps for immigrants in Israel.

Mr. Eliachar also urged the convening of a world conference of Sephardic and Ashkenazi Jews, to be called jointly by the World Jewish Congress and the World Sephardic Union.

Meanwhile, the political commission of the Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution sharply criticizing the "inadmissible racial persecution" directed against former Egyptian Jews by the United Arab Republic. The resolution called upon the United Nations and upon all member states of the UN to "impress upon the Egyptian Government the need to end this discrimination."

The resolution pointed out that Egypt has invoked "confiscatory measures" against the Egyptian Jewish refugees who have been refused the benefits promised by Egypt in its treaties with France and Britain for settlement of claims arising from Egypt's sequestration of property after the Suez campaign had been launched in 1956.

Socialist delegates from Israel and from other countries attending the WJC Assembly were feted at a luncheon here today tendered by the Swedish Social Democratic Party. Among the official hosts were three members of the Swedish Cabinet: Gunner Lange, Minister for Commerce; Miss Ulla Lindstrom, Minister of Population; and Forster Nielson, Minister for Social Welfare.

ISRAELI POLICEMAN RETURNED BY JORDAN; SPENT FOUR YEARS IN PRISON

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- An Israel border policeman was returned here today after spending four years in a Jordanian prison. Moshe Binyamin was seized by the Jordanians when he crossed the border four years ago, and he was sentenced to 17 years' imprisonment as a "spy."

Israel had demanded his release immediately after he was arrested, but he was not returned until today. A Jordanian infiltrator, serving a long sentence in Israel, was returned to Jordan at the same time. Israel police are now investigating the circumstances of Binyamin's crossing of the border.

Israel coastal police last night arrested four Lebanese who were fishing illegally in Israel waters. The fishermen were using explosives, which are barred by Israel law.

When captured, the four claimed there were no fish in Lebanese waters and, since they were hungry, they chose to fish in Israel waters. The police, who view with gravity the continuous practice by Lebanese of using explosives in Israel waters, will demand severe punishment for the violators to deter other Lebanese from fishing here.

POST OFFICE TECHNICIANS IN ISRAEL STRIKE FOR ONE HOUR; SEEK HIGHER WAGES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- All broadcasts over the government's radio station, Kol Israel, as well as cable and international telephone communications, were interrupted this morning for one hour, when Post Office technicians handling these facilities went on strike.

The labor dispute concerned a demand for higher wages. By noon, however, all the technicians were back at work and the crowded communications lines were functioning normally again.

PREMIER BEN GURION ENTERS HOSPITAL TODAY FOR ROUTINE CHECK-UP

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben Gurion was scheduled today to enter a hospital here tomorrow for a routine check-up. After the hospital examination, he is expected to complete his interrupted vacation, resting for another week and, presumably, preparing for participation in the coming elections campaign.

The Premier received today Israel's Ambassador-designate to Washington, Avraham Harman. Mr. Harman is leaving for his post on Sunday. No successor to Mr. Harman, who headed the Information Department of the Jewish Agency, has as yet been chosen, but Israel's former Ambassador to France, Yaacov Tsur, is the most likely candidate.

BULGARIA ARRESTS HEAD OF FACTORY FOR USING "STAR OF DAVID" TRADEMARK

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- The manager of a Bulgarian textile factory, which for years has been using the "Star of David" as a trademark, has been arrested in Sofia on a charge of "sabotage against the national economic effort," according to a report received here today.

The Bulgarian plant had sold some textiles to Iraq, which returned the material on the grounds that the Star of David marked it as "Zionist goods." The arrest followed.

EX-PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA VISITS ISRAEL; WILL INSPECT MILITARY PROJECTS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. Pedro E. Aramburu, ex-President of Argentina, started a week's official visit to Israel today with a call on President Itzhak Ben Zvi. Following his reception by Mr. Ben Zvi, Gen. Aramburu had a long conference with Foreign Minister Golda Meir, then was the guest of honor at a luncheon tendered by Mrs. Meir.

During his visit here, the Argentine statesman will confer with Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, and will inspect military installations and development projects.

TURKEY GRANTS CONTRACT TO ISRAELI CONSTRUCTION FIRM TO BUILD HIGHWAY

ISTANBUL, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- Sole Boneh, construction firm owned by the Israel Federation of Labor, today was granted a contract for a 7,000,000-lira (\$700,000) highway connecting one of this city's suburbs to the city. Sole Boneh is now completing work on another highway project here, involving a cost of 2,000,000 liras (\$220,000).

Friendly relations between Israel and Turkey were emphasized further with the arrival here today, for a private visit, of a group of 68 Israelis, including prominent Moslem and Christian Arabs from Israel. Members of the group met, upon their arrival, with municipal officials of this city and of Izmir.

WORLD CONFERENCE OF EDUCATORS IN WASHINGTON HEARS REPORT ON ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- Israel's role as a melting pot of both Eastern and Western cultures was cited in a discussion of the promotion of Eastern and Western values at the assembly of delegates of the World Confederation of Organizations of Teaching Profession. Shalom Levin, general secretary of the Israel Teachers' Union, participated as delegate representing Israel. He told of Israel's contributions to the promotion of culture through public education.

HADASSAH TRANSFERS SERVICES IN JERUSALEM CORRIDOR TO ISRAEL GOVT.

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- Hadassah's preventive medicine services in the Jerusalem Corridor will shortly be transferred to the Ministry of Health, according to an agreement between Hadassah and the Government, it was reported today.

The arrangement will free Hadassah's staff and funds to concentrate on the constantly expanding needs of health services in the city of Jerusalem as well as at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Hospital now nearing completion in Ein Karem near Jerusalem.

Hadassah undertook to continue contributing to the budget of the Jerusalem Corridor health services for a one-and-a-half year transitory period.

JAPANESE PROFESSOR ARRIVES IN ISRAEL TO BE CONVERTED TO JUDAISM

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- Sixty-year-old Japanese Professor Abraham Kutzuki, an expert on Semitic languages, arrived in Israel today to undergo conversion to Judaism, Prof. Kutzuki has considered himself a converted Jew for many years and during the Second World War he was detained as a Jew. He taught Hebrew to the Japanese Emperor's brother.

On arriving at Lydda Airport early this morning Professor Kutzuki greeted friends with the Hebrew words of welcome: "Shalom Aleichem." He said that he became a Christian at the age of 13 and he then learned both the Old and New Testaments. Through the "New Testament eye" he reached Judaism, he said.

INTERNATIONAL PARLEY ON ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE TO BE HELD IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- The formation of an Israel council to advise and assist in the arrangements for the projected international conference on the advancement of science to be held in this country next Summer, was announced today by Abba Eban, president of the Weizmann Institute of Science.

The council includes personalities from all walks of life here as well as representatives of Israel's institutes of higher learning. The international gathering, scheduled to take place in Rehovot in July of next year, will feature a panel of 30 prominent speakers.

Dr. Amos Manor was nominated general secretary of the conference, while an organizational committee has been established from the staff of the Weizmann Institute. The purpose of the conference is to examine ways by which new states could be aided by science and technology in solving their acute social and economic problems.

RUINS OF JEWISH THIRD-CENTURY TOWN DISCOVERED NEAR SAFAD

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- The ruins of an ancient Jewish town dating back to the Third Century, C.E., has been discovered on the slopes of the Meron Hills near Safad. The discovery was made accidentally by a Public Works Department tractor driver who was engaged in the construction of a new road.

Experts of the Government Department of Antiquities immediately ordered the suspension of work and began to investigate the ruins. The experts found some Hebrew inscriptions and pottery dating to the period of Simon Bar Yochai, who lived in the Third Century of the Christian Era.

DAVID PINSKI, PROMINENT JEWISH AUTHOR AND PLAYWRIGHT, DIES IN ISRAEL

HAIFA, Aug. 11. (JTA) -- David Pinski, world-prominent Jewish author and playwright, died late last night at his home on Mt. Carmel. He was 87. The municipality here, proclaiming official mourning, announced that the City of Haifa has taken care of the arrangements for the funeral.

David Pinski was considered the last of the generation of the great Yiddish writers of the stature of I. L. Peretz, Sholom Asch and Sholom Aleichem. Born in Mohilev, Russia, in 1872, he started writing while still an adolescent, soon joined the stream of young Jewish intellectuals who made their way to Warsaw and worked alongside Peretz as pioneers in the development of the new, modern, vital Yiddish literature.

By 1896, when he was 24, and already a writer of repute, he went to Berlin, where he attended the University. In 1899, at the invitation of the "Ovend Blatt" in New York, he came to the United States, becoming the newspaper's literary editor.

From the time he came to the United States, until he moved to Israel after the State was established, Mr. Pinski was one of the foremost literary figures in the Jewish world, writing in Yiddish but widely translated into Hebrew, English, and many other languages. He was particularly noted as a playwright. His play "The Treasure" was produced in New York by the Theatre Guild in 1915. Another of his plays produced in English, in 1926, was "The Final Balance." On the Yiddish stage, his plays, from one-acters to full-length dramas, were extremely popular.

A member of the Poale Zion since his youth, Mr. Pinski was for years president of the Jewish National Workers Alliance, the fraternal organization now known as the Farband-Labor Zionist Order.