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KHRUSHCHEV ASKED BY U.S. LABOR LEADERS TO END MISTREATMENT OF JEWS

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The question of the treatment of the Jews in the Soviet Union was posed here last night to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev by top leaders of the American Federation of Labor--Congress of Industrial Organizations during a dinner-meeting which they held with Mr. Khrushchev, it was revealed here today by Walter P. Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers, who arranged the meeting.

The question on the Jews was one of 12 major questions presented to Premier Khrushchev in writing at the dinner. It received no reply from the Premier because the time did not permit a debate on it, as well as on the question of political prisoners in the Soviet Union and Hungary. The text of the question on the Jews reads:

"American labor regards religious, political, ethnic and national equality as one of the paramount freedoms in a democratic society and a democratic world. We are deeply concerned by the information which has been brought to our attention that Jews in the Soviet Union are being discriminated against and are being denied equal opportunities in education, government and other phases of Soviet life.

"While American labor is fully aware of the shortcomings of American democracy with respect to civil rights, we have made great progress in this area and labor and other liberal groups are free to continue their efforts to eliminate all forms of discrimination.

"We propose to ask Mr. Khrushchev what the Soviet Union is doing or intends to do to end this type of discrimination and what the individual Soviet citizen can do to protest and work against such discrimination within the Soviet Union."

Khrushchev Will Not Receive American Jewish Delegation

NEW YORK, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev will not receive any Jewish delegation during his stay in the United States, it was announced here by Aleksei Adzhubei, editor of Izvestia, official organ of the Soviet Government, who is the Premier's son-in-law.

Mr. Adzhubei made his announcement at a reception given to him and other Soviet journalists by the Overseas Press Club here. He said that the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union is an internal Soviet affair, and added that there is no Jewish problem existing in his country.

Jewish labor groups, including the Jewish Labor Committee, the Labor Zionist Organization, the United Hebrew Trades and others are holding a public mass meeting tomorrow at Hotel Edison here to protest the liquidation of Jewish culture in the Soviet Union and the discriminations practiced by the Soviet authorities against Jews denying them equal rights in higher education and eliminating them from high government position.

Chicago Rabbis Appeal to Khrushchev on Soviet Jewry

CHICAGO, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- An open letter to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev asking for a "change" in the treatment of Soviet Jewry was made public here today by the Chicago Board of Rabbis in connection with the Premier's visit to the Middle Western section of the United States.

The letter told the Soviet Premier that during the forthcoming High Holy Days Jews in hundreds of synagogues in the Middle West "will manifest sorrowful concern for more than 2,000,000 of our fellow-Jews in Russia." It emphasized that although the Soviet authorities continue to claim that the Jews in the Soviet Union enjoy religious freedom, the Jews of America and the people of America "know that this is not so," and that "Jews of Russia have been singled out for religious discrimination."

"We pray that your peaceful declarations will bear fruit," the appeal of the Chicago rabbis said. "There will be many tests of those declarations in the days ahead. One of those tests will be whether there will come about a healthy change in the religious conditions of Russia's Jews. We will earnestly watch for this change as we enter upon the New Year in the freedom of our religious institutions. While we are mindful of the special religious discrimination to which Russian Jewry is subjected, our concern goes out to all victims of such discrimination in Russia regardless of their religion," the appeal concluded.

AMERICANS HOPE KHRUSHCHEV MAY END DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SOVIET JEWRY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Americans of all religions believing in religious freedom share Jewish hopes that Soviet Premier Khrushchev's statement at the National Press Club on the role played by Soviet Jews in the launching of the first rocket to the moon "presages an end" to anti-Jewish discrimination in the Soviet Union, an editorial in the Washington Star says today.

"At the National Press Club the other day, Premier Khrushchev denied, in effect, that the Kreamlin discriminates in any way against the 3,000,000 Jews of the USSR." The editorial states: "In the Western world, however, leading co-religionists of these people have long had in their hands abundant documentary evidence, showing that Soviet policy has had a large measure of domestic anti-Semitism in it ever since the late 1940's.

"This policy, according to the evidence, has consisted of numerous restrictions debarring Russia's Jews from many facilities and activities, including particularly activities involving their culture and faith. Perhaps Mr Khrushchev's statement on the subject presages an end to such discrimination. That is the hope, at any rate, of world Jewry, and it is a hope shared by all peoples who believe in religious freedom," the Washington Post said.

BEN GURION COMMENTS ON KHRUSHCHEV'S PROPOSAL FOR GENERAL DISARMAMENT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Israel "will not lag behind any other country in the world," if Soviet Prime Minister Nikita S. Khrushchev's general disarmament plan is "accepted and implemented faithfully," Prime Minister David Ben Gurion declared here today.

Mr. Ben Gurion made that statement in answer to press inquiries, adding: "Mr. Khrushchev's proposal is actually the plan proposed many years ago by the Prophet Isaiah. However, if efficient control is assured, the Khrushchev plan should be accepted. All nations must participate in controlling disarmament."

IMPROVED EAST-WEST MOODS MAY NOT BRING ARAB-ISRAEL PEACE, PERES SAYS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Relaxation of East-West tensions would not "automatically lead to Israel-Arab peace," Shimon Peres, former director-general of Israel's Defense Ministry, declared here in a radio broadcast tonight. "A change in the thinking of the Arab leaders would also be necessary," he added.

As to the Suez Canal issue and the United Arab Republic's anti-Israel blockade of that international waterway, Mr. Peres stated: "We feel that watching Nasser is the best course for the Middle East. The Arabs possess more arms and, in certain fields, better types of material than Israel has. But if Israel should be attacked right now, she is in a position to defend herself reasonably and forcefully."

Mr. Peres, who in recent years has directed Israel's arms purchases and the arms industry here, asserted that Israel's sub-machineguns are "the best in the world." Certain types of small ammunition made in Israel are "as good and as cheaply manufactured as any material of this type elsewhere," he said. "Certain countries in South America, he continued, "have asked us to sell them arms. We have turned them down because such sales might disturb the balance of power among some other nations friendly to us."

Mr. Peres, who is considered among the top leaders of the "young generation" group in the dominant Mapai Party, sharing leadership with Gen. Moshe Dayan, outlined in his radio address a four-point program which, he declared, underscores "the main difference" between his group and the leadership of Mapai veterans.

"We would like," he said, "more democracy within our own party. We want more planning in our economy, balancing future needs against current pressures; we want to reserve more means and finances for the future. We ask for a change in mentality, language and expression. We want to speak to one another more directly and more openly.

"Finally, in the field of defense and foreign relations, we seek more mutual relations rather than an attitude of justification. If we have friends, let us be as friendly as we can. If we have foes, let us answer to foes in their own language."

DR. NAHUM GOLDMANN RETURNS TO U.S.; CONFERRED IN LONDON AND PARIS

NEW YORK, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the Jewish Agency, returned to the United States today, following an absence of several months during which he conducted important activities in Israel and in various European countries, including talks with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer on speeding the process of indemnification for individual claims by Nazi victims.

Prior to his arrival in the United States, Dr. Goldmann held important conferences in London and in Paris on various problems concerning Jewish interests. Earlier he conducted the world assembly of the World Jewish Congress, which was held in Stockholm, and of which he is the president.

ADENAUER APPEALS TO JEWS TO PRAY FOR NON-JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS

COLOGNE, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Acknowledging that Germany had committed "terrible crimes against the Jews" during the Nazi regime, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer pleaded yesterday with religious Jews to pray "not only for the Jewish martyrs but also for the Christians who were killed by the same murderers."

Dr. Adenauer voiced his plea, coupling it with an expression of hope for a peaceful future between Jews and Christians in West Germany, when he helped dedicate the newly-rebuilt synagogue which was dedicated here yesterday. Germany now, he said, is "a haven of decency and order" for all people.

The rebuilt synagogue replaces the Jewish house of worship destroyed by the Nazis during the infamous "Crystal Night" of 1938. There are 1,200 Jews living in Cologne now -- against a total of 20,000 in pre-Nazi days. Approximately 11,000 of Cologne's pre-war Jews were killed by the Nazis.

Many other leading West German political personalities, besides Dr. Adenauer, attended the dedication of the rebuilt synagogue, on the Roonstrasse, occupying the site of the original building constructed in 1895. The Jewish community here is one of the oldest in Europe. As far back as 321, C. E., an imperial decree referred to the "sizeable" Jewish congregation in Cologne.

POLISH JEWS TO SEEK INDEMNIFICATION FOR PROPERTY LOOTED BY NAZIS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Polish Jews who suffered from Nazi atrocities or whose property was looted by the Nazis during their occupation of Poland will seek ways and means to secure full compensation, it was announced here today. The announcement said that the question will be taken up at a world-wide conference of Polish Jews which is scheduled to take place next year. Preparations for such a conference are now going on in various Jewish centers.

The conference will attempt to reunite the Polish Jews now scattered throughout the world and create a representative body for them. It will discuss the establishment of a spiritual center similar to the Leo Baeck institute established for German Jews. The organization committee of the conference includes leaders of Polish Jewry now in the United States, Israel, Argentina and other countries, the announcement said.

J. D. C. OPENS FIVE-DAY PARLEY ON SOCIAL WELFARE PROBLEMS OF JEWS ABROAD

GENEVA, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Social welfare experts from 10 countries on three continents met here today at the overseas headquarters of the Joint Distribution Committee for a five-day meeting at which social service problems affecting Jewish communities in Israel, Europe and several Moslem countries will be examined.

Because of the widespread poverty among Jews living in virtual ghettos in Moslem countries, the problems are of such "enormous proportions" that no individual voluntary agency can cope with them, Charles Jordan, director-general of the JDC, told the conference. "All we can hope to do in those areas," Mr. Jordan stated, "is to work through the already-existing community organizations in those areas."

Miss Mary Palevsky, director of the JDC department of social service, reported that her department provides not only medical, educational and other services but operates also economic rehabilitation and community development programs.

ORT CONVENTION OPENS IN WASHINGTON; EISENHOWER, NIXON LAUD ITS WORK

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower, Vice President Nixon and Secretary of State Christian Herter today lauded the work of the ORT in messages sent to the opening session of the four-day national convention of the Women's American ORT. Ambassadors and ministers of countries in which the ORT operates attended tonight's convention dinner.

World ORT leaders who arrived here to address the convention reported at today's session that in 1959, over 40,000 youths and adults received training in ORT centers. New information indicates that more than twice that number, although they pass qualifying exams, must be turned away because present facilities, budget limitations, and currency devaluations inhibit the operation of ORT centers and prevent expansion to meet growing demands.

A special resolution presented to the convention would provide for a new project of the Women's American ORT expanding ORT activities to provide additional training. World ORT leaders here for the convention are Dr. William Haber, president of the central board of the World ORT Union; Max A. Braude, director general of the Union; F. F. Schrager, director of ORT in France; Jacob Oleiski, director of Israeli ORT, and B. Wand-Polak, director of ORT in Morocco.

President Eisenhower expressing pleasure in greeting ORT, said in his message that "the achievements of your organization, based upon the sound philosophy of 'helping man to help himself' have been of direct benefit to many around the world. With a broad program of technical education and vocational training, you help to advance the welfare of mankind."

ISRAELI WOMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE ORGANIZATION

RAMPA, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- Professor Rahel Shalon, head of the Building Research Station of the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, becomes the first Israeli to assume presidency of an international scientific organization with her election as president of RILEM, the International Union of Testing and Research Laboratories for Materials and Structures now meeting in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

RILEM, founded in 1947, is an international organization established to promote meetings and scientific information exchanges between members through symposia and colloquia. Only actively engaged scientists in construction research may belong. Membership today is composed of about 500 scientists, many internationally famous, in addition to 300 research organizations from many nations as well as private companies.

Among the participating countries are the United States, Russia, India, Japan, Australia, Canada, countries of Latin America, Western and Eastern Europe. Prof. Shalon's election as president of the organization is for a one-year period, and automatically places the next international meet in Israel next year. This will mark the first congress of this kind to be hosted in this country. Prof. Shalon, herself a graduate of the Technion, has been associated with the Institute's Faculty of Civil Engineering since 1931.

ISRAEL MINISTRY SEEKS 1,000 TORAHS FROM ABROAD FOR NEW SYNAGOGUES

JERUSALEM, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The Ministry of Religious Affairs disclosed today it was seeking from overseas communities 1,000 Torah Scrolls and 1,000 pairs of phylacteries for new synagogues in Israel.

The quest will be carried out during the High Holy Days by Rabbi Jechiel Wohlgelemer, chief secretary of the Chief Rabbinate, in the United States, Canadian and British communities. His mission was expected to be supported by rabbis and their congregations in those communities which will be canvassed for surplus Scrolls and unused phylacteries.

DALLAS JEWISH LEADER HONORED BY CATHOLIC CHURCH WITH HIGHEST AWARD

DALLAS, Texas, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The highest decoration which can be awarded by the Roman Catholic Church to a non-Catholic was presented here to Fred F. Florence, local civic leader. Mr. Florence was chairman of the St. Paul Hospital building campaign, which raised \$4,000,000, the largest amount ever contributed by Dallas citizens.

Bishop Thomas K. Gorman of the Diocese of Dallas-Fort Worth presented the Benemerenti Medal to Mr. Florence, because of his unselfish efforts on behalf of community projects and especially his support of Catholic institutions. As a symbol of American brotherhood, a recording of the ceremony will be beamed behind the Iron Curtain by the Voice of America.

The gold decoration presented to Mr. Florence bears the image of Pope John XXIII. Bishop Gorman pointed out that this may be the "first presented in the United States or anywhere during the reign of Pope John." A telegram from President Eisenhower congratulating Mr. Florence stated. "It is most fitting that his neighbors of all faiths join in the tribute to his high standards of citizenship. I am delighted to add my congratulations and best wishes."

NEW \$20,000,000 SINAI HOSPITAL DEDICATED IN BALTIMORE, LARGEST IN CITY

BALTIMORE, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- A new \$20,000,000 Sinai Hospital was formally dedicated here yesterday. It is one of the largest construction projects of its type ever to be undertaken in Baltimore.

Located on a 50-acre tract of land, it includes a general hospital, obstetrical and gynecology building, research building, medical staff building, nurses' residence, nursing school, auditorium and service building. All buildings are connected by underground corridors and serviced by 16 self-service elevators. All patient areas are air-conditioned, with individual room control.

With the adjacent Mount Pleasant building, which was completed in 1953, the new hospital will provide the city with 483 patient beds. It will also provide accommodations for 194 nursing students and 69 internes and residents, and house 55 research laboratories.

JAPANESE SCHOLAR UNDERGOES CIRCUMCISION IN ISRAEL; BECOMES A JEW

JERUSALEM, Sept. 21. (JTA) -- The Japanese scholar, Abraham Kotsuji completed his conversion to Judaism yesterday when he underwent the rite of circumcision. The surgery was performed at Sharei Zedek Hospital here, with a mohel in attendance.

His visit to Israel to undergo the ceremony of conversion was sponsored by the World Union for the Propagation of Judaism. On his return to Japan, Professor Kotsuji, who taught Hebrew to the Japanese Emperor's brother, will set up a center under the auspices of the Union.