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SERIES OF ANTI-JEWISH INCIDENTS FOLLOWS COLOGNE SYNAGOGUE DESECRATION

BONN, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- A spate of anti-Semitic incidents in various parts of West Germany has followed the Christmas Eve desecration of the recently-dedicated Cologne synagogue, official reports reaching the German capital today indicated.

At Brunswick, last night, swastikas were painted on the Monument to Victims of Nazism. The same Nazi symbol was found at dawn today painted on park benches in Brunswick. At Gelsenkirchen, the swastika was found this morning to have been smeared over the facade of a Catholic church.

Meanwhile, federal officials reported here that police at Offenbach were continuing to search for the anonymous writer of a threatening letter received by a Jew, 85-year-old Isaac Hamburger.

Otto Meinberg, chairman of the Deutsche Reichs Party, the political group to which the two men arrested for the Cologne outrage belonged, denied here today implications of neo-Nazism in the party's program.

"The party," said Meinberg, "is founded on principles of tolerance and right. Whatever anti-Semitic and anti-democratic tendencies exist within the party are due to East German Communist indoctrination."

An official of the Christian Democratic Party, however, called Meinberg's statement "poor justification," pointing out that the Deutsche Reichs Party is known for "its general rightist trend."

Official government consideration of the possibility of banning the party was declared insufficient by another official, a spokesman for the Social Democratic Party. "It would not be enough to ban the Deutsche Reichs Party," he said, "because there are many other groups engaging in anti-democratic activities." He made it clear that he was referring specifically to various youth groups, so-called "refugee" organizations, and publishers of fascist literature in various parts of West Germany.

Some German newspapers today tied the Cologne incident to fascist propaganda disseminated by Ferenc Flara, former press chief of a pro-Nazi Hungarian Government, who now lives in Germany. At Cologne, North Rhine-Westphalian police authorities were probing into reports that the men arrested for the synagogue desecration may have been connected with one of the Hungarian refugee groups. The men, however, are Germans, and not Hungarians. (See late news on page 2.)

Board of Deputies Tells Germany to Root Out Centers of Nazi Infection

LONDON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Hopes that the Christmas Eve desecration of the synagogue at Cologne would motivate West German authorities to "take more effective measures to root out the centers of Nazi infection in the German schools and among officials high and low in all departments of public life," were expressed here today in a statement by the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

The Cologne incident, which has "shocked the Western world into expressions of abhorrence, is evidence that the ugly spirit of Nazism is still abroad in the country of its origin," the Board declared.

"At various periods since the end of the war," it said, "the Board has had occasion to draw attention to the general inadequacy of the denazification procedures in West Germany. We have called attention to the continuance in high office of State, and in the Judiciary, of former Nazis. We have pointed out the continuance in employment of teachers imbued with Nazi views, and the manner in which Hitler's crimes and the crimes of his regime are glossed over in German textbooks.

"We pay tribute to the immediate actions taken by the German authorities as a result of the Cologne synagogue desecration, and to the vigorous steps taken, as well as to the sense of outrage expressed by a large section of the German population. But only effective measures to root out all centers of Nazi infection can bring vindication for Germany in the eyes of the world. The fear that the ideology, which brought Europe to the verge of destruction, may be revived must be removed."

BEN-GURION'S 'COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY' BILL PASSES FIRST READING

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's bill imposing "collective responsibility" upon the Cabinet members representing all five of the parties in his new Government coalition passed in the Knesset (Parliament) here today, its first reading, by a vote of 55 to 20.

The bill, which Mr. Ben-Gurion wants in order to tighten discipline in the Cabinet, forbids Ministers to vote against any measure introduced by the Government in the Knesset. The bill also enjoins members of the Minister's party from opposing such a draft measure, once it had been approved by a Cabinet majority.

The Prime Minister, who had been ill with a severe cold, was in fighting trim as he fought critics of his measure on the floor of the Knesset. Defending his proposal, he also took the occasion to lash out against Israel's many splinter parties, insisting once more--as he has often--that Israel needs a two-party system, like those systems that have contributed toward stable government in the United States and Britain.

ZIONIST COUNCIL SPLIT ON QUESTION OF WIDENING BASE OF MOVEMENT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Zionist General Council continued today a wide-ranging debate on proposals to amend the constitution of the World Zionist Organization to permit the affiliation of non-Zionist organizations with criticism of the proposals almost equally balancing support.

Speakers representing many Zionist parties welcomed the idea of broadening the base of the Zionist movement but many of them expressed concern that the admission of non-Zionist elements would dilute the Zionist spirit.

Moshe Kol, Progressive party leader and member of the Jewish Agency executive, who supported the proposals, warned however that unless Zionism succeeded in implanting Zionist ideals in the new organizations, there was the danger that the entire Zionist Organization would become "merely friends of Israel."

Rabbi Israel Goldstein of New York objected to a comparison made by Dr. Nahum Goldmann of American synagogues and churches and urged the council to understand the hesitation of the American Conservative movement in affiliating with the Zionist Organization. He warned that the Zionist movement must open its gates to other organizations but not at the cost of sacrificing Zionist content.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, General Zionist and member of the Jewish Agency executive told the Council that the prestige and influence of the Zionist movement among American Jewry began to decline after establishment of Israel when, he said, Israeli leaders began a frontal attack on American Zionism. The Zionist Organization, he said, must support Israel, but the relationship must be reciprocal. The Israeli view that establishment of the state united the Jewish people is a distortion of history, he asserted, crediting decades of Zionist education with preparing the ground for unity. He urged caution on admission of non-Zionist organizations.

Zvi Lurie, member of the Jewish Agency executive, who supported the proposals, told the Council that Zionism was Israel's "only unconditional ally" ever ready to come to the aid of the State. The problem, he said, was to bring in, educate and organize additional bodies within the movement.

Replying to the debate tonight, Dr. Goldmann said that his criticism of American synagogues referred to their invasion of the field of political action. He rejected the suggestion that the effort to Zionist new member organizations be given up because of the failure of the first attempts. "My goal," he told the Council, "is that the movement shall be the main factor in organizing the Jewish people in the Diaspora."

Referring to fears that non-Zionist elements would dilute the Zionist spirit, he said that the non-Zionist organizations should first be brought into the organization and then the Zionists should try to influence them.

In the course of his reply, Dr. Goldmann said that if funds were available, the pioneering movement could immediately be tripled. He rejected the idea that Zionism meant self-realization and asserted that if it did, the movement would have been reduced to 20,000 members.

GERMAN INTERIOR MINISTER SEEKS TO OUTLAW RIGHTIST PARTY

BONN, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Minister of the Interior Gerhard Schroeder reaffirmed, in a television broadcast here tonight, the Government's determination to press "to the fullest" its probe as to whether the Deutsche Reichs Party can be banned under the Federal Constitution.

Referring to DPR chairman Otto Meinberg's disassociation of the DPR from the Cologne synagogue-desecration incident, Dr. Schroeder said Meinberg's statement was "an attempt to camouflage the true nature of the party."

Since the two men arrested for the outrage at Cologne were members of the DPR, now officially expelled by the DPR, Dr. Schroeder stated: "We must investigate the background behind the two young men who were led to commit this horrible deed. But we shall also have to investigate whether we ourselves have failed through negligence."

SCAD DELAYS ACTION IN ARAMCO HAS CASE PENDING APPEAL OUTCOME

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The New York State Commission Against Discrimination has signed a stipulation agreeing to take no further action in the complaint against hiring practices of the Arabian American Oil Company pending a ruling on the issue by the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court, it was disclosed today.

At issue is a charge by the American Jewish Congress that ARAMCO refuses to hire Jews for either domestic or Saudi Arabian employment on orders of the Saudi Arabian Government. Supreme Court Justice Henry Epstein ruled last July that ARAMCO was not entitled to a bona fide occupational exemption from the state's anti-discrimination laws on employment and ordered SCAD to enforce his ruling.

An ARAMCO spokesman said the company filed notice last October 26, of appeal from Justice Epstein's ruling. He said that if the company's appeal will be scheduled for a hearing during the March session of the Appellate Division, the company will file a required brief by February 4.

Henry Spitz, SCAD general counsel, said that by general agreement of the parties concerned, SCAD would not take any action until after 20 days following the ruling on the appeal. He said the stipulation to that effect was signed yesterday.

Company Denies Asking Religion of Applicants

The ARAMCO spokesman flatly denied today to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the company has ever made a practice of asking all job applicants to indicate their religion as a condition of employment. He said that under the ARAMCO agreement with Saudi Arabia, an applicant for a job in the company's operations in Saudi Arabia is required to fill out a form provided by Saudi Arabia which does inquire about his religion. He said application forms for domestic positions contain no requests for information about the applicant's religion, race, ancestry or similar information and had never contained such questions.

Asked if there were any Jewish employees in the New York office, the spokesman replied that the company does not ask for such information and that he did not know.

A spokesman for the American Jewish Congress agreed that the record in the hearing before Justice Epstein indicated there were exceptions "for minor stenographic and clerical posts" from a company requirement for filing of Saudi Arabian visa applications by job applicants. The AJC spokesman added that the AJC contends that in actual hiring practices, ARAMCO ignores the exceptions.

The AJC spokesman said that the AJC had asked SCAD and the New York Attorney General to file briefs as friends of the court on behalf of the AJC for the Appellate Division hearing. Mr. Spitz said that the stipulation signed by SCAD covered that request. He explained that it is SCAD's function to implement court decisions and that until the Appellate decision was made, the issue would remain unsettled.

COMMUNAL AGENCY SEES NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN IN ROCKWELL ACTIVITIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The Washington Jewish Community Council said in a statement today that it had been in constant communication with law enforcement agencies with reference to the anti-Semitic propaganda activities of George Lincoln Rockwell and his "American Nazi Party" and had found the District of Columbia authorities "deeply concerned."

The Council said that both the District and Federal authorities "have the situation under active investigation." It pointed out that distribution of leaflets by Rockwell's group did not violate any law, nor did his solicitation of funds since the local ordinance applied only to "charitable" not "political" solicitations.

The statement characterized published reports of the Rockwell group's activities as "gross exaggerations." It asserted that Rockwell "has no substantial following or any financial resources to speak of." Washington Jewish leaders, it said, continue alert to Rockwell's activities but "the Jewish community as a whole has had little or no occasion to feel disturbed or alarmed. Rockwell is avid for publicity. It would be ill-advised and a disservice to the Jewish community to take any steps that would afford him such publicity or the public platform he so desperately seeks."

ORTHODOX LEADER EXPLAINS OPPOSITION TO PERMANENT PRESIDENTS' CLUB

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Moses L. Feuerstein, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, told a regional convention of his organization here that the Union's opposition to the regularization of the Presidents' Club was based on the belief that this would be detrimental to the interests of the State of Israel and the American Jewish community.

He declared that this opposition "does not mean that the Union is or ever was opposed to the Jewish Agency, or to Zionism, or to the Zionist organizations and the fulfillment of their historic role in the Jewish community. The Union is opposed to the 'regularization' of the Presidents' Club because the composition of its membership would impair its effectiveness on behalf of Israel if it became an organization of organizations."