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J. N. SUBCOMMISSION VOTES TO DISCUSS WORLDWIDE SWASTIKA EPIDEMIC

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 11. (JTA) -- A United Nations subcommission voted today to give high priority to discussion of the worldwide outbreak of anti-Semitic manifestations despite the opposition of the British, French and United Arab Republic members of the body.

The Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, a unit of the UN Commission on Human Rights, took the action on a petition of the International League for the Rights of Man, supported by the World Jewish Congress. Chile and Uruguay led the fight for the commission action which was carried by a vote of six in favor, one against, and five abstentions. Judge Philip Halpern, United States member of the commission, was not present at today's session.

Dr. M. L. Perlzweig, representing the World Jewish Congress, warned the subcommission that the question was "urgent." It was, he said, "a matter of life and death in view of the activities reported from all corners of the earth."

The Israeli UN delegation attended today's session of the subcommission in the role of observers and made it known that it would follow the body's activities for the duration of the session. Earlier, it had sent the subcommission's chairman a copy of the statement the Israel Government is delivering to all nations with which it has diplomatic relations, warning of the dangers inherent in the present wave of anti-Jewish swastika smearing.

(At Bonn today, the Israel Government's statement of concern over the recrudescence of anti-Semitic manifestations in West Germany and throughout the world, was delivered to the West German Foreign Office. Johanan Meroz, counsellor of the Israel purchasing mission submitted the note which was generally similar to that Israel is submitting to every country with which it has diplomatic relations, but it made clear that Israel did not hold the Federal Republic to blame for the events.)

Police See Fascist Groups Behind Actions in Some Areas

The United Nations action unfolded today against a background of continuing reports of anti-Jewish manifestations all over the world and mounting indications that while the swastika smearings and acts of desecration might, in large part, be the isolated acts of "lunatic fringe" and crackpot elements, in many areas local neo-Nazi or fascist organizations were also at work.

In Johannesburg, police reported discovery of an anti-Jewish anti-Catholic organization with headquarters in Natal believed responsible for swastika daubing there. The "Kommandant General" of the organization was arrested.

A spot check made by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency Washington Bureau today established that police in some cities were taking a more serious view of the swastika epidemic.

Baltimore police expressed the view that defacement of 11 institutions in Baltimore over the weekend was the work of an organized anti-Jewish group. A carefully made swastika stencil was used. Police are operating under a theory now that anti-Semitic manifestations in Baltimore should not be dismissed lightly as a "hula-hoop" fad of school-boys. They are seeking to link a local underground anti-Semitic group with a group that is attempting to establish itself nationally.

National Organization at Work in Jacksonville

Jacksonville, Florida police made known today they have evidence pointing to a national anti-Jewish organization. It was apparently uncovered in the probe of the defacement of Jacksonville synagogues.

Police in College Park, Md., site of the University of Maryland, said anti-Jewish activities there in recent days appeared to be the work of an "outside" organization rather than a campus prank. Adherents of the so-called "American Nazi Party" circulated anti-Jewish material on the campus. Tracts on "The Story of George Lincoln Rockwell and the American Nazi Party" were distributed to students. Distribution was made near dormitories.

Citizens over a wide area of the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D. C., reported receiving similar propaganda in recent days.

CHRISTIAN LEADERS COUNTER-ATTACK ELEMENTS INCITING ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Jan. 11, (JTA) -- High Catholic and Protestant clergymen, responsible governmental leaders and statesmen, and many organizations around the world counter-attacked today on the anti-Semitism that has plagued the world since the Christmas Eve desecration of a synagogue in Cologne, Germany.

Osservatore Romano and the Vatican Radio assailed anti-Semitism in sharpest tones over the weekend. "Anti-Semitism is both hatred and fear," stated the Catholic organs. "Both are irrational. Both, if collectively incited, are sinister manifestations in which the individual conscience is overcome by irresponsible pressures and collective folly."

The Vatican organs warned "people, particularly certain young elements, against the resurgence of deplorable racist fire."

The Rome Municipal Council adopted a resolution today expressing "solidarity with Jewish victims of racial persecution." A Social Democratic member of Italy's parliament, Deputy Flavio Orlandi, inquired of the Government as to whether it had taken steps against instigators of anti-Semitic attacks and whether it was trying to ascertain whether "a racist organization, with ramifications abroad was responsible for the outbreaks."

In Norway, the Protestant bishops and the most important lay Christian organizations issued a statement condemning the "very serious and dangerous things" happening now and asserting that "all must be done to stop these demonstrations and eradicate these tendencies."

Brazilian President Juscelino Kubitschek today visited the Rio de Janeiro home for aged Jewish victims of Nazism, which vandals had smeared with the swastika last week. Minister of Justice Armando Falcao assured a delegation of the Confederation of Brazilian Jewish Communities that the authorities would vigorously suppress anti-Jewish manifestations. Cardinal Don Jaime de Barros Camara, head of the Roman Catholic Church in Brazil, broadcast a sharp condemnation of the anti-Semitic manifestations.

Rio de Janeiro police established a 24-hour watch over the 36 Jewish institutions in the city. The Brazilian Students Union petitioned the Government to introduce special legislation barring anti-Semitism.

In Peru, newspapers expressed indignation today and condemned the revival of Nazi anti-Semitic manifestations throughout the world after the appearance here of the swastika smears. The swastika was daubed on Jewish buildings throughout the city this weekend and also on the Catholic Immaculada College.

In Santiago de Chile, Foreign Minister German Vergara said the Ministry of the Interior would apply strictly all laws "for the protection of internal security." The police authorities, he said, "must make it clear to all that Nazism is a philosophy of dictatorship which we will not tolerate in Chile."

In Mexico City, the Roman Catholic Archbishop condemned anti-Semitic vandalism, and said "the Church must fight with all its powers every expression of race hatred."

JEWISH MEMORIAL MEETINGS HELD IN POINTED ANSWERS TO SWASTIKA SMEARS

NEW YORK, Jan. 11, (JTA) -- As new reports of anti-Semitic manifestations all over the world were received, Jewish leadership today took note of resurgent Nazism in various manners, ranging from memorial services to warnings against panic.

Meetings commemorating Jewish martyrs of Nazism and fascism were held in many cities, from Tel Aviv and Jerusalem to Rome, Stockholm and Brussels.

In Paris, 1,000 non-Jewish and Jewish demonstrators, led by rabbis as well as by prominent Catholic and Protestant leaders, marched silently through the city streets to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Jewish Martyr.

In Amsterdam, Chief Rabbi Aaron Schuster advised the Dutch people, over a national television hook-up, not to view the anti-Semitic incidents as a danger to the Jewish community in The Netherlands.

Label A. Katz, international president of B'nai B'rith, cautioned in an address at Peoria, Ill., against jumping to "speculative conclusions" in regard to the spread of anti-Semitic incidents. "It would be harmful," he said, "to exaggerate the implications of what has been taking place." He warned that "developments cannot be evaluated with clarity until investigations show where a possible neo-Nazi conspiracy ends--and the dementia and hooliganism of psychopaths and delinquents begin. It is vital to separate the malcontents and juvenile pranksters from the organized conspirators."

At Montreal, U. S. Senator Jacob K. Javits of New York, addressing a convention of the Canadian Hadassah and Women's International Zionist Organization, viewed the current anti-Semitic incidents as "a kind of chain reaction by ultra right-wing elements in different countries, set off by the neo-Nazi spark in Germany."

Senator Javits held that "the painted smears and hate slogans" need not be considered as "heralding a new revival of organized anti-Semitism." But he warned that the incidents "sound a warning, not only to Jews, but to people of all faiths that we dare not dismiss except at our own peril."

U. A. R. TELLS DR. BUNCHE SUEZ CANAL BLOCKADE WILL NOT BE LIFTED

NEW YORK, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The United Arab Republic has informed Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, United Nations Undersecretary for Special Political Affairs, that it would continue to deny passage through the Suez Canal for ships and cargoes originating in Israel. The New York Times reported today from Cairo.

Dr. Bunche visited Cairo this weekend to discuss with the Government of the UAR its continued Suez Canal blockade against Israel on behalf of Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. His visit had been announced a month ago, but when he arrived, the Times said, he could see only a friend of President Gamal Abdel Nasser, Dr. Murad Ghaleb, Col. Nasser and the Foreign Minister of the UAR were at Aswan, participating in a celebration for the start of work on the new high dam there. The refusal to alter the government's position on the anti-Israel blockade was relayed to Dr. Bunche in a 40-minute conference with Dr. Ghaleb, according to the Times.

BEN-GURION TO HEAD MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The Israeli Cabinet approved yesterday formation of a ministerial committee on religious affairs headed by Premier David Ben-Gurion, which will process all religious issues before they are presented to the Cabinet.

Other members of the committee are Rabbi Y.M. Toledano, the Minister of Religions; Giora Josephthal, of Mapai, the Minister of Labor; Dr. Joseph Burg, Mizrachi, the Minister of Social Welfare, and Dr. Pinhas Rosen, Progressive, the Minister of Justice.

Dr. Burg was also named a member of the appointments committee for religious judges.

TRADE MINISTER TELLS CANADIANS OF NEED TO DEVELOP EXPORTS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Investment in Israel industry to enable expansion of exports and elimination of the country's adverse balance of payments was urged today by Pinhas Sapiro, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, when he received the Canadian national leadership mission now touring Israel to obtain a first-hand view of the country's situation. He set the export goal at 1,200,000,000 pounds annually. (\$666,667,000).

He described Israel's "Third Arm" plans to develop the country's economy by promoting direct investments from abroad in specific enterprises, both existing and contemplated. He said North and South America, South Africa and Europe were the likely areas for inception of this program.

Dr. Dov Joseph, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, told the 50-man mission yesterday that before Israel was fully established, another ten years would have to pass and another two million people settle here.

French, Israelis Weigh Measures to Increase Exports to France

JERUSALEM, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- French and Israeli trade experts sat down today in the Foreign Ministry to work out a new French-Israel trade agreement for 1960. Their chief problem was to devise means of increasing Israel exports to France.

The 1959 trade pact envisaged Israel exports to France to the amount of \$11,000,000, but Israel fell far short, exporting to France only to the extent of \$4,300,000 in the first 11 months of the year.

The 10-man French delegation is headed by Christian de Margerie, head of bilateral pacts department of the French Foreign Ministry's economic division. The Israeli contingent is headed by Eliezer Chelouche, head of the Foreign Ministry's economic division.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES \$5,000,000-DRIVE FOR NEW LIBRARY FACILITIES

JERUSALEM Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The launching of a \$5,000,000 campaign for the construction, equipment and expansion of the Hebrew University and National Library here was announced today by Dr. George S. Wise, chairman of the board of governors of the Hebrew University.

The library has, at present, about 1,000,000 volumes, scattered in seven separate structures. The new building, which is already under construction, will expand the library to 2,000,000 volumes, and will also include many manuscripts and the remains of libraries salvaged from European communities where these collections have survived wartime Nazi vandalism. In addition, the new library will contain microfilm and film divisions, and special sections for art and music, according to Dr. Wise.

(In New York, the American Friends of the Hebrew University announced that a new physics teaching building will be constructed on the Hebrew University's main campus in Jerusalem, the gift of two Americans, Maurice and George Levin, of South Orange, New Jersey. The men, brothers, are active in many national and local philanthropic enterprises.)

CRACOW JEWS RENOVATE OLD CEMETERY, RESTORE 16TH CENTURY TOMBSTONES

VIENNA, Jan. 11, (JTA) -- The famous old Jewish cemetery of Cracow, Poland, containing burial grounds sacred to many Jews around the world, has been cleaned up, ancient tombstones having been restored and their inscriptions re-engraved, according to a report from Cracow reaching here today.

A total of 267 tombstones have been renovated, some of the monuments dating back to the flourishing Jewish community of Cracow in the 16th Century. Among the tombstones are those marking the burial place of the famed Rabbi Moses Isserles, called the "Rema," a noted codifier of Hebrew learning, who died in 1572.

One group of tombstones marks the burial places of the dynasty of physicians and apothecaries founded by Solomon Calahora. The latter was personal physician to two of Poland's most famous kings, Sigismund Augustus and Stephen Batori, from 1570 to his death in 1596. In the same plot is the grave of Dr. Solomon Ashkenazi, a learned Jew who preceded Dr. Calahora as King's doctor.

In addition to restoring the ancient cemetery, the Cracow Jewish community has also rebuilt a high wall surrounding the burial grounds. The wall had been destroyed by the Nazis when they occupied Cracow during World War II. Many of the tombstones had been overturned or defaced by the Nazis.

SCHOOL BOARD ASKS FEDERAL COURT TO REVOKE BAN ON BIBLE READING

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 11, (JTA) -- The Abington Township School Board has petitioned the Federal Court to reconsider a ruling enjoining the reading of the Bible in the public schools of the State. The school board asked that the court either dismiss the action against it or provide a rehearing for presentation of additional testimony.

The board was barred from continuing the practice of compulsory Bible reading in the public schools in a suit brought by Unitarian parents, who charged that the compulsory Bible reading was a violation of the principle of separation of Church and State, and infringing on religious freedom. The parents' contention was upheld by a special three-man court last year.

The school board takes the position that a new State law, which became effective last November, has basically modified the position. The new law states that written requests by parents or guardians will excuse children from Bible readings. According to the school board's attorney, this rule eliminates the element of compulsion.

If the special court refuses to accede to the school board's new plea, the board has 60 days in which to file an appeal with the United States Supreme Court.

NEW BIBLIOGRAPHY LISTS JEWISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANADIAN LIFE

MONTREAL, Jan. 11, (JTA) -- A bibliography listing literary contributions which comprise "a spiritual inventory of Canadian Jewry, and a reflection of the Jewish spirit at work in Canada among Jews and Christians," was published today by the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Jewish Public Library here.

The 140-page work was compiled by David Rome, director of the Jewish Public Library, and includes an introduction by Samuel Bronfman, president of the Congress.

JEWISH SCHOLAR NAMED TO UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FACULTY

NEW YORK, Jan. 11, (JTA) -- A Jewish scholar was named today to the faculty of Union Theological Seminary, an institution of Christian learning. The appointee is Dr. Harry M. Orlinsky, professor of Bible at the New York school of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

PIONEER WOMEN CONTRIBUTE \$300,000 TO SISTER GROUP IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 11, (JTA) -- A total of \$300,000 has been transmitted in the past six months by Pioneer Women to its sister organization in Israel, the Working Women's Council, it was announced here by Mrs. Clara Leff, national president of the women's labor Zionist organization.

BENNO ELKAN, NOTED JEWISH SCULPTOR, DEAD IN LONDON AT 82

LONDON, Jan. 11, (JTA) -- Benno Elkan, the noted Jewish sculptor who created numerous monuments and busts in Britain and pre-Nazi Germany, died here today at the age of 82. He was an Officer of the British Empire, in recognition of his contribution to British art.

Born in Germany, Mr. Elkan was noted in that country for his monument dedicated to the victims of the first World War, which was removed by the Nazis and later restored by U.S. occupation troops. In 1934 he emigrated to Britain, where he executed busts of Winston Churchill, Chaim Weizmann, Arturo Toscanini and Lord Salisbury. He also cast the huge bronze menorah which was presented to the Israel Parliament by the British people in 1956, and now stands near the Knesset building in Jerusalem.