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QUESTION OF EX-NAZIS IN BONN GOVERNMENT RAISED IN U.S. CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, today raised a question in Congress of whether the German people, "in view of the presence of so many former Nazis in their government, interpret the attitude of their government to be one of tolerance of Nazism" despite expressions against anti-Semitism by Bonn leaders.

Rep. Farbstein, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, made known that he is examining the presence of former Nazis in the Bonn Government hierarchy. In a House speech, Rep. Farbstein said that although a world war was fought to de-Nazify Germany "we still find former Nazis in high places in the West German Government." He said he could not understand the "lassitude" on the part of the U.S. Government to anti-Semitic developments in West Germany and elsewhere.

(In Bonn, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's Government made known last night that it has prepared a special decree to deal with state emergencies in West Germany. The proposed legislation, which requires an amendment to the Constitution, would give the government strong powers to deal with internal threats to the security of the state. These powers include curtailment of free speech, free press, freedom of assembly and other civil rights.)

NO ANTI-JEWISH SIGNIFICANCE SEEN IN SMEARING OF SWASTIKAS IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The British Government is of the opinion that there may be no particular anti-Jewish or political significance behind the smearing of swastikas in England since Christian churches have also been daubed, Home Secretary R.A. Butler told the Parliament today. He was replying to a request by Socialist deputy Gordon Walker urging punishment of culprits.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Fisher, addressing a convocation at Coventry warned not to pay attention out of all proportions to the anti-Jewish incidents. He said these incidents did not represent the general feelings of the community. A resolution deploring anti-Semitism in England and abroad and asking for unity of all nations was adopted at the convocation.

The Archbishop of York, addressing the convocation, called the recent manifestations "loathsome." He urged all members of the convocation to do their utmost to bring about solidarity of all religions within the country.

The church and the schools of West Germany have failed in their attempt to eliminate the anti-Semitic teachings of Nazi Germany, Dr. Otto Dibelius, Bishop of the German Evangelical Church, declared here. The Bishop is taking part in a week-long meeting on Christian unity and will preach in the Coventry cathedral. He said he agreed with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's suggestion that young West German offenders caught in anti-Jewish acts should be thrashed on the spot.

Thirty British firms announced today that they would not supply products to West German industry in protest against anti-Semitism in the Federal Republic. The firms followed the lead of the Jewish-owned Stanmor Clothing Company which announced publicly last Friday that it had canceled all business dealings with West German companies.

One-fourth of all British families taking part in student and children foreign exchange visits have refused to accept German exchange visitors this year, it was reported today. R. Blake, director of a London agency which arranges such visits, said that 180 of the 750 British families registered with his agency had indicated they would not accept West German students or children as visitors with their families.

ITALIAN HOODLUMS ATTEMPT TO SET FIRE TO HOUSE OF 'FRIEND OF JEWS'

ROME, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The gravest anti-Semitic incident to occur in Italy so far, took place today in Leghorn, where unidentified hoodlums attempted to set fire to the house of Christian Democratic leader Gianfranco Merli, who was formerly press secretary to President Gronchi. The culprits, who attempted to ignite the building with kerosene-soaked rags, left a message, "swine friend of Jews."

'FUEHRER' OF NEO-NAZI YOUTH ORGANIZATION ARRESTED IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Police announced the arrest today of Albrecht Alberti, the "fuehrer" of a neo-Nazi youth organization in the province of Carinthia.

Police previously had arrested three officials of the movement in a raid on Alberti's apartment and confiscated a large collection of Nazi propaganda material but Alberti eluded them. Alberti, who held many high positions in the Nazi party, was arrested in 1945 but soon released. He became a leading member of the neo-Nazi Union Independent party.

A delegation representing the Federal Association of Austrian Youth Organizations today demanded that Minister of the Interior Josef Ahrtsch take legal action against the current neo-Nazi activity in Austria. At a ceremony here in which seven Austrian organizations laid wreaths at a memorial for Nazi victims, speakers demanded that schoolteachers inform the youth about the Nazi crimes.

A group of prominent Austrian writers published a declaration of protest against "anti-Semitic provocations" with a promise to fight such incidents because they involved all religious, racial and national groups.

HAMBURG COURT SENTENCES GERMAN TO NINE MONTHS FOR ANTI-SEMITISM

BONN, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A 38-year-old truck driver was sentenced here to nine months in jail for anti-Semitism. He was convicted of publicly stating that "it is good that the Jewish question is being rolled up again. I still have two sharp knives at home."

Dr. Heinrich Lübke, President of the West German Federal Republic, today received an appeal from the Council of Jews from Germany now in England, urging him to insist that the young generation of Germans should be taught that "the swastika is the sign of infamy."

LEBANON TO PRESENT 'PRACTICAL PROPOSALS' FOR SETTLING ARAB REFUGEES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Lebanon's Prime Minister Hussein Aweini told the Lebanese Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee at Beirut that he would present "practical proposals" for the resettlement of the Arab refugees, when the Arab League Council discusses that subject at Cairo on February 8, according to the Lebanese press, received here today. (See statement by King of Jordan on page 3.)

The influential Lebanese newspaper El Amsal, considered the official organ of the country's ruling Christian Falange Party, reported that the proposals involve a solution of the refugee problem through their resettlement in Arab countries. Each of the Arab states, the newspaper stated, would be asked to accept for resettlement a number of refugees in proportion to the country's population.

KING OF MOROCCO AND NASSER ISSUE JOINT STATEMENT AGAINST ISRAEL

DAMASCUS, Syria, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- King Mohammed V of Morocco and President Nasser of the United Arab Republic today marked the end of the king's 12-day state visit to Nasser with a joint communique calling for a "non-stop, joint struggle against Israel until Arab Palestine is liberated."

The UAR press has voiced pleasure at a recent press conference statement by President Eisenhower indicating consideration of further U.S. aid and designation of the World Bank as the proper channel for such aid.

BEN-GURION REPORTS TO PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON SECURITY MEASURES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Israel's fresh reappraisal of its security problem, in view of most recent developments in the Middle East, was continued here today when Parliament's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee heard a special report on the topic from Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion.

The problem was discussed at last Sunday's Cabinet meeting. The Parliament committee voted to renew the discussion soon, when Mrs. Golda Meir, the Foreign Minister, has returned from her current tour of several African capitals.

ISRAEL CABINET ORDERS STRICTER POLICY ON SHOWING GERMAN FILMS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Cabinet is reported to have decided to instruct the film censorship board of the Interior Ministry to pursue a much stricter policy on the showing of films having German co-producers. No German-made films are shown in Israel but many films having German co-producers have been issued licenses for showing in the country.

ISRAELI WARNED ON LOCUST; HELICOPTERS READY FOR SPRAYING OPERATIONS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A warning of a possible invasion of locusts from the Arabian Peninsula was issued here today by the Ministry of Agriculture. The Ministry announcement said that swarms of the insect, massed on the peninsula, could be brought to Israel by any east wind.

Air reconnaissance units have been organized to detect the locusts' approach while planes and helicopters are being readied for spraying operations.

JORDAN RIVER PROJECT TO SAVE ISRAEL \$100,000,000 A YEAR, ESHKOL SAYS

PETACH TIKVAH, Israel, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance, predicted today that during the next five years the first stage of the Jordan River project for irrigating the Negev would be completed and that 250,000,000 pounds will be invested in consolidating Israel's new settlements.

Mr. Eshkol also told the Histadrut Agricultural Workers Association convention that agricultural production would be increased by 50 percent which would mean savings of about \$100,000,000 a year in increased exports or decreased imports.

He called for more planning in agriculture, particularly in the direction of industrial plantations. The question of planned agriculture and further expansion of cultivated areas was one of the principal topics of the convention because of current surpluses in some crops.

Pinhas Sapir, Minister of Trade, discussed future industrial development based on farm planning. The possibilities of exporting summer crops from the Negev to Europe also were discussed.

Delegates were told that so far in the current citrus season, exports of citrus fruits had reached 2,100,000 cases, which was slightly less than the exports of the corresponding period last year. Most of the fruit went to England, with West Germany next, followed by Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Finland.

TWO ARABS SENTENCED IN ISRAEL FOR SPYING FOR ARAB INTELLIGENCE

TEL AVIV, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Two Arabs from northern Israel were found guilty of working for the Lebanese intelligence service and sentenced to 12 and seven years in prison, it was disclosed today.

The Arabs were arrested after trying to enlist the services of a Haifa Jew for espionage purposes. Their names and home cities were not disclosed.

KING OF JORDAN LAUDED FOR OUTSPOKEN STATEMENT ON ARAB REFUGEES

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Leading American newspapers today lauded King Hussein of Jordan for a statement made by him in Amman criticizing Arab leaders for "using Palestine Arab refugees as pawns for selfish political purposes." The ruler of Jordan accused rulers of other Arab countries of approaching the Palestine refugee problem in "an irresponsible, ridiculous and even criminal" manner.

Terming the statement of the young King as courageous, The New York Times says editorially today that the first condition for any solution of the Arab refugee problem is Arab recognition that Israel is there to stay. "But even then," the editorial emphasizes, "it will take concessions from both the Arabs and the Israelis to solve the refugee problem, and it is encouraging that numerous proposals are being advanced by both sides, however far apart they may still be.

"In any case, since Israel has already absorbed thousands of Jewish refugees from Arab lands, a real solution can lie only in absorption of the bulk of the Arab refugees by the Arab states, with some repatriation to Israel and compensation for the rest. The Arab leaders might well keep in mind the fact that playing politics with human misery is not only 'criminal' but also stupid," the Times editorial says.

The New York Herald-Tribune points out in an editorial that "King Hussein's courageous statement indicates that Arab unity upon the important issue of the Palestine refugees is neither as solid nor as unyielding as it is often made out to be." Predicting that the King's statement is bound to have repercussions throughout the Arab world, the editorial states:

"Jordan is more willing than other Arab lands to face up to the need for a responsible, constructive approach to the refugee problem. Whether such an approach will ever be undertaken, and whether the Arab leadership at large will start regarding the refugees less as a political weapon and more as a problem in human rehabilitation and resettlement, will depend largely upon urging and insistence of the outside world--which, after all, is footing the refugees' bills."

U. N. MOVES MEETING FROM PAKISTAN TO SECURE ISRAEL'S ATTENDANCE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Pakistan's refusal to admit an Israeli delegation as "observer" to the scheduled session of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, which was to have been held at Karachi, beginning February 17, has caused the UN to alter the opening date of the ECAFE meeting and to move it to Bangkok, Thailand, according to an official announcement made here today.

The fact that Pakistan would not admit any Israelis even to attend a formal UN meeting became known here last week. Today, Philippe de Seynes, Undersecretary for Economic and Social Affairs, notified all members of ECAFE, and all other members of the United Nations, of the change in the schedule and place.

The ECAFE meeting will be opened at Bangkok on March 9, according to Mr. de Seynes. In his cable to all concerned, Mr. de Seynes stated: "It appears that it would be impossible for a member state of the United Nations to participate if the session were held at Karachi, Pakistan."

NEW YORK CITY CONFERENCE DISCUSSES ACTION ON ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A five-point program for dealing with anti-Semitic activities in the New York area was proposed yesterday at an emergency conference called by Mayor Wagner's Commission on Intergroup Relations. Participants found that the current anti-Semitic incidents had "the dangerous potential of an outbreak."

Commission chairman Alfred J. Marrow, who summarized the findings of the four-hour conference, said that police action must be stern and based on the premise that "any aggressions against any minority group will not be tolerated by the community." The meeting was attended by leaders of 68 religious, educational, civic, labor, industry and veterans groups.

General conference agreement was reported on a finding by Deputy Police Commissioner Walter Arm that only one of the 50 cases of anti-Semitism listed by police since December 20 had evidence of "organized" neo-Nazism. That was the arrest in Queens of three young men found with swastika arm bands and Nazi literature. The three are awaiting a hearing.

Commissioner Arm reported that of the 37 individuals arrested in 15 incidents, the majority were under 16 years of age and none were over 21. The suggestions of the conference to meet the problem included these points:

1. Police must be stern in cases of anti-religious and anti-racial demonstrations. The hatred shown in such incidents is a fact which was inexistence before the current outburst of incidents and it is not a problem only for the Jewish population.
2. The schools must do a better job in fostering human relationships. More attention to modern European history, with proper emphasis on the Nazi regime, was suggested for high school curricula.
3. Clergymen of all faiths should give more attention to community behavior. Congregations could be brought together on a neighborhood basis to promote mutual respect.
4. The press should report all the facts but avoid sensationalizing such incidents.
5. Brotherhood parades on a neighborhood basis might be one way to foster respect and tolerance between different faiths and races.

There was no general agreement on whether existing laws were severe enough to halt impulses of extremists. Some of the conference participants favored stiffer penalties for organized hate-peddling.

Mrs. Harriette Lubow, an officer of the city commission, told the conference that a number of Columbia University students have been wearing swastika pins or arm-bands and that a "virulent swastika fad" existed at the university's John Jay Hall. A Columbia University spokesman said the university had no information about the alleged swastika fad.

While the meeting was underway, 200 persons picketed the West German Consulate General here to protest anti-Semitic incidents in West Germany. Deputy Consul Franz Hoffman invited in a delegation and gave the pickets a statement prepared by Consul General Georg A. Federer which declared that the Federal Republic was "determined to crush any resurgence of neo-Nazism."

New York and New Jersey State Assemblies Act to Curb Anti-Semitism

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The New York State Assembly adopted a resolution here last night, condemning recent desecrations of synagogues, churches and cemeteries around the world. The resolution, which was adopted by the State Senate last week, directs the law revision commission to determine if present state law was adequate to deal with such acts.

The New Jersey Assembly unanimously approved a bill yesterday, which makes any desecration of religious, charitable or educational property a misdemeanor punishable by up to three years in prison and a \$1,000 fine. Under present law, an act of vandalism which causes less than \$200 damage is classed as a disorderly persons offense. The bill, introduced by Assemblyman William F. Hyland, of Camden, now goes to the Senate for approval.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES NEW PROGRAM IN JEWISH STUDIES

WALTHAM, Mass., Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Brandeis University today announced the creation of an Institute in Advanced Jewish Studies underwritten by a grant from Philip W. Lown.

Mr. Lown, a Fellow of Brandeis University and prominent leader in Jewish causes throughout the nation, has provided funds to establish an academic program of Advanced Jewish Studies on a scholarly level, unrelated in any way to theological indoctrination. The Institute will provide a center of independent research on all branches of Jewish studies. It will encourage this research by offering fellowships to scholars of all faiths working on projects approved or commissioned by the Philip Lown Institute.