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DR. OBERLAENDER RESIGNS FROM BONN CABINET; CHARGED WITH LEMBERG POGROM

BONN, April 26. (JTA) -- Dr. Theodor Oberlaender, a member of the West German Cabinet, ended a lengthy controversy over his Nazi past by resigning today as Minister for Refugees.

He handed his resignation to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in another reversal of several stands he has taken since he was first accused of participating in the 1941 massacre of Polish intellectuals and Jews in Lemberg in what was then Nazi-occupied Poland.

Two weeks ago, Chancellor Adenauer's Christian Democrats and the opposition Social Democrats reached agreement on a formula under which Dr. Oberlaender was to take an indefinite vacation from his post with the understanding he would retire May 1, on a pension. The Social Democrats called off their demands for a Parliamentary probe of the Lemberg charges when that agreement was reached.

Dr. Oberlaender announced late last week that he would not resign and demanded a Parliamentary inquiry "to rehabilitate me completely." The resignation followed today.

SENATE BODY GETS U.S. GOVERNMENT VIEWS ON ANTI-ISRAEL BLOCKADE OF SUEZ

WASHINGTON, April 26. (JTA) -- The views of the United States Government on the problem of the Suez blockade against Israel were outlined here before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee by G. Lewis Jones, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

Mr. Jones said that an upsurge in the tension on the frontiers between Israel and the United Arab Republic "appears now to be subsiding." However, he emphasized that "a particularly difficult and continuing problem in Arab-Israel relations is the question of the restrictions imposed on the transit of Israeli ships and cargoes through the Suez Canal."

The United States, he said, "has consistently maintained its support for the principle of freedom of transit through Suez. In addition to ourselves, some 23 other states made statements in support of this principle during the recent UN General Assembly." He added that the State Department continues "to believe that the United Nations channel affords the best prospect for achieving progress on this problem and is "actively supporting the Secretary General's endeavors.

It was the hope of the State Department that Mr. Hammarskjold's efforts on Suez "will be brought to an early and successful conclusion," he stated. At the same time he reported that despite United States and United Nations efforts, "neither the Arab states nor Israel have shown the degree of willingness to negotiate or compromise" on the Arab refugee issue. Such negotiation or compromise was necessary to insure a peaceful and lasting settlement of this problem, he emphasized.

Urging continued American support of the UNRWA program for Arab refugees, Mr. Jones said that "had UNRWA gone out of existence, this would have created serious internal security problems for all of the Arab host governments and would have been a blow to the general stability of the Near East adversely affecting the security of Israel."

He termed the Arab refugee problem "a most important element" in Arab-Israeli differences, and told the committee that "We would be deluding ourselves were we to say there is any hope for an early solution for this problem." The problem, he said, would have to be solved "by the states in the area themselves, if it is going to be a viable lasting solution. I do not believe that a solution can be imposed from outside."

C. Douglas Dillon, Under Secretary of State, also appeared before the committee and was subjected to much questioning on the Arab-Israel stalemate. He told the committee the Arab refugee situation continued to be "a serious potential source of instability in the Near East."

The resettlement has not proved practicable because of the political realities in the area, Mr. Dillon said. "We have succeeded in having the Palestine Conciliation

Commission reconvened, and we hope that it will make possible a more fundamental attack on the refugee problem," he declared.

Chairman of Senate Committee Deplores Picketing of Cleopatra

WASHINGTON, April 26. (JTA) -- Chairman J. W. Fulbright of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday denounced trade unions for picketing the Egyptian freighter Cleopatra and deplored the action of a "pressure group" he accused of undermining American foreign policy.

In a speech on the Senate floor, Sen. Fulbright alleged that undue pressures were being imposed on U.S. Near Eastern policy by elements in the United States. He said the picketing of the Cleopatra in New York Harbor was "calculated to thwart the objectives of our Government's foreign policy" and represented interference with "peace and stability in the Near East."

Senator Fulbright expressed a view that the United Arab Republic's restrictions on certain shipping were being appropriately handled by the United States and United Nations "through diplomatic channels." He characterized the picketing of the Cleopatra as an attempt "to force political action in an area of most delicate international negotiations."

ISRAEL CABINET BODY APPROVES FLOATING OF 40,000,000-POUND LOAN

JERUSALEM, April 26. (JTA) -- Flotation of a new 40,000,000-pound (\$22,000,000) Government loan was approved here today by the Ministerial Economic Committee. The bond issue, which would pay interest of six percent, is subject to ratification by the Parliament.

INDIA FORBIDS CROSSING TO BURMESE AIRPLANE ON FLIGHT TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 26. (JTA) -- India forbade a Burmese airplane to cross its air-space on a flight from Rangoon to Lydda Airport because the plane carried "military personnel," it was revealed here today. The Burmese ship, carrying 40 Burmese Army men and ex-servicemen, as well as 60 members of their families, landed at Lydda today, 24 hours late, having had to take a round-about route because of the Indian ban.

The Burmese group has come to Israel to spend a year studying methods for establishment and operation of new settlements and agricultural development. Upon completion of the year's course, the Burmese group will return home to implement their newly learned methods along Burma's sparsely-populated northern frontier. Today's group is the second of this type from Burma. The first Burmese group completed its 12-month course study several weeks ago, and is now back in Burma.

LONDON UNIVERSITY ELIMINATES POEM CARRYING ANTI-JEWISH CONNOTATIONS

LONDON, April 26. (JTA) -- London University will exclude from its examination syllabus, beginning next year, the Chaucer "Ballad of Little Hugh of Lincoln," because it has outright anti-Semitic connotations, it was announced here today by Mrs. Elsie Janner, chairman of the education committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

According to Mrs. Janner, the committee has sought the deletion of the Chaucer ballad from the syllabus because the poem describes the alleged murder of a Christian child presumably killed by Jews for "ritual blood" purposes. The university has now assured the committee, she said, that the poem will no longer be included in the syllabus.

Mrs. Janner announced also that her committee will launch a campaign to explain Judaism to non-Jewish youth in this country. The purpose, she said, is to help eliminate possible anti-Jewish prejudices among non-Jewish youth in Britain.

ANCIENT JEWISH CEMETERY IN GERMANY DESECRATED; 50 TOMBSTONES SMASHED

FUERTH, West Germany, April 26. (JTA) -- Vandals who smashed about 50 tombstones in a 400-year-old Jewish cemetery here were hunted today by police who asked the public help in their hunt.

Fuerth Jewish leaders called the wreckage "a sadistic work of destruction." Police said that the extent of the damage indicated that the vandals must have spent several hours smashing the grave markers with crowbars and sledgehammers.

In Giessen, police announced today they had traced three 10-year-old boys as the culprits responsible for the desecration of a Jewish cemetery two weeks ago in Assenheim. They turned over 25 tombstones. The police said no anti-Semitic motives had been found for the vandalism. It was also reported that a Jewish cemetery in Gross-karten was desecrated over the weekend.

JEWS IN ITALY TO PUBLISH DOCUMENTATIONS ON RACIAL PERSECUTIONS

ROME, April 26. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Communities of Italy has decided to publish a complete documentation and history of racial persecutions in Italy. Dr. Renzo de Felice, a noted Italian historian, has been assigned the task of preparing the study.

PAMPHLET INSULTING TO JEWS BANNED FROM WASHINGTON SCHOOL SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, April 26. (JTA) -- The District of Columbia public school system today made known that it has rejected a new World Affairs pamphlet because it seeks to blame Jews for Communism in South Africa.

The pamphlet, published in the "Headline Series" of the Foreign Policy Association, stated that Communist leadership in South Africa "is mostly white and, as in similar groups in Europe, often Jewish."

William H. Jenkins, supervising director of the history department of the District school system, considered the pamphlet non-objective and questionable. Teachers were told to stop using it because of the controversial reference to Jews. It had been used in a course on world problems.

The Foreign Policy Association describes itself as "a national educational organization serving the American People." It claims to be non-partisan, non-governmental, and non-profit. Mr. Jenkins commented that the association's "Headline Series" had previously been considered reasonably good. The African pamphlet, said Mr. Jenkins, was "the first one with a statement as radical as this."

The school board authorized the classroom use of the "Headline Series" in 1958. Mr. Jenkins has now asked teachers to carefully check other pamphlets in the series before assigning them to students.

U.S. SUPREME COURT TO REVIEW CONSTITUTIONALITY OF SUNDAY CLOSING LAWS

WASHINGTON, April 26. (JTA) -- The constitutionality of the variety of state Sunday closing laws in the United States, under which Jewish merchants have been repeatedly penalized, will be reviewed by the United States Supreme Court.

The court yesterday ordered oral arguments in blue law cases from Massachusetts, Maryland and Pennsylvania. The cases will be heard and decided at the next term of the Supreme Court which begins next October.

Jews are directly involved in the Massachusetts case in which the Crown Kasher Supermarket of Springfield, Mass., sued to bar enforcement. The suit contended the Massachusetts Lord's Day Act, which stems from a 1653 Colonial law and which has been amended more than 70 times, discriminated against owners of the supermarket who were required by their faith as Orthodox Jews to remain closed on Saturdays.

Chief Judge Calvert Magruder of the First Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the Lord's Day act discriminated against the Crown Kasher Supermarket by favoring one religion over another and that the exemptions were so numerous as to be irrational. He ruled that the law was unconstitutional.

A three-judge district court in Philadelphia last December denied an injunction against Pennsylvania's blue law sought by a highway discount house. One phase of the struggle is between such firms, which do a heavy business on Sunday, and urban department stores, which are closed on Sunday.

The dispute also has overtones of Christian-Jewish differences, since the laws have been strongly supported by various church groups. The Massachusetts law was endorsed by the Lord's Day League of New England and the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Men.

AMHERST COLLEGE ACCEPTS FUND AFTER CONDITIONS OF BIAS ARE REMOVED

NEWARK, April 26. (JTA) -- Amherst College was ready today to accept a scholarship loan fund after Superior Court Judge David A. Pindar ruled yesterday to remove the words "Protestant" and "Gentile" from the will setting up the fund. The college had refused to accept the gift because of the religious qualifications.

The bequest had been left by an alumnus, C. Edward McKinney of East Orange, N. J., who died in 1957. McKinney, a bachelor, left a \$50,000 trust fund to the college for the loan fund and made the college the beneficiary of the rest of his \$200,000 estate.

\$1,000,000 RAISED FOR U. J. A. AT DINNER OF JEWISH WELFARE BOARD

NEW YORK, April 26. (JTA) -- More than \$1,000,000 in contributions to the United Jewish Appeal were announced at a dinner here tonight sponsored by the National Jewish Welfare Board on behalf of the UJA of Greater New York. Walter N. Rothschild, noted Jewish philanthropist, was honored at the dinner for 45 years of communal service.

Speakers at the dinner laid particular stress on Mr. Rothschild's service during World War II as chairman of JWB's Armed Services Committee. Diplomats of Great Britain, the Soviet Union and Nationalist China--three of America's major World War II allies--attended the dinner. They were British Consul John C. Cloake, Nationalist Chinese Consul K. W. Yu, and the First Secretary of the Soviet Union's UN delegation, Nikolai Burov.

CENTENARY OF ALLIANCE ISRAELITE UNIVERSELLE CELEBRATED IN ALGIERS

ALGIERS, April 26. (JTA) -- The centenary of Alliance Israelite Universelle was celebrated here tonight at a meeting attended by leading Christian and Jewish clergymen and senior officers of the French Army. Louis Kahn, director general of the French Shipyards here, presided at the meeting.

N. Y. MAYOR PROCLAIMS 'ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY'; CITY TO SALUTE ISRAEL

NEW YORK, April 26. (JTA) -- Mayor Robert F. Wagner today announced the observance by the City of New York of May 13, 1960 as "Israel Independence Day in New York City." In a proclamation issued in connection with the forthcoming 12th anniversary of Israel's statehood, Mayor Wagner lauded the Jewish State as a "bulwark of democracy for the free world against expansion by aggressors."

Ceremonies marking Israel Independence Day will be held on May 12 on the steps of City Hall. Israel's new Consul General, Dr. Benjamin Eliav, will represent his Government at the observance. New York State Governor Nelson Rockefeller will also participate.

U.S. TECHNION SOCIETY RECEIVES \$500,000 GIFT FROM TEXAS FAMILY

NEW YORK, April 26. (JTA) -- A gift of \$500,000 for the advancement of engineering education in Israel has been received by the American Technion Society, it was announced today by Dr. Abraham Tulin, chairman of the board of the Society.

Half of this half-million dollar gift came from the estate of Sadie Danciger, of Texas and Arizona, and the other half from the estate of her brother, Dan Danciger, also of Texas. Both were the children of the late Joseph Danciger, who founded the family fortune in Texas oil ventures. The Danciger gift will be used to establish a building that will house the major part of Technion's Faculty of Mechanical Engineering. The funds will also be used to establish scholarships in memory of Sadie and Joseph Danciger.

ARIEH ESHEL ASSUMES POST OF ISRAEL'S DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE TO U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 26. (JTA) -- Arie Eshel, for the last two years Israel's Ambassador to Uruguay, today assumed the post of Deputy Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations.

Born in Germany, and a graduate in law and economics from the universities of Berlin and the Sorbonne in Paris, Mr. Eshel has been in the Israel diplomatic service since the rebirth of the state in 1948. Much of his service has been in Latin America or in connection with Latin American affairs. He was also Consul General in Vienna and, for two years, director of the East European Division of the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem.

ISRAEL DIPLOMAT ARRIVES IN CUBA FOR POST IN HAVANA; SERVED IN U.S.

HAVANA, Cuba, April 26. (JTA) -- Shamai Cahana, Israel's new Charge d'Affaires in Cuba, arrived here to take up his post. Mr. Cahana, who was First Secretary at the Israel Embassy in Lima, Peru, succeeds Joel Barromi, who has been named Counsellor at the Israel Embassy in Buenos Aires. Mr. Cahana was welcomed on his arrival by Foreign Ministry officials and leaders of the Cuban Jewish community.

The new Charge d'Affaires was at one time the private secretary of former Israeli Premier Moshe Sharett. He also served as Second Secretary of the Israel Embassy in Washington and was a member of Israel's Mission to the United Nations.

THREE ISRAELI PROFESSORS AWARDED ROTHSCHILD FOUNDATION PRIZES

TEL AVIV, April 26. (JTA) -- Professor Max Kurrein of the Haifa Institute of Technology, a specialist in metallurgy, Prof. S. Agmon, an authority on analytical mathematics and Prof. D. Patinkin, an economist, were awarded Rothschild Foundation prizes for work in their fields. Professors Agmon and Patinkin are members of the Hebrew University faculty. Each prize was 5,000 pounds.

The presentations were made in a park surrounding the burial place of Baron and Baroness Edmond Rothschild near Zichron Yaakov. The prizes were presented by Prof. James de Rothschild of Cambridge University, a cousin of the late James de Rothschild who set up the Foundation. Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, who was unable to attend, sent greetings to the participants and congratulated the three scientists on their contributions.

SOPHIE UDIN, AMERICAN LIBRARIAN, DIES IN ISRAEL; ORGANIZED STATE ARCHIVES

JERUSALEM, April 26. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held today for Sophie Udin, of New York, a pioneer in the field of library science who organized the State Archives and is credited with having developed Israel's network of libraries. She died Sunday after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Udin, who came to Israel from the United States shortly after the establishment of the State, was one of the founders of the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel. She lectured in library science at the Hebrew University.