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DANGER OF ANTI-SEMITISM TO BE STRESSED TO PUPILS IN BERLIN SCHOOLS

BERLIN, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Elementary school children in West Berlin's schools, from the age of 10 up, are going to be taught the dangers of nazism and anti-Semitism, and will be given a complete history of the Hitlerian atrocities against Jews, according to a new curriculum announced here today.

The curriculum, which will go into effect at the beginning of the new school year in the fall, will, according to the official plan, "attempt to get down to the very roots of Hitlerism, show up anti-Semitism and other persecutions, and tear down the false glorification of Hitler and his regime."

On the 10-year-old level, teachers will explain to the children the meaning of various symbols like the Star of David, the Soviet star, the swastika and the Red Cross. They will be told about the mass murder of Jewish children in Nazi concentration camps.

Later, the history of persecutions against Jews will be led back to Roman times and forward again to the anti-Jewish atrocities committed by the Nazis. In higher grades, pupils will be told about the Nuremberg Laws, the events of Crystal Night of 1938 when every Synagogue in Germany was attacked by the Nazis, and the campaign for systematic extermination of all Jews, first in Germany then in Europe.

In higher grades, teachers will go into today's laws in West Germany calling for restitution, indemnification and compensation to Jewish victims of Nazi persecutions.

"The children will be taught to realize," said an Education Ministry official, "that there is a new order now which condemns the past atrocities and injustices, puts an end to the Nazi cruelties, and strives for the equal treatment of all men."

(A group of 20 young Germans from West Berlin arrived in Israel today for a 16-day visit. Members of a non-political youth organization, they are the first organized group from West Berlin to visit Israel. The visitors, aged between 16 and 23, are secondary school pupils, university students and trade apprentices. Half of the cost of their trip is being financed by the West Berlin Senate.)

JEWISH WAR VETERANS DISCUSS ARAB BOYCOTT; SUGGEST ACTION IN U. S.

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Aug. 11 (JTA) -- A list of American firms that surrendered to Arab pressure and refused to trade with Israel was presented here today to the several thousand delegates of the 63rd annual convention of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States now taking place here.

In presenting this list, JWV leaders suggested a counter-boycott in this country of goods from Arab League nations. They also requested that the new JWV commander to be elected by the convention meet with the two Presidential nominees to seek pledges that, if elected, they will implement provisions of the Mutual Security Act denying U. S. economic aid to Arab countries discriminating against Americans on religious grounds and denying freedom of navigation in international waterways.

Shimshon Arad, Israel Consul in New York, addressed the convention today. He said that Arab claims of success of their boycott were exaggerated. Only a comparatively small number of companies had actually yielded to Arab pressure, he stated. He analyzed the structure, methods, scope and aims of the Arab boycott.

Renault's Yielding to Arab Pressure Results in Loss to Firm

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Regie Renault, the French automobile manufacturer which joined the anti-Israel boycott last November under pressure of the Arab League boycott office, has sold exactly two Cauphire cars in Egypt since that time, figures received here today revealed.

Regie Renault canceled its contract with the Kaiser-Frazer plant in Haifa in November, 1959, where Renault cars had been assembled for sale in Israel and for Israeli export. It was learned here, further, that Cairo authorities, who had promised to establish a Renault plant in Egypt, have gone back on their promise and have, instead, entered into a contract with a rival French auto manufacturer, the Simca Company.

ISRAEL'S ATOMIC REACTOR READY FOR OPERATION; BUILT WITH U.S. AID

TEL AVIV, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Israel's first atomic reactor at Nabi Rubin, 10 miles south of Tel Aviv, will shortly complete its running-in period after two months of operation, it was reported here today.

The reactor, which was built with American aid and uses uranium-enriched rods furnished by the United States, has already achieved an output of 1,000 kilowatts, it was learned here. The plant, erected at a cost of 6,000,000 pounds (\$3,180,000), is of the "swimming pool" type.

An official ceremony, inaugurating the operation of the reactor, is scheduled to be held in a few weeks. The reactor plant will be used to train technicians for work on atomic power plants.

ISRAELI EMISSARIES CHARGED WITH LACKING KNOWLEDGE OF JEWRY ABROAD

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Israeli emissaries abroad lack sufficient knowledge of contemporary Jewish life in countries outside of Israel, it was charged today at a press conference arranged by the Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry.

Israel Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, addressing the conference, stressed the necessity to equip Israeli representatives abroad with comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the Jewish communities in the Diaspora.

S. Z. Shazar, member of the Jewish Agency executive, said: "Never before have our emissaries -- whether ambassadors, consuls, commercial representatives, fund-raisers or educators -- been as lacking in knowledge about conditions among the Jews in the world as now. In the past two decades, the changes in Jewish life have been so vast and revolutionary, but only a few of our emissaries have more than a hazy idea about the actual conditions."

The Institute, it was announced, has inaugurated a one-month course of special instruction for foreign emissaries, to help inform them about the conditions among Jews abroad. The Institute was established a year ago with the Government of Israel and the Jewish Agency sharing the cost.

Benjamin Mazar, president of Hebrew University, announced that Dr. Moshe Davis, head of the Institute, will soon leave for Mexico, Argentina, Britain, and several countries on the European continent to study the Jewish communities in those areas and establish contacts with social scientists and other authorities on contemporary Judaism.

ISRAEL EASES IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON LUXURY ITEMS; RAISES CUSTOMS DUTIES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- In an effort to increase revenues, the Government announced today a sharp rise in customs duties and excise taxes on a variety of consumer goods and automotive spare parts. At the same time, the Treasury decided to ease import restrictions on what it considers luxury items for which higher customs duties are normally imposed.

An additional 10,000,000 pounds (\$5,600,000) in annual revenue is expected to result from the increased taxes, it was estimated here. A Treasury spokesman expressed the hope today that the increases would not affect the cost-of-living index more than one quarter of a point.

The Cabinet Economic Committee approved the increased taxes during a night-long session last night, shortly after the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, adjourned for a ten-week recess. The Government thus avoided an immediate reaction from Knesset members on the floor of the House.

The higher levies will affect the local prices of such items as bottled cooking gas, cooking ranges, food mixers, electric shavers, automobile radios, automotive spare parts, pianos, alcoholic beverages and heavy construction equipment.

ISRAEL TO TRANSFER ITS INTEREST IN BLACK STAR SHIPPING LINE TO GHANA

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- The Black Star shipping line of Ghana, hitherto a joint Israeli-Ghana enterprise, will pass into exclusive Ghanaian ownership on August 26 when the Accra Government takes over the 40 percent interest of the Zim-Israel Navigation Company, it was announced here today.

The Israeli shipping firm will continue to manage the Black Star line for five years in return for two-and-one-half percent of the gross revenue, the announcement disclosed.

Dr. N. Wydra, director of the Zim lines, said today that the company felt that its mission with regard to joint operations with Ghana was to train the Ghanaians to take over all departments in the shortest time. "Our job is to train them effectively, hand over and go home," he declared.

SOVIET-ISRAEL TALKS ON RUSSIAN PROPERTY IN JERUSALEM PROGRESSING

JERUSALEM, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Long-pending negotiations between Israel and the Government of the Soviet Union, concerning millions of dollars worth of property, were suspended last night to give each delegation an opportunity to consult with its governmental authorities. The interruption of the talks was believed to indicate that the negotiators have come close to agreement on some substantive points which now need official government approval, at least in principle.

The dispute involves valuable property in this city, an area known as the "Russian Compound," which now includes buildings used by the Israeli Supreme Court, police headquarters, the Ministries of Labor and Communications, Jerusalem City Hall, as well as some private offices and shops.

Much of the land and many of the buildings belonged, before Israel's new State was reborn in 1948 --and for about a century earlier-- to a Russian philanthropic society, the Russian Orthodox Society. Some titles had been registered in the name of the Czar of Russia or in the name of a royal Russian duke.

The Israelis hold that real ownership of the property belonged to the Russian Orthodox Society, but that titles were registered in the names of others to get around restrictions on real estate ownership by private organizations imposed last century by the Turkish regime which had jurisdiction over Palestine.

The Israel Government has already turned over some Russian church property to religious authorities appointed by the Moscow government. The Russians now contend that all the property formerly belonging to the Russian Orthodox Society now belongs to that organization's legal successor, the Palestine Society, which is affiliated with the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

DANGER SEEN IN 'UPPER LEVEL' DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWS IN U. S.

STARLIGHT, Pa., Aug. 11 (JTA) -- "Upper Level" discrimination against Jews in this country is a "major danger" because it could exclude Jews from power and influence in the general community, Sol Rabkin, director of the law department of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, warned here today.

Mr. Rabkin addressed teen-age regional officers of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization who are here attending the group's annual leadership training institute. "The vicious social cycle which depends upon snob appeal is one of the last and, perhaps, most serious discriminatory barriers facing Jews in the United States today," said Mr. Rabkin.

These discriminations, he declared, are practiced in high-priced housing, "fancy" vacation resorts and top-salaried supervisory positions where "false standards of exclusiveness" are established. "As long as discrimination against Jews is considered 'fashionable' by those who are regarded by some as constituting the upper level of American society, status seekers will do likewise. Thus a major danger is that Jews will become wholly excluded from the power structure of the community," he said.

"The desire of Jews to break down 'upper level' barriers is not a matter of desiring to go where they are unwelcome. Nor is it a matter of status-seeking for themselves. It is rather an issue of smashing spurious and undesirable patterns of behavior," he emphasized.

ANTI-SEMITISM IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH CHRISTIANITY, JESUIT LEADER SAYS

TORONTO, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- "Anti-Semitism is not compatible" with true Christianity, Father Gordon F. George, superior of the Jesuit province of Upper Canada, declared here. He emphasized that true Christians "are spiritually Semites" and sharply scored the "merchants of hate" who are even today "eager" to spread anti-Semitism.

"It has always been a mystery to me," said Father George, "how an apparently genuine Christian can allow himself to indulge in the prejudice of anti-Semitism." The Jesuit leader, stating his opinions in an article in the daily newspaper Globe and Mail here, recalled that Pope John XXIII met with Label A. Katz, president of B'nai B'rith, at the Vatican, last winter, telling Mr. Katz: "You of the Old Testament and we of the New must come closer and closer as brothers under God, to work for peace throughout the world."

Father George recalled that the late Pope Pius XI stated in a decree in 1928: "The Apostolic See condemns most emphatically the hatred directed against a people which was once chosen by God, that particular hatred which today commonly goes by the name of anti-Semitism."

In the opinion of the Jesuit Priest, the forthcoming trial in Israel of Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi leader who directed the extermination of 6,000,000 Jews, "will undoubtedly

dramatize again the tragic history of the Jewish people." The Nazi holocaust, he said, "was such a nightmare of horror that our imaginations are not equal to the task of grasping it."

He paid high tribute to the martyrs of the Warsaw Ghetto, "Their heroic resistance against all hope before a murderous oppressor is one of the glowing pages of human history," he stated. "No banal picture of the fawning, self-serving Jew can stand against the real-life courage and devotion to principle of those who chose death rather than timid surrender to tyranny."

"Here in Canada," Father George pointed out, "there are about 250,000 Jews who have made a splendid contribution to our national life in the arts, professions, sciences and in industry. The climate of religious and racial tolerance among Canadians, while far from perfect, is still something we can point to with a measure of pride."

NEW CANADIAN BILL OF RIGHTS ADOPTED; PROVIDES FOR NON-DISCRIMINATION

OTTAWA, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- The new Canadian Bill of Rights, adopted unanimously by the House of Commons, and in the Senate without a recorded vote, affirms that the human rights and fundamental freedoms the bill enumerates "have existed and shall continue to exist without discrimination by reason of race, national origin, color, religion or sex."

The rights and freedoms so guaranteed were listed as: "the right of the individual to life, liberty, security of the person and enjoyment of property and the right not to be deprived thereof except by due process of law; the right of the individual to equality before the law and the protection of the law; freedom of religion; freedom of speech; freedom of assembly and association and freedom of the press."

The measure specifies that every federal law of Canada must conform to the Canadian Bill of Rights unless Parliament, by special act, decreed otherwise. It has jurisdiction only in the federal or Dominion field, not in the areas of concern to the Canadian provinces. As an act of Parliament, it can be repealed by Parliament at a later date.

Prior to adoption of the act, a Canadian Jewish Congress delegation urged a special parliamentary committee that special clauses be inserted in all relevant federal legislation asserting specifically the principle of non-discrimination specified in the Bill of Rights.

In Toronto, the influential Globe & Mail editorially lauded Prime Minister John Diefenbaker for securing enactment of the Canadian Bill of Rights. The paper asserted, however, that "a Bill of Rights with so many loopholes, with such restricted authority, is hardly the sort of charter, of grand concept and design, for which Mr. Diefenbaker has been striving all these years. Such a charter can take the form only of an amendment to the Constitution, the British North America Act." The paper urged the Prime Minister to work for such a constitutional amendment.

BRITISH EXPORTS TO ISRAEL DECREASE; IMPORT FROM ISRAEL INCREASES

LONDON, Aug. 11 (JTA) -- British exports to Israel fell slightly during the first five months of this year, as compared with the same period of 1959, but imports had increased, according to official figures released here today.

For the period ending May 31, 1960, the United Kingdom exported to Israel goods valued at 7,073,000 pounds sterling (\$19,804,400) as against 1959 exports in the same period valued at 7,513,000 pounds (\$21,036,400). Imports from Israel by the end of May, 1960, were valued at 11,874,000 pounds (\$33,247,200) as against last year's comparable 11,688,000 pounds (\$32,728,400).

U. N. SENDS EXPERTS TO ISRAEL TO ASSIST IN PREPARING FOR NEXT CENSUS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 11 (JTA) -- Two census experts and a geologist have been assigned by the United Nations Technical Assistance Board to aid Israel in their special capacities, it was announced here today. The census experts are William Hurwitz and Irving Weiss, both of whom are members of the professional staff of the United States Bureau of the Census.

Mr. Weiss, whose most recent position has been assistant chief of the U.S. Economic Operations Division, in Washington, is expected to stay in Israel a year. Mr. Hurwitz, who worked in Israel previously on a U.N. technical assistance assignment, will spend only two weeks in Israel this time. Both experts will assist the Israel Government in preparing for its next population census, so as to improve the country's planning of economic and social developments.

The third expert sent by the U.N. is Prof. Rolf F. Rutsch, of Switzerland. He arrived in Israel three weeks ago, to help the Government's Geological Institute.