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CONGRESS TO HAVE AT LEAST 11 JEWISH MEMBERS; TEN RETAINED THEIR SEATS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- At least one new Congressman of the Jewish faith was elected in the national elections, while 10 Jews retained Congressional seats and one suffered defeat, the ballot tabulations here showed today. The new Jewish Congressman is Charles S. Joelsen, Democrat, of New Jersey, who is married to an Israeli sabra.

The incumbent who lost his seat was also a Democrat, Rep. Ludwig Teller, of New York, who represented a Manhattan district as a Liberal-Democrat. He lost to a Democrat of another party faction. The only Jewish member of the House who is a Republican, Rep. Seymour Halpern, Queens, N. Y., retained his seat.

The other Jews who kept their places in Congress--all Democrats--are Representatives Lester Holtzman, Emanuel Celler, Abraham Nu'Multer, Leonard Earbstein, Herbert Zelenko, and J. H. Gilbert, all of New York; Herman Toll, of Pennsylvania; Sidney Yates, of Illinois; and Samuel N. Friedel, of Maryland. No Senate seats held by Jews were at issue in this election.

Congressman-Elect Joelsen, of Patterson, N. J., is the first Democrat in 48 years to be elected from his district, the 8th Congressional district. He is 44 years old and a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Cornell University who served as Naval intelligence lieutenant in World War II.

Mr. Joelsen was married 14 years ago to the former Ora Aboulafia, a 13th generation Israel sabra of Sephardic background. Mr. Joelsen has spent some time in Israel, and has been active in the campaigns for State of Israel Bonds, United Jewish Appeal, and similar undertakings. He is a member of B'nai B'rith and other Jewish groups.

The new Congressman tried twice before to win the seat he finally achieved, once losing by only 148 votes. He has served as a deputy attorney general in New Jersey, and as an acting prosecutor. He enjoys a distinguished legal reputation. Mrs. Joelsen, now an American citizen, is active in Jewish affairs and philanthropic causes benefiting Israel.

Orthodox Jewish Convention Hails President-Elect Kennedy

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Orthodox American Jewry tonight pledged "fullest support" to President-elect John F. Kennedy. A resolution adopted unanimously at the opening, here, of the 62nd anniversary biennial convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, voiced that promise.

The convention, attended by 1,000 delegates, voted to send a telegram to Sen. Kennedy, congratulating him on his election and extending to him the assurance of support by Orthodox Jewish congregations and worshippers in the United States. Senator Kennedy, a Roman Catholic, is the first member of his faith ever elected to the American Presidency.

ASSEMBLY OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS, WELFARE FUNDS OPENS IN DETROIT TODAY

DETROIT, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Basic changes in the American scene, with particular reference to the impact in Jewish welfare needs--and the implications for Jewish community organization--will be discussed by the 29th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, which opens its four-day sessions tomorrow at the Statler Hilton Hotel here.

Tomorrow's session will also take up the question of the responsibilities of Jewish welfare funds in 1961, in view of the current reorganization of major American Jewish funds raised for Israel. The Assembly will also discuss the present character and dimensions of multiple fund-raising appeals in communities, as well as the policies to deal with them.

One of the important questions to be discussed at the Assembly will be what Jewish services should be retained, dropped or added on the American Jewish scene, in the light of the changes that are now taking place in American life. Irving Kane, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, will assess and re-evaluate the goals and realities of American Jewish community organization. He will also analyze the issues facing community organizations, and will deal with future direction.

The more than 1,000 Jewish community leaders from all parts of the United States and Canada will hear reports on the effects which American Jewish philanthropic aid to Israel

has on the development of the country. They will also discuss various aspects of Jewish fund-raising in the United States, and plans for effective fund-raising in 1961.

Special problems faced by small Jewish communities will form one of the subjects to be discussed at the Assembly for the purpose of future directions with regard to leadership, structure, campaigning, budgeting and planning. The shortage of professional personnel in numerous community agencies and institutions will similarly undergo a basic discussion at tomorrow's session.

THREE-DAY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF AMERICAN ZIONISTS TO OPEN ON SUNDAY

NEW YORK, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- A three-day National Assembly of American Zionists, representing 750,000 members of the Zionist movement in the United States, will open here on Sunday to discuss problems of the Zionist movement in this country and to provide a fresh interpretation of Zionist ideology within the context of current world conditions.

The Assembly will be attended by delegates of nine national Zionist organizations functioning in the United States. It is the first gathering of this kind arranged by the American Zionist Council, the central coordinating body of the American Zionist movement. Speakers will include Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization; Moshe Sharett, former Premier and Foreign Minister of Israel; Avraham Harman, Israel Ambassador to the United States; Louis Lipsky, veteran leader of the American Zionist movement; Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council; Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, and others. Mayor Robert Wagner of New York will deliver a welcoming address at the opening session.

In a statement issued today by Rabbi Miller--in connection with the Assembly--on the major objective today of the American Zionist Council, of which he is the head, he declared:

"The emergence of the State of Israel will affect sooner or later the very foundations of Jewish life throughout the world. Its significance, in a very practical manner, embraces the whole range of Jewish activity and outlook. It implies a shift in the tenor and purport of our daily lives, of everything that defines us as Jews. It involves modification in our communal organization. To channel and direct the new spiritual and cultural forces emerging out of Israel and impacting upon Jewish life everywhere is the most important function the American Zionist Council can perform today."

GERMAN PARLIAMENT MAY DISCUSS CASES OF EXPORTERS AIDING NEO NAZIS

BONN, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Political circles here said today they will "probably" place an inquiry before the Bundestag, the lower house of Parliament here, about reports that West German exporters are selling goods abroad for the financing of neo-Nazi groups in the Federal Republic.

The query, which may be placed on the Bundestag agenda during the next question period, will be linked to the case of Wilhelm Beisner, a German exporter recently injured when a bomb exploded in his automobile in Germany. Beisner, a munitions and armament dealer, was an officer in Hitler's SS Elite Guard, and has allegedly been engaged in the arms trade in Cairo. He is said to be wanted by Yugoslav authorities on charges of committing war crimes there during the war.

West German secret service operatives were reported last week to be investigating German exporters linked with Hitler activities during the war and now allegedly using the profits from their exports to finance neo-Nazis here and fugitive Nazi leaders abroad.

GERMANY TO PROBE OFFICIALS CONSPIRING TO HELP 'EUTHANASIA' DOCTOR

BONN, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- An alleged "conspiracy of silence" on the part of scores of leading physicians and West German Government officials to protect Professor Werner Heyde, the Nazi euthanasia specialist, will be the subject of a judicial inquiry, it was disclosed today.

Heyde, who was a brigadier in the SS, was implicated in the killing of 80,000 "mentally sick" patients in hospitals and nursing homes during the Hitler regime. After the war, he emerged as a Dr. Sawade and practiced medicine without difficulty for several years. He is now under arrest and awaiting trial.

Evidence given by five doctors to a West German Parliamentary Commission led to the inquiry. The doctors said they did not report Heyde to the police because this would have been regarded as a "betrayal." Widespread opinion was reported to the effect that there was alarm at the thought that many leading officials and doctors knew of Heyde's identity, but took no action to report him to authorities.

In addition to Dr. Heyde, another ex-Nazi health officer, Dr. Gerhard Bohne, has been arrested in Dusseldorf on a warrant issued at Frankfurt, charging him with the murder of 70,000 "deranged persons" during the Nazi regime. Dr. Bohne had not even tried to disguise himself, officials said, living openly in Dusseldorf under his own name.

ADENAUER ADDRESSES GERMAN EDUCATORS ON NAZI PERSECUTION OF JEWS

BONN, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- A number of Germany's foremost scholars and educators today attended the opening meeting of the newly established Commission for Political Education, a group initiated by Dr. Gerhard Schroeder, Minister of the Interior, to draw up plans for improving the political education of German youth.

Dr. Konrad Adenauer, Chancellor of the Federal Republic, addressed the scholars at their initial meeting. He urged the commission to devise new curricula for the German schools, with particular emphasis on "the disastrous effects of the Nazi totalitarian system and the persecution of the Jews."

PRESIDENT OF WEST GERMANY PAYS VISIT TO COLOGNE JEWISH COMMUNITY

COLOGNE, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- President Heinrich Luebke of the West German Federal Republic visited the Cologne Jewish community today. President Luebke, who was received by Rabbi Zwi Azarya and Jewish communal leaders, placed a wreath in the memorial hall for the victims of the Nazi terror.

The President's visit coincided with the issuance of the first issue of a quarterly "Germania Judaica" bulletin by the Cologne library for the History of German Jewry. The Library, dedicated to the "preservation of German-Jewish history and to the recapture of the Jewish contributions to German culture," was founded in June 1958 by two young Catholic writers, Heinrich Boell and Paul Schallueck.

"We are concerned about historical reality and not so much about superficial political manifestations, because we realize that the harm the persecutions of the Jews has done is too deep to be overcome by mere declarations," the editors wrote in the first issue. "Only the whole truth, no matter how horrible it may be, can aid us in reestablishing contact with the Jews."

The scientific board of the Library met here recently to discuss plans for research and for establishment of an institution of Jewish learning.

BERLIN JEWISH COMMUNITY COMMEMORATES 'CRYSTAL NIGHT' NAZI POGROMS

WEST BERLIN, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- The West Berlin Jewish community began today a week-long series of events commemorating the Crystal Night pogroms on November 9, 1938 when synagogues and Jewish homes and shops throughout Germany were looted and burned. At ceremonies at the Community House, Senator Joachim Lipschitz and Heinz Galinski, chairman of the Jewish community, recalled the events of 1938.

A literary and musical program marking Crystal Night has been arranged for tomorrow by the West Berlin Wilmersdorf office for Art of the Senate. On November 16, a memorial tablet for the victims of 1933-1945 will be unveiled at West Berlin's Dorfaue near Teiltower Damm. The following day, an exhibition by Israeli painters will open at the Jewish Community House here and will run until December 15. About 150 works by modern Israeli painters will be on show.

GERMAN PARLIAMENTARY BODY VOTES TO CLOSE CASE AGAINST DR. OBERLAENDER

BONN, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- The legal committee of the Bundestag, lower house of the West German Parliament, voted here tonight to close the case against Dr. Theodor Oberlaender, former Minister for Refugees, who had been accused of having been part of a Nazi team that ordered extermination of Jews and Polish intellectuals, in 1941, at Lwow, Poland.

Dr. Oberlaender resigned under fire from his Cabinet post last May, and requested the establishment of a parliamentary commission to "rehabilitate" him. He is still a member of Parliament.

In voting to close the case, the legal committee expressed doubt about the constitutionality of a parliamentary committee that would investigate the past of a member of Parliament. The committee decided that the recent action by the Bonn prosecutor, who had dismissed the charges of wartime Nazi activities leveled against Dr. Oberlaender, constituted "rehabilitation" of the ex-Minister.

TRIAL OF EX-NAZI LEADER CHARGED WITH MURDERING JEWS OPENS IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- The trial of former SS troop leader Georg Schlosser, charged with the murder of eight Jewish men and women in the Czenstochowa Ghetto, in Poland, opened in the District Court here today. A jury in Hanau had acquitted Schlosser in the summer of 1958 because of lack of evidence. Shortly after his release, he was re-arrested on the basis of new testimony.

Former SS guard Albert Mayer was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment in Hanover today, after he was found guilty of complicity in the murder of one prisoner at the Grossrosen concentration camp, and of fatally wounding five others. The prosecution which charged Mayer with having murdered 14 prisoners and having injured 27 others, had asked the court for a life sentence for the former block leader of the camp.

BELLEFUEILLE DISSOLVES HIS CANADIAN NAZI PARTY; APOLOGIZES TO JEWS

MONTREAL, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Andre Bellefueille, who created a furore in Canada ten days ago by telling a national television audience that he heads a Canadian Nazi Party, announced here today that his "National Socialist Party is dissolved and dead."

Bellefueille, a government employe working for the Ministry of Transport at Sorel, Quebec, who was suspended from his job after he announced himself as a Nazi leader, said he was "sorry for the misunderstanding" and is now ready to apologize to the Jewish community for his "racist talks."

In an interview with the newspaper "La Presse," here, he said "I certainly do not have a hostile attitude toward Jews." He said he wants to disassociate himself from any ideological identification with George Lincoln Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi Party, whose headquarters are at Arlington, West Virginia.

Bellefueille's television announcement, in which he had said that 500 native Canadians belong to his Nazi Party, brought immediate protests from the Canadian Jewish Congress and from other Jewish organizations. The Dominion Ministry of Justice, Canadian Secret Service and the Ministry of Transport, which had employed him, immediately ordered inquiries into his activities.

NATIONWIDE OBSERVANCE OF 'JEWISH BOOK MONTH' STARTS IN COMMUNITIES

NEW YORK, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Jewish communities throughout the country will start observance this Friday of the 17th annual Jewish Book Month, according to an announcement today by the Jewish Welfare Board, sponsor of the Month.

The events, to be conducted under the leadership of Jewish community centers, local Jewish book councils, and special committees will include exhibits of current books and rare manuscripts, literary contests, book Sabbath programs, children's contests, dramatizations, radio and television programs, and book fairs.

During Jewish Book Month, special programs will be devoted to honoring the anniversaries of noted Jewish literary figures, including the contemporary Yiddish poet, H. Leivick; Moses Ibn Ezra, Spanish Hebrew poet, who was born 900 years ago; the late Dr. Theodor Herzl, who was born 100 years ago; and the late Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook, theologian and philosopher, who died in 1935.

REMAINS OF VILLAGE DATING BACK 12,000 YEARS UNCOVERED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- The remains of a Netufian Mesolithic village, dating back 12,000 years, has been uncovered on the slopes of Mt. Carmel, at Haifa, it was announced here today by scientists of the Hebrew University. The archaeological expedition that found these remains was conducted through the cooperation of the University, the Israel Government and the City of Haifa.

The expedition found, according to the announcement, traces of Netufian relics dating to a period 10,000 years before the Common Era. Above these relics were remnants of another ancient culture, disclosing ruins of a Neolithic village dating back to about 7,000-8,000 years before the Common Era.

In the Neolithic village, the scientists said they found signs of a developed culture, indicated by art objects and stoneware. The village's economic basis was agricultural. Among the finds were the blades of sickles, flint knives, and stones for pounding and grinding.

PRESS CLUB IN MEMORY OF GERSHON AGRON TO BE ESTABLISHED IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- A press club center for foreign correspondents to be known as "Beit Agron" in memory of the late mayor of Jerusalem, Gershon Agron, will be established here under the joint sponsorship of the Agron Memorial Committee and the Jerusalem municipality, it was reported here today.

The Agron Memorial Committee expects to raise 500,000 Israeli pounds (\$280,000) for the project. Moshe Sharett is honorary chairman of the committee with Meyer Weisgal and Dr. Israel Goldstein serving as co-chairmen. Mr. Agron was the founder of the Jerusalem Post and was editor of that paper until his election as Jerusalem mayor five years ago.

AARON LEBEDEFF, LEADING JEWISH ACTOR, DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 87

NEW YORK, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Aaron Lebedeff, a leading actor in the Yiddish theatre, died here yesterday at the age of 87. Born in Russia, he came to the United States in 1920. He was well known for his original song compositions which he rendered in Yiddish and English. He also produced a number of shows and appeared in several of them in the Nineteen Thirties.