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MOSCOW URGED TO PUNISH WRITER OF ANTI-JEWISH BLOOD LIBEL ARTICLE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, expressed the hope today that Soviet authorities would make "all-out" efforts to clear the "poisoned atmosphere" created by a blood libel story in a Soviet newspaper and punish those responsible as they had reportedly promised. The story appeared in the Daghestan "Kommunist" on August 9.

Mrs. Meir made the statement in reply to questions in the Knesset, Israel's parliament, concerning a photostat of the article which was printed in the New York Herald Tribune and concerning a report of the promise made by Soviet authorities to Andre Blumel, a French Jewish leader, that the writer of the article would be penalized.

Mrs. Meir said that the article contained a statement that Jews use Moslems blood for ritual purposes and that the newspaper subsequently printed an apology. There is a large Moslem population in the area.

ISRAEL CABINET TO DISCUSS BEN-GURION'S 'WAR' AGAINST ZIONIST MOVEMENT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet will discuss at its next meeting the growing inter-Zionist controversy over Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's continuing polemical "war" against the Zionist movement, it was indicated today.

Several Cabinet Ministers and members of the Knesset, Israel's parliament, have protested the Prime Minister's remarks in the Knesset last week to the effect that he would like to persuade his friends not to consider the forthcoming 25th World Zionist Congress next month as a Zionist event.

Justice Minister Pinhas Rosen said at the last Cabinet meeting that if the Prime Minister was unable to go along with the majority Cabinet view on the subject, he should not address the Zionist Congress in his capacity as Prime Minister, which he is scheduled to do. Other Cabinet members reportedly demanded that when the Prime Minister speaks on Zionism, he should make it clear he is speaking for himself and not for the Government of Israel.

Israel's Progressive Party, which is a member of the coalition government, today adopted a resolution, at a party meeting here, expressing "regret" over Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's statement in the Knesset last week that the World Zionist Congress has no right to call itself "Zionist." The resolution said that Mr. Ben-Gurion's remarks "offended the Congress" and were contrary to the official status held by the World Zionist Organization.

Meanwhile, at the initiative of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, a meeting between Dr. Goldmann and the Prime Minister was scheduled for tonight or at lunch tomorrow to clarify the Prime Minister's position regarding the Congress.

BEN-GURION REPORTS TO KNESSET BODY ON RESIGNATION OF CHIEF OF ARMY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Committee on Security and Foreign Affairs of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, refused today to summon General Chaim Laskov to explain his reasons for his recent resignation as Chief of Staff. The action was immediately protested by Menahem Bader, a deputy of the right wing opposition party Herut.

The issue developed when Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, in his capacity as Defense Minister, reported on the new organization of the military high command at a session of the committee today. General Laskov was succeeded by Brigadier General Zvi Tsur.

NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT TURNS OVER TO ISRAEL MATERIAL ON EICHMANN

THE HAGUE, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Government of The Netherlands has turned over to Israel Ambassador Chanan Cidor, a full report on the activities of Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi who directed the mass extermination of European Jewry during the Second World War. The report, which concerns the anti-Jewish measures and the deportation of over 100,000 Dutch Jews, will be kept secret until Eichmann's trial, scheduled to open next March.

JEWISH AGENCY TO DISCUSS ACTIVITIES OF THE AMERICAN ZIONIST COUNCIL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- A special debate will be held by the Jewish Agency executive to discuss the activities of the American Zionist Council, it was announced today by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization. Dr. Goldmann told the executive that it is "most important" to assure the "energetic activities" of the American Zionist Council.

The Agency executive decided today to convene a preparatory committee here on December 18, to approve final plans for the 25th World Zionist Congress, which will open on December 27. Meeting under Dr. Goldmann's chairmanship, the executive decided that the preparatory committee is to consist of 22 members, allocating the number of party seats on that committee on the ratio of the last World Zionist Congress.

WINNERS OF HIGH FRENCH LITERARY PRIZES CHARGED WITH ANTI-SEMITISM

PARIS, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- A Jewish member of the jury of the highly respected Prix Femina literary award, resigned last night in protest against a grant of the award to a little known novel which the Jewish member called anti-Semitic.

The all-woman jury of top literary personalities gave the 5,000 franc (\$1,000) award by a vote of seven to six to Louise Bellocq for "The Fallen Door." Mrs. Beatrix Beck was the only opponent among the six to resign. Mrs. Beck, who shared in the Prix Goncourt in 1953, said the novel was anti-Semitic in resigning from the jury.

Mrs. Bellocq, the author, called the charge "absurd." Her book is the story of a decaying provincial French family and the disputed passages are statements by the book's hero, a member of the Resistance, who was quoting Raskolnikov, the hero of Dostoyesky's "Crime and Punishment." The passages referred to the Jews "living like lice" in the 19th Century ghettos of Poland and Austria.

In another French literary development, the winner of the 1960 Goncourt prize, the most significant French literary award, was accused today of having worked for an anti-Semitic newspaper in pre-war Rumania and of having taken an active part in fascist activities during the Nazi occupation.

L'Humanite, the Paris Communist daily, charged that Vintila Horia, who received the Goncourt prize last week, worked for an anti-Semitic Rumanian paper as far back as 1935 and that he had slandered Heine, Albert Einstein and other noted Jews and had praised French and German anti-Semites for their activities. The newspaper said that Horia had been sentenced after the war to life imprisonment by a Rumanian court for his pro-Fascist record.

Horia, who came to Paris to accept the award, commented that "no one can be judged on his past activities" and that "even saints have erred in their youth," statements which were considered here as an admission that some of the charges were true.

NAZI PHYSICIAN SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS FOR MURDERING JEWS

MUNSTER, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Munster Jury Court today sentenced Dr. Johannes Kremer, the "selection doctor" at the Auschwitz murder factory, to ten years in prison but ordered him released on grounds he had already served the sentence in a Polish prison.

Dr. Kremer was convicted of complicity in the murder of two Jewish prisoners at Auschwitz. He had been sentenced to death during the Cracow trial in 1947 but was pardoned and returned to West Germany in 1958.

In Frankfurt, the prosecution office today announced the arrest of an Auschwitz guard named Demarek. The former SS man was arrested after two former Polish prisoners recognized him at a small Bavarian railway station.

THREE FORMER NAZI OFFICERS ARRESTED; KILLED POLISH JEWS

STUTTGART, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Three Nazi-period criminal police were under arrest here today, after a nationwide search initiated by the Central War Crimes Commission. They are charged with killing an "undetermined number of Jews in Poland."

Hermann Worthoff and Johannes Muller were seized in the Rhineland and Georg Hoffmann was arrested in Limburg where he was acting chief of the Hessian State Criminal Police. Hoffmann was charged with participation in the extermination of prisoners carried out by the SS in the Madjanek and Lublin concentration camps.

UNESCO SENDS ISRAELI TEACHERS TO GERMANY TO REVISE TEXTBOOKS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Two Israeli history teachers have been invited to West Germany under UNESCO auspices to revise the treatment of Jewish history in German textbooks and to draft outlines of accurate treatment of the subject, it was reported here today. The disclosure was made by Aryeh Kubovy, chairman of the Yad Vashem, the Memorial Authority at the fifth meeting of the Authority's Council.

B'NAI B'RITH CONVENTION VOTES \$6,900,000 BUDGET FOR 1961 ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The B'nai B'rith convention today voted a record budget of \$6,900,000 for 1961 activities, allocating slightly more than half to its Jewish youth programs. The budget increase is about \$250,000 over the current year's expenditures.

"This budget reflects B'nai B'rith's awareness of the fantastic population growth and the fact that this generation of teen-agers and college students shows a far greater receptivity to Jewish ideals and values," said Maurice Bisgyer, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith. He pointed out that the increases authorized for B'nai B'rith's three major youth agencies "are minimal when judged against the requests for additional services made upon them in the Jewish communities."

In addition, the national expenditure for adult Jewish activities was also increased. Approval was granted to Hillel Foundations to establish its student programs on four additional campuses next year. These are at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa., Texas Western in El Paso, The University of Melbourne in Australia and Oxford University.

Israel's efforts to accelerate the integration of its immigrant population is being hampered by the lack of free secondary schools, Walter Schelitzer of Tel Aviv, president of B'nai B'rith in Israel, told the delegates. "Most of the 500,000 children now in Israel primary schools will lose the opportunity for a high school education," he said.

Compulsory public education, he emphasized, is now available only to the ninth grade. Secondary education "is limited to the few who can afford its high costs and to the even smaller number who can win scholarships," he reported.

Z.O.A. CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY OF U.N. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The 13th anniversary of the passage of the United Nations resolution for the establishment of the State of Israel was commemorated tonight with the participation of prominent American and Israeli statesmen with a united call by top-ranking American Zionist leaders for a strengthened Zionist movement to ensure the spiritual unity of the Jewish people throughout the world. The call was coupled with pledges to intensify the efforts for economic aid to Israel and to help safeguard its security.

Over 1,000 Zionists attended a \$100-a-plate dinner at the Astor Hotel, the proceeds of which will go toward financing the major projects of the ZOA in Israel. The event was devoted to honoring Abraham Goodman of New York, pioneer Zionist and chairman of the Administrative Committee of the ZOA, on the occasion of his 70th birthday. A plaque of tribute was presented to Mr. Goodman by Max Bressler of Chicago, ZOA president, "in appreciation of his life long devotion to the Zionist cause and his leadership in the ZOA."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the World Confederation of General Zionists, presided. Principal speakers included former Israel Premier Moshe Sharett; Edward B. Lawson, former U.S. Ambassador to Israel; Dewey D. Stone, national chairman of the United Israel Appeal and chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., and Max Bressler, ZOA president.

Alluding to criticism levelled against the Zionist movement by certain leaders in Israel, Mr. Bressler said that "political regimes in Israel and elsewhere come and go, the Zionist movement will remain standing guard, forever watchful, forever ready to aid when aid is needed." He proposed the appointment by the World Zionist Congress of a Commission on Israel-Diaspora relations, composed of leading Zionists in Israel of all parties and in the Diaspora, "to strengthen and deepen the sense of interdependence between all sections of the Jewish people, both in Israel and the rest of the world."

Dr. Neumann Urges Drafting Sharett into World Zionist Leadership

Dr. Neumann urged that "the World Zionist Congress should become, in a sense, the ecumenical Congress of the Jewish people, embracing Jews of all shades of opinion professing loyalty to a common spiritual heritage." He further urged that the "World Zionist Organization must represent the Jewish people as a whole, with Israel as the core and center of its spiritual life."

Hailing the presence at the dinner of former Premier Moshe Sharett whom he described as one of the foremost leaders of Israel, Dr. Neumann said that "in view of the fateful problems confronting the Zionist movement, the time has come for him to resume an active role in the world Zionist leadership." He added: "We will not merely welcome his entry into the leadership we must insist upon it and draft him even against his wish, if need be."

Dewey D. Stone, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., and national chairman of the United Israel Appeal, in an address reviewed the achievements of the State of Israel since the passage of the UN resolution 13 years ago.

CANADIAN MAYORS FEDERATION URGES ENDING OF RACIAL BIAS IN HOUSING

MONTREAL, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon the Canadian Government to take steps toward ending racial discrimination in housing was adopted here by the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities.

The resolution calls upon the Government to amend the National Housing Act so as to withhold further loans to "offenders," refuse further loans or guarantees to those practicing racial discrimination in housing, and to prosecute offenders.

A copy of the resolution was sent to the Canadian Jewish Congress by Mayor S.L. Buckwold, of Saskatoon, president of the Federation, and George S. Mooney, the organization's executive director.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF JEWS IN GERMANY CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY

BERLIN, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- The Central Council of German Jews marked its tenth anniversary here yesterday with celebrations in the Jewish Community Center here. Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, in a telegram of greetings, stressed the part which the Council had played in reconciling the Jews with West Germany.

Ernst Lemmer, Minister for All German Affairs, told the gathering that the Nazi regime had not succeeded in wiping out the intellectual and cultural traces of 1,600 years of Jewish history on German soil. Referring to the different approach to the Jewish question in the two parts of Germany, he said the Eastern part acted as though nothing had happened, while West Germany was trying to make up for the past.

Heinz Galinski, chairman of the Council and president of the West Berlin Jewish community, said the foundation of the central organization of Jewish communities was proof of their confidence in democracy here. Dr. G. Van Dam, secretary general of the Central Council, reminded the meeting of the recent anti-Semitic incidents and said that neo-nazism would lead Germany to chaos.

Discussing political education in Germany, Professor Pollock of Frankfurt University demanded that the teaching should not only lead to recognizing the injustice done to the Jews but should also convince people that injustice as such is wrong. This aim, he said, should guide the Jewish minority as well as the non-Jewish population.

STONE WITH ENGRAVED LETTERS OF KING ANTIOCHUS III UNCOVERED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- A large stone on which eight letters are engraved, furnishing official documents dating to the days of King Antiochus III, a Syrian ruler who reigned between 223 to 183 B.C.E., has been dug up in kibbutz Hefzibah, north of Tel Aviv, the Government Department of Antiquities here announced today.

The documents consist of six letters written by King Antiochus III, and two from the Chief Priest Ptolemy. All the letters deal with administration of justice and the protection of the civilian population.

The documents, according to the Government scientists, are the first of their kind found in Israel, and yield important information about conditions in northern Israel, as well as on the administrative methods of the Hellenistic administration of the period. King Antiochus III, called "the Great," was the father of Antiochus Epiphanes whose harsh measures against the Jews led to the Hasmonean revolt headed by the Macabean family.

NEW CUBAN MINISTER TO ISRAEL CONFERS WITH GOLDA MEIR IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Cuba's new Minister to Israel, Ricardo Sobirano Lobo, conferred here today with Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister. They discussed the relations between Cuba and Israel. The Cuban envoy paid a courtesy visit to Kaddish Luz, speaker of the Knesset, Israel's parliament.

NEW YORK AND ISRAEL ORCHESTRAS GET BUST OF LEONARD BERNSTEIN

NEW YORK, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Twin castings of a bust of Leonard Bernstein by the noted sculptor, Robert Berks, were presented by the America-Israel Cultural Foundation to the New York Philharmonic and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra today as a symbol of cultural exchange between the two countries. The presentation was made at the offices of the New York Philharmonic by Samuel Rubin, president of the Foundation.

FOUR JEWISH WRITERS AWARDED THE ZVI KESSEL LITERARY PRIZE IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 29. (JTA) -- Four Jewish writers--two Americans, an Israeli and an Australian--today were awarded the annual Zvi Kessel Literary Prizes for outstanding contributions to Jewish literature in 1960.

The four are: Dr. H. Shoshkes and I. Elmot, of New York; Herz Bergner, of Australia; and I.H. Biletzky, of Israel. All the works except Mr. Biletzky's are in Yiddish; the latter's book is in Hebrew.