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J. T. A. STARTS TRANSMITTING RADIO NEWS TO ISRAEL IN HEBREW CHARACTERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The Hebrew-language alphabet was used for the first time today in transoceanic radio news communications when the Jewish Telegraphic Agency opened a new radio facsimile circuit between its New York headquarters and the Tel Aviv office of the Israeli News Agency, its Israel subsidiary.

The new service was formally opened with the transmission of a message from Eleazar Lipsky, president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, to Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion of Israel. Mr. Lipsky's message stated:

"I take great pleasure, on behalf of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, in addressing to you this first message ever transmitted across the seas by radio in the characters of the Hebrew language. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency is proud to have pioneered in this area of communications and to have created, for the first time, the possibility of radio communication between the United States and Israel in the alphabet of this ancient language.

"We hope and trust that this new method of communication will permit the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and its sister agency, the Israeli News Agency, to make a new and important contribution to understanding between the United States and Israel and to strengthen the bonds between American Jews and Israelis. We believe it will be of considerable value to the newspapers of Israel."

Israeli Press Features the Innovation; Method Explained

Israeli newspapers today featured reports on the new communications system designed by the JTA and Press Wireless, Inc., to meet the special requirements of the Israeli press for a method of overseas communication in its own language. Previously, Israeli newspaper correspondents wrote their dispatches in a transliterated Hebrew, using English characters to represent the Hebrew sounds.

Israeli correspondents stationed in the United States will now be able to write their messages in Hebrew for transmission in the Hebrew alphabet. The Hebrew copy is transmitted on facsimile equipment in the JTA New York office over Press Wireless transmitters. The signals are received by the Israeli News Agency's radio station in Tel Aviv and converted into printed copy there on facsimile reception equipment.

The facsimile system, which will supplement the JTA regular radioprinter system on the 6,000-mile New York-Tel Aviv circuit, is considered by engineers to be less subject to atmospheric disturbances than the radioprinter. It cannot, however, transmit at the same speed as the radioprinter. John McGivern, European vice-president of Press Wireless, Inc., was present in the INA radio station in Tel Aviv today when the first facsimile transmission from New York was recorded.

The Jewish Telegraphic Agency established the first direct radioprinter circuit for news transmission between New York and Johannesburg, a distance of nearly 8,000 miles, three years ago. A year later, it established the first direct New York-Tel Aviv radioprinter circuit.

BEN-GURION TO ADDRESS ZIONIST CONGRESS; AGREES NOT TO ATTACK ZIONISM.

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion agreed today, after a meeting with Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, that he will address the opening meeting of the World Zionist Congress here, on the night of December 27, without attacking Zionism. Mr. Ben-Gurion will speak on Jewish immigration to Israel, on Hebrew education in lands outside Israel, and on the future of Zionism. He will appear as the leader of the Government.

Other speakers on the opening night will be President Izhak Ben-Zvi and Dr. Goldmann. Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, and Finance Minister Levi Eshkol will speak on the second day. Among other principal speakers will be American members of the Jewish Agency executive, Mrs. Rose Halprin, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, Rabbi Mordecai Kirschblum, and Louis Segal.

Election of a new world Zionist executive will be held this time during the middle of the Congress, instead of at the conclusion of the parley, it was announced today by Zvi Lurie, head of the Agency's organization department. Mr. Lurie said the Congress will be attended by about 600 delegates, including 500 delegates from Zionist organizations, 19 representing associate organizations in eight countries, and 55 fraternal delegates from 10 countries.

ISRAEL'S ATTORNEY GENERAL FLIES TO PARIS ON 'LAVON AFFAIR' PROBE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Attorney General Gideon Hausner flew to Paris recently to complete his investigation of witnesses in connection with the Lavon affair, the 1954 security mishap which resulted in the resignation of Defense Minister Pinhas Lavon, it was disclosed today by Justice Minister Pinhas Rosen in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament.

Mr. Rosen made the disclosure in reply to questions by the opposition concerning the reason for the Attorney General's top-secret flight, which rumors attributed to be in connection with the forthcoming Eichmann trial. The Lavon affair is now under review by a Ministerial committee after a recent inquiry revealed that senior Army officers incited witnesses to testify falsely concerning the mishap.

FRANCE TO BUILD 23, 000-TON PASSENGER SHIP FOR ISRAEL ZIM LINES

PARIS, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The contract for the purchase of the Zim Lines flagship, the "King Solomon," which will be the largest ship in the Israeli fleet, was signed here last night at a reception at the Hotel Cillon. The 23, 000-ton liner will be able to carry 1,100 passengers in four classes. It is scheduled for the Haifa-Marseille-New York run and will be launched on March 19, 1963.

No information was released on the financing of the purchase but it was understood that agreement on this was reached in Washington several months ago by Israel Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and French Finance Minister M. Baumgartner. The ceremony was attended by G. Granval, the French Secretary of State for the Merchant Navy, Walter Eytan, the Israeli Ambassador, K. Yechieli, the director-general of Zim, and the director-general of the shipyards, Jean Pinczion.

LIBYA CLOSES ALLIANCE SCHOOL; JEWISH GROUPS COMPLAIN TO U.N. BODY

PARIS, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A protest against a Libyan Government action, closing down a Jewish school conducted by Alliance Israelite Universelle in Tripoli, Libya, was made here by Jewish organizations today in a letter to the current general conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

The letter was sent by the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations, a group having consultative status with UNESCO. The Council is composed of representatives of Alliance, the Anglo-Jewish Association and the American Jewish Committee.

According to the protest, the Libyan Government suddenly closed down the Alliance school last April "without previous notification and without giving any reason for the order." The school has been in existence 70 years. The protest notes that the school has "rendered great service to the Jewish population of Tripoli." Libya is a member of the Arab League.

The letter cited a resolution adopted here recently by the centenary meeting of Alliance Israelite Universelle, protesting "emphatically against this unjustified and unjustifiable action taken by a government created under the auspices of the United Nations and one that promised solemnly to respect the United Nations Charter." A request was made in the letter that the issue be brought to the attention of not only the delegates to the UNESCO conference but also to the Secretary General of the United Nations.

On the agenda of the current UNESCO conference is an item, scheduled for debate Friday, proposing an international convention abolishing discrimination in education on grounds of race, religion or sex. It is considered certain that the convention will be adopted, after which it will be open for ratification by members of UNESCO. There are indications that nearly all the state-members of UNESCO will sign or ratify the convention.

AUSTRIA MAY INCREASE COMPENSATION TO JEWISH VICTIMS OF NAZISM

VIENNA, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- An authoritative Austrian Government source said today that further individual payments to Jewish victims of the Nazi period in Austria can be expected in an unspecified amount and that discussions were underway with Israel and West Germany on the problem.

The spokesman made the statement in comment on demands of the World Union for the Defense of the Interests of Austrian Jews that Israel should support creation of a commission of West German, Austrian and Israel Government representatives to discuss restitution demands.

The spokesman said that Austria has already paid 550,000,000 schillings (\$22,000,000) in restitution to victims living abroad and will pay former Austrians 172,000,000 schillings (\$6,880,000) for bank accounts and securities confiscated by the Nazis.

GERMAN SENTENCED TO FOUR MONTHS FOR ANTI-SEMITIC REMARKS

BERLIN, DEC. 7. (JTA) -- Hans Schlarp, 32, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment today after being found guilty of insulting a Jewish innkeeper with anti-Semitic remarks.

J. D. C. HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING TODAY; WILL ADOPT \$28, 000, 000 BUDGET

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A budget of more than \$28, 000, 000 to aid some 300, 000 needy Jews overseas is to be presented tomorrow at the 46th annual meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee. Some 400 delegates from all parts of the United States are expected at the meeting.

Following the adoption of the budget, JDC chairman Edward M. M. Warburg indicated that it will be submitted to the three-day national conference of the United Jewish Appeal, from which JDC receives the bulk of its funds. Mr. Warburg noted that the JDC is currently carrying on relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction programs in some 25 countries of Europe, North Africa and the Near East including Israel. The budget will be presented to the delegates by Charles H. Jordan, JDC director-general for overseas operations.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS ASSAIL SUNDAY CLOSING LAWS AT U.S. SUPREME COURT

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Two major human rights organizations have filed a brief in the United States Supreme Court which holds that state laws banning business activity on Sunday are in violation of the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution. Arguments on the case began today.

The amici curiae brief, submitted by the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, argued that Sunday closing laws are contrary to those clauses of the First Amendment "which prohibit an establishment of religion and guarantee its free exercise." The organizations also stated that such laws "violate the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment unless they completely exempt from their strictures those who observe another day of the week as their holy day."

The state of Massachusetts is petitioning the United States Supreme Court to reverse an earlier U.S. District Court ruling that a Massachusetts Blue Law was discriminatory and therefore unconstitutional. The law had prohibited people who observe their Sabbath on Saturday from doing business on Sunday. Under this statute, Police Chief Raymond P. Gallagher of Springfield had prosecuted the manager of a supermarket for keeping open on Sundays.

The majority opinion in the District Court had said: "What Massachusetts has done in the statute is to furnish special protection to the dominant Christian sects which celebrate Sunday as the Lord's Day, without furnishing such protection, in their religious observance, to those Christian sects and to Orthodox and Conservative Jews who observe Saturday as their Sabbath and to the prejudice of the latter group."

American Jewish Committee and A. D. L. Present Arguments

In the amici curiae brief, the AJC and ADL argued that Sunday closing laws violate the First Amendment guarantee of freedom of religion. "When the state aids and supports specific religious denominations by selecting their day of worship as the day for general observance, the status and dignity of the other religions are thereby impaired," the brief stated.

"Adherents of minority religious groups, and particularly their children, are constrained in the free and open practice of their religious rights when the state places its stamp of approval upon the religious practices and customs of the religious group which happens to be in the majority. Thus, an inferior status is imposed by the state upon some religions and the First Amendment's guarantee of religious freedom is violated," the brief emphasizes.

The two Jewish organizations also stress in their brief that "when a retail establishment belonging to a Christian may be open for business six days a week, a similar establishment belonging to a competitor who observes the Jewish Sabbath can be open only five days a week." They point out that Orthodox Jews are constrained from shopping "on the only day of the weekend which would be available to them for that purpose."

The brief also argues that the Sunday closing laws are contrary to the Fourteenth Amendment which states "no state shall... deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." These laws, the brief continues, violate this clause "since the state by preferring the holy day of one religion necessarily discriminates against all others... Clearly, any state Sunday law must provide an exception as broad as the prohibition for those who observe a different day as their holy day to comply with the Fourteenth Amendment's 'equal protection' clause."

ANTI-SEMITIC 'WARNINGS' TO JEWS IN SOUTH AFRICA APPEAR IN DURBAN

LONDON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic "warnings" appeared last night on car and shop windows in Durban, South Africa, it was reported here today. They were marked "a confidential notice to all Jews." The "notice" was signed by "Ray K. Rudman, leader of the 'Boerenasie' (Farmers Nation)."

TORONTO JEWISH MAYOR REELECTED; OTTAWA JEWISH CANDIDATE DEFEATED

TORONTO, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- Mayor Nathan Phillips, the first Jew to head this city's municipal government, was reelected today to his fourth two-year term, which will give him a record of eight years as Mayor of a central Canadian metropolis.

At the same time, Samuel Berger, a Jew, was edged out in a bid for the Mayoralty of Ottawa, Canada's capital. Mr. Berger resigned his seat on the Ottawa City Council to run for Mayor. He was defeated by the city's former Mayor, Dr. Charlotte Whitton, who won the contest with a slim, 2,000-vote majority out of 80,000 ballots cast. The first Jew to enter Ottawa's Mayoralty race in the city's history, Mr. Berger's candidacy was supported by all three of Ottawa's newspapers.

CANADIAN DEPORTED FROM U.S. REGRETS JOINING AMERICAN NAZI PARTY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A visiting Canadian who has been ordered deported from the United States for engaging in hate-fomenting activities during his stay here waived his right of appeal today and expressed regret for having joined George Lincoln Rockwell's so-called American Nazi party.

John Pall, a native Hungarian who became a Canadian citizen active in neo-Nazi groups in Canada, was scheduled to leave today for Canada. Coming to the United States earlier this year, to paint and sell his paintings, he joined the Rockwell group and took part in all of its activities.

A deportation order was issued against him for failure to comply with requirements of non-immigrant status. A special inquiry officer of the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service ruled that "to foment hatred against individuals, or against race and religion, cannot be regarded as conduct reasonably necessary to the pursuit of a visit or conduct reasonably allied therewith."

Pall was given the right to appeal from the order but he decided today to waive his appeal right. He discharged Rockwell as his attorney and said in the Naturalization Service office that he was returning immediately to Canada. He made his statement about regretting affiliation with the Rockwell group at the same time.

EL AL AIRLINES TO INAUGURATE DIRECT NEW YORK-ISRAEL JET SERVICE

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- The first direct, same-plane jet service between New York and Israel will be inaugurated by El Al Israel Airlines on January 5, it was announced today by Dror Galezer, El Al's manager for the Americas. Beginning on this date, an El Al flight will depart from New York International Airport for Tel Aviv on Thursday of each week. Average flying time for the new, pure-jet flights will be ten hours and 50 minutes.

Mr. Galezer said El Al will be flying the most advanced Boeing 707-420 Intercontinental jet, powered by Rolls Royce Conway bypass engines, which will accommodate 20 first-class and 120 economy-class passengers. "The inauguration of El Al's jet service was particularly timely in view of the anticipated increase in trans-Atlantic travel this year, and the official estimates of 100,000 American visitors to Israel during 1961," Mr. Galezer stated.

WOLLMAN FOUNDATION GIVES \$1,000,000 TO N. Y. UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

NEW YORK, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A gift of \$1,000,000 was announced here today, for the establishment of a children's pavilion at the New York University Medical Center, by the William J. Wollman Foundation, a philanthropic fund named after the late Jewish broker and banker.

Since the creation of the Foundation in 1955, honoring the memory of Mr. Wollman, who died in 1937, more than \$7,500,000 has been dispensed by the fund to 120 charitable, educational and welfare bodies, according to an announcement by Achilles H. Kohn, president of the Foundation. The \$1,000,000 gift to the NYU Medical Center "substantially exhausts" the Foundation's assets, Mr. Kohn said.

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE GETS FUND FOR FELLOWSHIPS TO CHRISTIAN CLERGYMEN

CINCINNATI, Dec. 7. (JTA) -- A fund of \$25,000 for study designed "to build bridges of knowledge and understanding between Christians and Jews" has been established at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion here by two leading Oklahomans, Erna and Julius Krouch, Dr. Nelson Glueck, College-Institute president, announced today.

The fund will be a part of the College-Institute's Graduate Interfaith Fellowship program under which Christian clergymen, preparing for teaching and preaching careers in theological schools and churches of their own faith, pursue graduate study at the Reform rabbinic school. More than 100 clergymen, many of them now members of theological school faculties, have studied under this program.