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43 MOROCCAN JEWS DROWNED AT SEA EN ROUTE TO ISRAEL; 10 BODIES RECOVERED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Forty-three Moroccan Jews were drowned at sea today when a small ship transporting them to Israel capsized 100 miles southeast of Gibraltar, according to U.S. Navy radio reports received here. The vessel, described as a yacht, flew the flag of Honduras. It was thought that the Jews were being taken from Morocco to Israel in a clandestine movement.

It was reported from Algeiras, Spain, that bodies of 10 Jews were recovered. This report said a Spanish fishing boat rescued the captain and two crew members. Their nationality was not specified in the report. Spanish fishermen at the scene of the tragedy said there was no sign of survivors.

The British naval base at Gibraltar reported 43 Jews en route to Israel missing at sea off Spanish Morocco. A Royal Navy tug and R.A. F. rescue aircraft were dispatched to the scene. The British reported that one woman passenger was saved. The report said the vessel had capsized and was still floating although virtually submerged.

ZIONIST CONGRESS CLOSES; SHARETT JOINS EXECUTIVE; GOLDMANN RE-ELECTED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The 25th World Zionist Congress ended in the early hours of this morning with a decision to prolong the life of the present executive of the Jewish Agency till May, when the next meeting of the Zionist Actions Committee will take place. The Actions Committee is the highest Zionist body between Congresses.

The decision marked a failure to agree on the composition of a new world executive particularly on the question of the chairmanship of the New York executive. However, three changes in the composition of the executive were approved by the Congress. Former Prime Minister Moshe Sharett joined the executive taking the Mapai seat vacated by Yaacov Tsor who was chosen chairman of the Actions Committee; former Tel Aviv Mayor Haim Levanon replaced Meir Grossman, a General Zionist who retired from the executive; and Yehuda Braginski was replaced by Aharon Cizling, both members of the Mapam.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann was re-elected unanimously as president of the World Zionist Organization. Only the Herut delegates abstained from voting. There was no negative voting. The last action of the Congress was to empower the Actions Committee to elect non-party representatives of Sephardic Jewry to the executive with advisory rights and also that the Jewish communities in Argentina and Brazil should have the right to send representatives to the Actions Committee meetings with advisory rights.

Mr. Sharett, who presided at the last session, called the 25th Congress a "touchstone" for the Zionist movement in his closing speech. He expressed the hope that future Congresses would dispense with earphones since "all delegates will know Hebrew." A 21-member Congress court was elected unanimously. Supreme Court Justice, Simon Agranat was named chairman. The panel includes leading attorneys of Israel and overseas countries. Among them is Eleazar Lipsky, president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Justice Minister Pinhas Rosen was named attorney for the World Zionist Organization.

DISMISSAL OF OFFICER MAY BRING NEW COMPLICATIONS IN 'LAVON AFFAIR'

TEL AVIV, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- A new and explosive element was introduced today in the bitter dispute between Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Histadrut secretary-general Pinhas Lavon when a high army officer involved in the situation was ordered dismissed from service by Mr. Ben-Gurion in his capacity as Minister of Defense. The dismissed officer immediately announced that he would fight to clear his name.

The officer, identified only by the letter "Y" in his last name, is the senior officer accused by a seven-man Ministerial committee of having forged a document purporting to prove that Mr. Lavon, as Israel Defense Minister in 1954, gave the order which led to a disastrous security mishap and to Mr. Lavon's forced ouster from the Ministry in 1955.

In a rapid-fire sequence of events during the past 24 hours, Attorney General Gideon Hausner notified Mr. Ben-Gurion that the evidence was insufficient to prosecute the former senior army officer; Mr. Ben-Gurion as Defense Minister instructed the Israel Chief of Staff to release the officer from active service; and the former officer, through his Haifa

attorney, said that as a civilian, he considered himself free "to choose ways to prove my claim that I am not guilty."

It was recalled that a committee headed by Justice Haim Cohen, which investigated the 1954 security mishap last year, charged that the senior officer induced another officer to give false testimony in a prior investigation of the mishap. Following the submission of the Cohen commission report in October, 1960, the senior army officer was suspended. At that time, the officer asked that a special investigation committee be set up to clear him but he withdrew the request.

The former officer also said, in his statement today, that it was not surprising that the Attorney General had found there was insufficient evidence of a forgery or of distribution of forged documents. He said he had always claimed he had not committed any forgery.

It was indicated that his former secretary, when interrogated by Attorney General Hausner in Paris last year, testified she forged a letter at the instruction of the army officer. However, it was reported, she retracted that statement when she was brought face-to-face with the officer in Israel and could not point out what forgery had been done in the letter. The secretary was to return today to her post in Paris.

CASABLANCA JEWISH COMMUNITY PROTESTS AGAINST ARRESTS OF JEWS

PARIS, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- A delegation of the Casablanca Jewish community has protested to Commandant Medboh, Governor of the City, against widespread arrests of Moroccan Jews, which began with the arrival of President Nasser of the United Arab Republic, it was reported here today from Casablanca. Nasser came to Morocco for the recent African summit conference.

The commandant promised to intervene, according to the reports, which also indicated further arrests including 20 students of the Yeshivah Neveh Chalom and its director M. Wrechner. The group was taken forcibly to the police commissioner's office.

The Swiss Consul in Casablanca intervened on behalf of Wrechner, a Swiss national who has lived in Morocco for several years, but without results so far. However, the children who were arrested last week were released after intervention by Meyer Obadia, president of the Jewish Community, N. Monsonego, director of Ozar Hatorah, and other leaders. Widespread feeling has been created by the arrests.

U.S. GETS ISRAEL'S ASSURANCE ON PEACEFUL USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman said today, after talking with Secretary of State Christian Herter, that he saw no reason why the Israel atomic energy program would figure further in current news.

Mr. Harman said that he touched on the Israel atomic energy program in his report to the Secretary on Israel's progress and again conveyed the position that the program is and will be directed to peaceful uses. Mr. Harman said he felt that summed it up.

The Ambassador said the Israel Government had denied there had been any new American diplomatic representations on this matter and indicated that the issue was closed. He added that he was very grateful for the opportunity of meeting with the Secretary on his return from Israel and that he gave a personal report on Israeli progress against the background of his year-and-a-half absence from Israel.

The Ambassador further added that he had not had a chance to study the Casablanca statement of the United Arab Republic and four other African nations involving Israel and therefore could not comment on that statement which branded Israel a threat to Africa.

TALKS ON RESTITUTION FOR NAZI VICTIMS IN AUSTRIA REPORTED PROGRESSING

VIENNA, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Talks between West Germany and Austria on a West German contribution to a fund for payment of restitution to Austrian victims of the Nazi period in Austria progressed favorably, Austrian negotiators returning from Bonn reported today.

The exact phrasing of the text of an agreement for such a contribution has been prepared and negotiations will be resumed Monday when a West German delegation of 12 experts of various Bonn Ministries comes to Vienna.

(Israel demanded today that the Government of Austria act promptly to provide "prompt and adequate compensation" for Jewish victims of nazism in Austria "in all cases of repayable damage." The demand was contained in a note handed to the Austrian Ambassador in Jerusalem by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister. The note protested Austria's "procrastination" in paying restitution to the Jewish victims.)

GERMAN STATE BANS STUDENTS UNION FOR ANTI-SEMITIC ACTIVITIES

DUSSELDORF, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The Nationalist Students Union was banned today in North Rhine Westphalia by the Ministry of the Interior which said the organization had engaged in anti-democratic and anti-Semitic activities.

Police reported finding large quantities of neo-Nazi material in homes of leaders of the group. Pamphlets were found in the universities of Bonn and Cologne and in technical high schools. The organization was affiliated with the neo-Nazi German Reichs party.

U.S. JEWISH GROUPS COMPLAIN TO U.N. ON TREATMENT OF JEWS IN RUSSIA

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 11, (JTA) -- The United Nations Commission on Human Rights today made public the text of a memorandum submitted jointly by 17 national Jewish organizations in the United States asking the UN to act on the discriminations against Jews in the Soviet Union. The memorandum will be considered by the UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities which opened its two-week session here yesterday.

The memorandum lists numerous facts indicating that Jews in the Soviet Union suffer disabilities both as an ethnic-cultural and religious group and as individuals, "it emphasizes that these disabilities do not apply to other groups or individuals in the Soviet Union.

"Reports whose veracity can no longer be in doubt clearly indicate that a special policy is being applied against Soviet Jews both as individuals and as an ethnic, religious and cultural group," the memorandum states. "This policy stands in sharp contrast even to those institutional facilities which have been permitted to other ethnic and religious groups in the Soviet Union; moreover, it contradicts the very principles of equality which the Soviet authorities have repeatedly professed in international forums.

"Major facets of this tragic and deteriorating position have consistently been brought to public attention. They include a persistent refusal to restore their cultural institutions to Soviet Jews (after years of forcible deprivations) and a campaign of incitement in Russia and in the Ukraine against Judaism. Among those who have verified these reports are many outstanding personalities, including outspoken friends of the Soviet Union.

"We American Jewish organizations find it difficult to believe that the Soviet authorities can refuse to take note of the collective concern of mankind. It would in no way be inconsistent with the Soviet system to carry out a major change in policy towards Soviet Jewry. Such a change would require:

"1. The granting of full cultural and religious group rights and institutions in Yiddish and Hebrew to Soviet Jews, including the right to establish a federation of Jewish communities inside the Soviet Union.

"2. Permission to Soviet Jews to emigrate, in accordance with the principles of the Human Rights Declaration, for purposes such as the reunion of dispersed families.

"3. Resumption of organizational contact between Soviet Jews and Jewish groups elsewhere."

The organizations which signed the memorandum are: American-Israel Public Affairs Committee; American Jewish Congress; American Trade Union Council for Labor Israel; American Zionist Council; B'nai B'rith; Hadassah; Jewish Agency for Israel; Jewish Labor Committee; Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.; Labor Zionist Movement; Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrachi; National Community Relations Advisory Council; National Council of Young Israel; Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America; United Synagogue of America; and Zionist Organization of America.

U. N. Body Discusses Refusal of Certain Lands to Permit Emigration

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 11, (JTA) -- The United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities began consideration today of a report on the question of discrimination by Governments against the right to leave a country, including the country of birth, and to return to a country--an evaluation which may touch on the refusal of the Soviet Union to allow its Jews to emigrate.

The discussion is based on a report of the Subcommittee's special rapporteur, Jose D. Ingles of the Philippines, who said his findings from 30 governments would be used to prepare draft monographs which will be sent to the governments concerned for comment and additional data.

He reported to the Subcommittee that most of the replies received from governments thus far indicated that no discrimination existed in regard to the right of everyone to leave any country, including his own, and to return. However, the rapporteur added, some countries deny both nationals and foreigners the right to leave the country and that this denial is based on broad and imprecise grounds.

He mentioned, as examples, positions of such governments that activities of those leaving might be prejudicial to the interests of the country or that they might endanger its internal or external security. He explained that for his draft report, he would have to have additional material from governments and non-governmental organizations, asserting that so far, only a relatively small number of countries and organizations had provided such material.

EX-NAZI GENERAL CHARGED IN GERMANY WITH KILLING 2,000 JEWS

KARLSRUHE, West Germany, Jan. 11, (JTA) -- Charges of murder were filed today against a former Nazi SS General charged with the mass murder of more than 2,000 Lithuanian and Ukrainian Jews during World War II.

The SS General was Erich Ehlinger who will be tried along with seven other SS men of lesser rank. They served in dreaded SS "Einsatzkommando" (special command) which specialized in mass-killing of Jews in Nazi-occupied countries. Ehlinger, now 50 years of age, lived under a false name until apprehended in November, 1958.

U. S. PUBLISHERS ADMIT VALIDITY OF JEWISH COMPLAINTS ON TEXTBOOKS

NEW YORK, Jan. 11, (JTA) -- The director of the American Textbook Publishers Institute admitted today the accuracy of a formal charge that most textbooks used in American public schools present a one-sided picture of minority groups and promised prompt action to correct such shortcomings.

Dr. Austin McCaffrey accepted the charge by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and noted that some of these books were written years ago. "Times have changed," he said, "Views and orientations have changed. No one will say that texts developed thus far are as good as they ought to be."

The complaint emerged from a 10-month study of 48 textbooks on social studies made by Dr. Lloyd Marcus, director of the ADL department of research and development. Dr. Marcus asserted that the texts gave "a partial, inadequate and distorted view" of Jews, Nazi atrocities, Negroes and immigrants.

As two examples, he cited a statement from a problems of democracy text and one from a world history text. The first statement was: "Some minorities have been ridiculed for inferior education and living standards. Jews, on the other hand, it is alleged, 'succeed too well too fast.' They do 'too well' in business. They are too able in school. They are called pushers." The other citation reads: "In the 1920's, Hitler constantly attacked the feebleness of the republic that tolerated the traitorous acts of Jews and Communists."

Dr. McCaffrey said that the ADL study appeared to be "very objective, very searching" and that it merited "a great deal of attention" in the book publishing industry.

NEWTON MINOW, NEW F. C. C. HEAD, IS ACTIVE IN JEWISH AFFAIRS IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Jan. 11, (JTA) -- Newton M. Minow, the 34-year-old lawyer and associate of Adlai Stevenson who was named yesterday by President-elect Kennedy as chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, is a member of the executive of the American Jewish Committee in Chicago. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago.

Mr. Minow is a member of a Reform temple and a board member of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He graduated at the head of his class at Northwestern University law school in 1950 and served as an army sergeant in World War II. He was legal secretary to the late Supreme Court Justice Fred Vinson. Last year he was named as one of the 10 outstanding young men by the Chicago Junior Chamber of Commerce.

GEN. LASKOV, FORMER ISRAEL CHIEF OF STAFF, ARRIVES IN U.S. FOR U. J. A. DRIVE

NEW YORK, Jan. 11, (JTA) -- Major General Haim Laskov, who served as Chief of Staff of Israel's Defense Forces during the past three critical years, said here today that Israel's people must count on "the continued partnership of the Jews in America in order to assure a proper place in Israel's life for thousands of recent immigrants."

General Laskov, who retired from Israel's top military post on December 31, arrived at New York International Airport via El Al Israel Airlines this morning to start a month-long speaking tour for the United Jewish Appeal. At a press conference held shortly after his arrival, the Israeli leader stressed that he was here solely "on a humanitarian mission--a joint endeavor with the American Jewish community to fulfill the hopes of thousands who are struggling to build new lives and to contribute towards the building of freedom."

In introducing the visitor, Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman, termed Gen. Laskov "as great a teacher as he is a soldier." He said the programs of general education and vocational training initiated under the general's tenure as Chief of Staff had "transformed thousands of immigrant youngsters of underprivileged backgrounds into creative citizens by the time they had completed their military service."

CHRISTIAN EFFORTS TO CONVERT U. S. JEWS TERMED 'TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE'

NEW YORK, Jan. 11, (JTA) -- Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, denounced last night efforts of Christian missionaries to convert Jews as "a kind of religious imperialism" and doomed to fail. He called such efforts "totally ineffective."

Speaking at a dinner of the Metropolitan Conference of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, the Reform leader said "such invidious missionary activities" were "out of harmony with the modern era" no less than colonial imperialism. Dr. Eisendrath was honored as the "Man of the Year," by the conference.

MINNESOTA STATE LEGISLATURE NAMES JEWISH CHAPLAIN; FIRST IN 102 YEARS

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 11, (JTA) -- The first rabbi ever to serve as chaplain of the Minnesota State Legislature in its 102-year history, has been appointed by that body for the current session, it was reported here today. He is Rabbi Bernard S. Raskas, of St. Paul, who was named jointly with Msgr. J. J. Cullinan, vicar of the Catholic Archdiocese of St. Paul, and will serve 45 of the 90 days of the session.