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JEWISH CONGRESS PRESIDENT SCORED FOR URGING LIQUIDATION OF ZIONISM

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, tonight struck back at critics of American Zionism, calling their recent demands for a dissolution of the Zionist movement "cavalier suggestions to dissolve tried and tested instrumentalities in favor of inchoate movements and mergers."

Addressing a large gathering at the Hotel Roosevelt for a special "Report Meeting" on the 25th World Zionist Congress held in Israel, Rabbi Miller aimed his sharpest rhetorical barbs at Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, who last week advocated abandoning the Zionist movement in favor of a new merger of Jewish groups.

Singling out Dr. Prinz by name, Rabbi Miller declared that the Prinz plan has failed to attract the interests of any Jewish organization in existence, including the American Jewish Congress. "In other words," said Rabbi Miller acidly, "there is no guarantee that such an organization or movement as is contemplated by Dr. Prinz will actually emerge. The only guarantee offered is that the Zionist movement will be dissolved."

Rabbi Miller scored as a "fatuous notion" the contention that replacement of Zionism with a new American-Jewish credo would open new lines of communication between American Jewry and Israel. He added that the idea reminded him of the suggestion purportedly made to Premier David Ben-Gurion by a well-meaning American Jew that Israel would receive greater support if it changed its name to Irving.

"In the final analysis," Rabbi Miller said, "the problem facing Zionists and Jews today is not whether Zionism is necessary, but whether it is strong. The question is not whether Zionism should continue, but whether it can fulfill its tasks. To this problem and this question let us address ourselves."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, addressing the audience, similarly denounced as "irresponsible utterance" the suggestion by Dr. Prinz that the Zionist movement be dismantled and replaced by a new merger of "like-minded" Jewish groups. Accusing Rabbi Prinz of speaking without a mandate from the American Jewish Congress, Dr. Neumann demanded to know by what authority the former called on the Zionist movement to become a "candidate for self liquidation" in favor of a "vague and nebulous idea in his own mind." He alluded to the possibility that the AJC president's statements had been motivated by difficulties within his own organization.

Mrs. Halprin Pessimistic on Mass Migration of U.S. Jews to Israel

Mrs. Rose Halprin, acting chairman of the Jewish Agency executive in New York, told the audience that mass migration of Jews to Israel could only take place when external pressures make conditions in their native land untenable. "Happily," she said, "this is not the situation in the countries of the free world where Jews live as citizens."

Mrs. Halprin put the onus for lack of even an acceptable minimum of American-Jewish immigration to Israel squarely on the shoulders of Premier Ben-Gurion. She said that American Jews would come to Israel "from positive reasons or not at all." The Israel Government, she added, had dampened the enthusiasm of would-be immigrants by failing to consider their minimum standard of living requirements--especially in the field of housing.

Despite the situation, Mrs. Halprin called it "unthinkable" that American Jews would play no part in the rebuilding of the Jewish State. She maintained that future immigration would be confined to specialized groups of Jews "unafraid" to think in terms of idealism and service and who will want to supply working hands "to the building of the State."

Describing the atmosphere of the World Zionist Congress recently concluded in Israel, Mrs. Halprin spoke deprecatingly of a "Congress behind the scenes where delegates met to bargain for place and portfolio." She termed this method of establishing World Zionist organization policy "unworthy of a great movement" that would, if uncorrected, succeed in corroding that movement."

Other speakers at the meeting were Dr. Miriam Freund, Hadassah leader; Louis Segal, labor Zionist leader; and Rabbi Mordecai Kirschblum, Mizrahi leader. Dr. Freund contested the allegation that Israel Premier Ben-Gurion had, in his address at the World Zionist Congress, impugned the faith of Orthodox Jews in America. She said that, on the contrary, he had placed the emergence of the American-Jewish community as a positive element in Jewish life on a plane with the rebirth of Israel.

MAPAI BOWS TO LAVON; LIFTS THREE-WEEK DEADLINE ON 'LAVON AFFAIR' REPORT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 23. (JTA) --After an arduous, all-day meeting today, the secretariat of the Mapai party finally adopted a resolution reaffirming the party's previous decision calling for the formation of a five-member study committee to probe the Lavon case, but lifting the previous three-week deadline fixed for a report by the committee.

The lifting of the deadline was considered a victory for Pinhas Lavon, secretary-general of Histadrut, in his long fight against Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion. Mr. Lavon has insisted right along that the three-week deadline would mean that the study group--probing into the entire issue, going as far back as Lavon's 1955 resignation from the Defense Ministry over a "security mishap" that occurred in 1954--would constitute appeasement of Mr. Ben-Gurion. He said that the three-week limit would mean the committee would work "at pistol point," since Mr. Ben-Gurion had threatened to quit the Premiership if Lavon were not ousted from the Histadrut position.

The members of Mapai's special Lavon investigating committee were also urged in the secretariat resolution not to resign from the group. Until now, Mrs. Golda Meir, the Foreign Minister, has insisted she could not serve on the committee, due to the pressure of her Foreign Ministry activities. Another member of the committee, Minister of Police Behor Shitreet, said he could not serve because his "views are well known." He was a member of the Cabinet's special Ministerial committee which on December 25, exonerated Mr. Lavon. A third member of the Mapai committee, Meir Argov, chairman of the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee of the Israel Parliament, said he would refuse to serve unless Mrs. Meir stayed on the study group.

The secretariat meeting was recessed for a short time while an effort to work out a compromise among the various factions was undertaken by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, who is considered a "centrist" in the Lavon--Ben-Gurion fight. That meeting was held at Mrs. Meir's home here. Later, the entire Secretariat met again, and the resolution lifting the three-week deadline was carried.

ISRAELI WORKERS PROTEST AGAINST GOVERNMENT-APPROVED RISE IN PRICES

TEL AVIV, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Thousands of factory workers here participated in a half-hour strike today in protest against price increases recently approved by the Government on a variety of items. The strike was opposed by the trade union department of the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, which labeled it an "unofficial" strike, claiming it was inspired by Communists and the leftist Mapam party.

Despite the objection and appeal by the Histadrut, thousands of persons stopped work between 10 and 10:30 this morning. Special "action committees" in the larger factories addressed the workers during the stoppage, demanding that the Ministry of Finance reverse its decision for higher levies and duties on various essential commodities.

U.S. LAWYER ARRIVES IN JERUSALEM TO ADVISE ISRAEL ON EICHMANN TRIAL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Professor Robert M. W. Kempner, noted German-born, American political scientist and international lawyer, who in 1945-46 was American deputy chief counsel for the Nuremberg War Crimes trials, arrived here today at the invitation of Attorney General Gideon Hausner to act as an advisor in the forthcoming trial of Nazi Gestapo Col. Adolf Eichmann.

Dr. Kempner, a Jew, will advise Mr. Hausner in regard to documents and exhibits to be entered before the special Eichmann trial court when the ex-Nazi goes on trial, next March, for crimes against the Jewish people and crimes against humanity in the killing of 6,000,000 European Jews under the Nazi regime.

Among other posts he held, Dr. Kempner was on the staff of Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson in the conduct of the Nuremberg War Crimes trial. He was also chief prosecutor in the Allied case against Nazi diplomats from 1947 to 1949.

VIENNA STATE ATTORNEY OPENS PROBE INTO CASE OF ARRESTED EICHMANN AIDE

VIENNA, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Vienna's State Attorney opened an investigation here today into the case of Franz Nowak, a former Gestapo officer arrested here last Friday on charges of having been one of the principal accomplices of Adolf Eichmann, SS Colonel now awaiting trial in Israel as the slayer of 6,000,000 European Jews under the Hitler regime.

One of the points to be determined, the State Attorney said, will be Nowak's nationality. A former Austrian, he went to Germany during the Nazi regime, later becoming an aide to Eichmann.

LEOPOLD SCHUMM, NAZI WHO SHOT JEWS IN POLAND, ARRESTED IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Police authorities here announced today they have arrested Leopold Schumm, an architect, on charges of Nazi activities during the Hitler regime. The man is accused of having shot four Jews in Poland during the Nazi occupation of that country, in 1942.

ISRAELIS ASK U.N. ACTION TO SAFEGUARD RIGHTS OF JEWS IN MOROCCO

JERUSALEM, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Demands that the United Nations take action to compel Morocco to live up to the UN Charter and to safeguard the rights of Moroccan Jews, were made here today by a number of prominent Israelis attending a meeting in memory of the 43 Jewish emigrants from Morocco, who perished in the Mediterranean Sea two weeks ago on their way to Israel.

Memorial meetings were held in a number of Israeli centers, including Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. In attendance were Moroccan settlers in Israel, leading members of the Cabinet, members of the Knesset, Israel's parliament, and many rabbis. The largest of the meetings was held in Habimah Hall at Tel Aviv, where memorial services were conducted by rabbis wearing Oriental garb.

Later, a delegation of Moroccan Jews was received here by Foreign Minister Golda Meir, who pledged that the Israel Government would remain firm in its demands for freedom of movement for Moroccan Jews.

Moroccan Ban on Jewish Emigration Criticized in Tunisia

PARIS, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- An influential Tunisian newspaper, *Afrique-Action*, criticized the Moroccan Government today for its policy of trying to force Jews to remain in the country. At the same time, broadcasts from Morocco, some of them disguised under the name of "Voice of Mauretania," continued their anti-Tunisian attacks today, accusing Tunisia's President Habib Bourguiba of "selling out to France, Zionism and American imperialism."

Afrique-Action pointed out that, while it does not agree with Israel's policy calling for "ingathering of the exiles," Tunisia does permit Jews wishing to go to Israel to emigrate. By contrast, the newspaper pointed out, the recent Mediterranean Sea drowning of 43 Jewish-Moroccan emigrants on their way to Israel, points up the results of Morocco's policy of shutting the doors to Jewish emigration. Such a policy, said the newspaper, is "a grave error."

British Jews Ask Moroccan Government to Restore Jewish Rights

LONDON, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews called on the Moroccan Government today "to restore and maintain the rights of the Jewish citizens of Morocco in accordance with the undertakings of the Moroccan Government at the time Morocco achieved independence and obtained membership in the United Nations."

In its statement, the Board expressed "deep concern with the worsening position of Moroccan Jews," citing the anti-Jewish agitation in Morocco "and other discriminations" against Jews there. The statement expressed the belief that "the good name of all countries, and their influence among the nations, depend on fairness, justice and humane treatment of all inhabitants and minorities."

Jewish Communities in Italy to Mourn Death of Moroccan Jews

ROME, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Sergio Piperno, president of the United Jewish Community of Italy, issued a directive today to all Italian Jewish communities to hold memorial services for the 43 Moroccan Jewish men, women and children who perished in a sea disaster January 11 en route to Israel.

In the directive, he referred to the tragedy as "the sorrowful consequence of the precarious situation of Moroccan Jewry." The *Corriere Della Sera*, Milan's leading daily, discussed the plight of Moroccan Jews in a front page editorial and asked that the United Nations demand of Morocco that it respect the UN Charter and fundamental human rights.

AMERICA-ISRAEL CULTURAL FOUNDATION ADOPTS \$1,510,000 BUDGET FOR 1961

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- A budget of \$1,510,000 for 1961 was approved today at the annual meeting of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation, it was announced by Samuel Rubin, president, who was re-elected for another year. Mr. Rubin also reported that in 1960, the Foundation dispersed \$1,304,500 through its cultural program in Israel and its cultural exchange program in the United States.

Of the funds spent in 1960, the sum of \$649,000 went to support of the Foundation's 40 cultural institutions in Israel and \$265,000 represented the value of art treasures contributed to the Foundation for the museums of Israel. The balance was used for the Foundation's cultural exchange activities, for scholarships in the arts for 150 talented young Israelis and for building projects of beneficiary agencies in Israel.

In addition to re-electing Mr. Rubin as president, William Mazer was re-elected board chairman; Robert S. Benjamin was elected chairman of the executive committee and Billy Rose, chairman of the Museum committee.

NIXON MIGHT HAVE WON WITH JEW AS RUNNING MATE, MRS. LUCE SAYS

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Richard Nixon might have been President today if he had chosen a Jewish running mate, Clare Boothe Luce, former U.S. Ambassador to Italy, asserts in the current issue of *McCall's* magazine published today. Mrs. Luce adds that "the day will come" when a person of the Jewish faith will be considered for the Presidency.

U. N. BODY GETS JEWISH PROPOSAL ON PROTECTING RELIGIOUS RIGHTS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 23, (JTA) -- A representative of a Jewish organization proposed here today that the United Nations form a Commission on Religious Rights, which would be empowered to receive complaints and probe into religious discriminations everywhere in the world.

The proposal was made by Dr. Isaac Lewin, UN representative of the Agudas Israel World Organization, in an address to the UN Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. He told the Subcommittee he based his idea on the type of commissions against discrimination now existing in 20 American states and in a number of American cities.

Like many of the American commissions against discrimination, he said, the UN Commission on Religious Rights would act as the guardian of religious rights. The UN commission would, after investigating charges of religious discrimination against governments, intervene with those governments and try to reconcile the differences between the governments concerned and the complainants.

The subcommittee took no immediate action on Dr. Lewin's proposal. But the suggestion was placed in the group's records, and could be brought up any time for possible implementation by any one of the 12 members of the subcommittee. The group is a subsidiary of the UN Commission on Human Rights.

YIVO HEARS REPORT ON U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANT FOR YIDDISH PROJECT

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The National Science Foundation, a United States Government-sponsored body, has agreed to finance the preparation of a Yiddish language and culture "atlas," it was announced here today at the 35th annual conference of the Yivo Institute for Jewish Research.

The atlas is being compiled by Dr. Uriel Weinreich, Professor of Language and Yiddish Studies at Columbia University, who reported on the project to the conference. The grant by the Foundation, which was described as substantial, marks the first time that a U.S. Government body is actively participating in a research project on the Yiddish language.

JEWISH WOMAN HONORED FOR OFFERING \$500,000 TO AID INTEGRATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The United Synagogue of America today presented a Solomon Schechter citation for distinguished service in social action to Miss Ellen Steinberg of New York City and St. Louis, Mo. Miss Steinberg was honored for her recent offer of a gift or loan of \$500,000 to the school board of New Orleans, La. during the recent integration crisis there.

The award was presented by Dr. Louis Finkelstein, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, who said: "Miss Steinberg's magnificent gesture has shed luster on all of us as Jews and as Americans because it exemplifies Judaism in action and the translation of ideal into concrete commitment."

U.S. GROUP TO RAISE \$100,000 FOR SHOLEM ALEICHEM HOUSE IN ISRAEL

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 23. (JTA) -- A group of Miami Jewish communal leaders has formed a committee to raise a fund of \$100,000 to construct and maintain in Tel Aviv, a building to house archives on Sholem Aleichem. The building, to be known as Beit Sholom Aleichem, will contain the unfinished manuscripts as well as historical material related to the popular Jewish writer's life and works.

The Miami committee, which is headed by Harry Simonhoff, M. Chomitz and J. Morgenstern, expects to develop its group into a national committee with a national chairman to be elected by the central body to be formed.

REMAINS OF ANCIENT ISRAELITE TOWN UNCOVERED BY HEBREW UNIVERSITY TEAM

JERUSALEM, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The remains of an ancient Israelite town have been uncovered at Ein Gedi on the western shore of the Dead Sea by a team of archaeologists, it was reported here today by the Hebrew University. The excavations, which were completed last week, fully confirmed the Biblical account of the fame of the town as a vine-growing locality and center of the spice trade, the university announcement stated.

The ruins of the biblical Ein Gedi, which remained an important settlement for many centuries, were found under a layer of relics dating back to the Hellenistic period (300 B. C. E.--100 C. E.) which, in turn, lay under a layer of ruins dating to the Byzantine period (about 500 C. E.) All three layers indicated that Ein Gedi was an important transit center for foreign trade, according to the announcement.