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MOROCCAN JEWISH COMMUNITY APPEALS TO KING FOR FRIENDLY TREATMENT

CASABLANCA, March 8. (JTA) -- The Jewish community of Casablanca sent a telegram today to King Hassan II expressing the hope that he would show the same solidarity to the Jewish population which was shown by his late father, Mohammed V. The message also reaffirmed the loyalty of the Jewish community to the new King.

It was reported at the same time that Abdul Khalek Hassouna, the Arab League secretary, met with King Hassan earlier in the week and broached the problem of passports for Moroccan Jews. The Arab League secretary was understood to have told the King that making passports freely available to Moroccan Jews would result in a "massive migration" to Israel. Official sources, however, have not made any comment on the talks between Hassouna and the King.

Arab language newspapers published demands Sunday that Jews be barred from migrating to Israel in accordance with Arab League decisions.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENT PREPARES FOR DISCUSSION OF GENERAL ELECTION BILLS

JERUSALEM, March 8. (JTA) -- The National Religious party indicated today it would support in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, the bill of Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's Mapai party which would set August 29 as the date for new general elections to end the current Government crisis.

A Knesset presidium decided that all bills for an election date will have a first reading Monday. It appeared that if the Religious party did support the Mapai bill, it was virtually certain the bill would have the majority vote needed for passage.

Opposition parties have come out for a much earlier date, as early as June, in the hope of capitalizing on the internal troubles of the Mapai party stemming from Mr. Ben-Gurion's fight against Pinhas Lavon, who was forced out of his post as Secretary General of the Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor.

President Ben-Zvi was expected to publish tomorrow an official statement that under the circumstances there was no way to form by negotiation a Government to replace the one Mr. Ben-Gurion toppled by resigning January 31 and therefore elections had to be held. Justice Minister Pinhas Rosen was understood to feel that constitutionally the President was required to call on at least one additional candidate for a mandate to try to form a new Government before declaring complete failure.

Leadership of Liberal Front May be Offered to Dr. Goldmann

Meanwhile the talks between the General Zionists and the Progressive party on formation of a new "liberal" non-Socialist party were reported progressing. Formal talks for that goal were expected soon between the two parties.

A key position in the proposed "liberal" party would be offered to Dr. Nahum Goldmann if he decided to settle in Israel, it was reported here today. Organizers of the proposed new party indicated they intended to consult with Dr. Goldmann immediately after his scheduled arrival in Israel this week.

It was recalled that several years ago Dr. Goldmann made a vigorous effort for just such a merger and it was widely believed he would have agreed to serve as head of such a unified party. The Progressives at that time rejected the merger idea and Dr. Goldmann abstained from further merger efforts. With new elections likely within six months and the drop in Mapai prestige stemming from the Ben-Gurion struggle, the moves toward such a merger have entered the practical stage.

FOUR-HOUR BATTLE REPORTED ON SYRIAN-ISRAELI FRONT; ONE ISRAELI WOUNDED

TEL AVIV, March 8. (JTA) -- One Israeli soldier was wounded slightly today in a four-hour exchange of fire between Syrian and Israel positions near the demilitarized zone in northern Israel.

The Israel Army spokesman said the firing began when the Syrians began shooting at a tractor working on Israeli land southeast of the kibbutz Shear Yashuv on the east side of the Jordan River. An Israeli patrol returned the fire. The shooting ended when night fell. Israel has lodged a complaint with the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission.

ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES KHRUSHCHEV'S NOTE TO BEN-GURION ON CONGO

JERUSALEM, March 8. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Golda Meir reported to the Cabinet the contents of a note sent by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev to Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion on the Soviet views for the solution of the Congo crisis.

It is understood that the same letter--asking for support of Soviet proposals on the Congo in the United Nations General Assembly session which opened yesterday, was submitted to all other member countries of the United Nations who had not received a similar letter sent a week earlier to a selected list of countries.

U. N. BODY DISCUSSES WHETHER TO RECOMMEND OUTLAWING OF ANTI-SEMITISM

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 8. (JTA) -- The United Nations Commission on Human Rights discussed today the worldwide outbreaks of anti-Semitic incidents in 1959 and 1960 and the value of adoption of a resolution on steps to cancel discriminatory laws and for legislation to ban all types of discrimination.

Delegates of the Netherlands, Pakistan and Denmark favored postponing adoption of such a resolution. The delegates of Poland and the Ukraine felt that a resolution should be adopted. No decision was reached.

Austria formally introduced a resolution calling on the Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to evaluate principles in international "instruments" which provide special protective measures for racial, national, religious and linguistic groups. The Subcommittee also would be asked to analyze those internal protective measures compiled by the Secretary General in a memorandum.

P. E. Nedbailo of the Ukraine said that finding means to eradicate the forces that caused the resurgence of anti-Semitism and other forms of racial prejudices was one of the main tasks of the Commission. He said that attribution of such manifestations to juvenile delinquents was misleading. He pointed out that 200,000 persons were arrested during the 1959-60 outbreaks throughout the world and that this proved it was a mass movement.

The Ukrainian delegate claimed the outbreaks were due to fascist and neo-Nazi organizations in the Western world, particularly in West Germany, to the remilitarization of West Germany and to "monopolistic forces" which he said were trying to educate the new German generation in the spirit of Nazi "revanchism." He asserted that "the link between nazism, racism and colonialism" was "a fact" and that "such evil" should be liquidated.

Mrs. Marietta P. Tree, the United States delegate, said that the 1959-60 outbreaks were "shocking" but that such reports as those of the Subcommittee were reassuring. Citing a long list of documents submitted by governments on discriminations of all kinds in their countries, Mrs. Tree reiterated that "not all" of the governments had replied to the UN on the situation of Jews and anti-Semitism in their countries--a reminder to which Soviet delegate V. I. Saphozhnikov objected earlier this week stating that there was no anti-Semitism in his country and that charges to the contrary were a "smokescreen."

JEWISH SURVIVORS TESTIFY AT SOVIET TRIAL OF ESTONIAN MURDERERS

LONDON, March 8. (JTA) -- Jewish survivors of wartime brutality inflicted by pro-Nazi Estonian elements have been brought to Tallinn from East European countries to testify at the trial of Ralph Gerrets and Jan Vijk, charged by a Soviet tribunal with complicity in the wartime Nazi murder of 125,000 persons, mostly Jews, it was reported today from Tallinn, the Estonian capital.

Two Czech Jewish women, Mrs. Markita Masheva, 40, and Mrs. Eva Meisnerova, 35, told the court today how they were beaten and abused by Estonian Fascists who collaborated with the Germans. This happened at a time when their parents were murdered in a concentration camp.

Both Gerrets and Vijk, under Soviet court procedure, were permitted to question the witnesses. But neither could shake the testimony that the women were part of a trainload of 1,150 Czech Jews. Of this number all were shot on arrival except 250 younger prisoners who were moved to work camps. Similar testimony by other Jewish witnesses incriminated Gerrets, Vijk, and other Estonian Nazis who worked with the Gestapo.

AUSTRIA AND GERMANY TO SETTLE COMPENSATION FOR NAZI VICTIMS NEXT MONTH

VIENNA, March 8. (JTA) -- Final touches to an agreement by which West Germany will contribute to an Austrian fund for payment of compensation for victims of the Nazi period in Austria will be worked out at a meeting of Austrian and West German officials in Vienna next month, it was reported here today.

The meeting, reportedly set for April 7, will be attended by Heinrich von Brentano, West German Foreign Minister, Franz Etzel, West German Finance Minister, Bruno Kreisky, Austrian Foreign Minister, and Austrian Finance Minister Heilingsetzer.

The agreement provides for a West German contribution to a fund to be set up by Austria for payments to political and racial victims of the Nazi period. The Austrian Ministers and their West German colleagues will fix the amounts of the payments and the West German contribution.

PROF. YOEL RAKAH, NOTED PHYSICIST, ELECTED RECTOR OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, March 8. (JTA) -- Italian-born Professor Yoel Rakah, 52, a world-famous physicist, was elected tonight as rector of the Hebrew University. He succeeds Dr. Binyamin Mazar, who resigned.

The new rector, who settled in Palestine in 1931, has been professor of theoretical physics at Hebrew University since 1939 and served as the dean of the faculty of sciences from 1946 to 1948. He also has taught at the University of Pisa and the University of Florence. He was a guest member of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University in Princeton, N. J. in 1950 and 1951.

ISRAEL TEACHERS' STRIKE WILL NOT AFFECT STUDENTS' CREDITS

TEL AVIV, March 8. (JTA) -- An Education Ministry official promised the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, today that students in secondary schools would not lose credit for a semester's work if the present teachers' strike continues until the end of the current term. The secondary school teachers walked out Sunday in support of demands for higher pay.

Ami Assaf, Deputy Education Minister, said that the Government would make arrangements for final examinations for such students if the strike was an extended one. The assurance was given in reply to urgent motions to debate the situation created by the strike.

The secondary school teachers, who split away from the Teachers Union in the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, demanded conditions which would give them more recognition as holders of academic degrees as compared to the elementary school teachers in the Histadrut union.

Although Israel has no public secondary school system and such schools are under private auspices, the Government does have a stake in such education through scholarships and partial support for needy secondary school students.

One of the problems Government peacemakers face is the fear that if secondary school teachers win pay increases higher than those recommended by a special commission, or acceptable to the Histadrut teachers union, the victory would set in motion a wave of similar demands by other teachers employed either by the national government or by municipalities.

The Education Ministry official also told the Knesset that his Ministry would not permit reopening of schools under private arrangements between parents and teachers by which the parents would pay higher tuition fees to make possible teacher salary increases.

SENATE CONFIRMS MERIWETHER'S APPOINTMENT; VOTE IS 67 TO 18

WASHINGTON, March 8. (JTA) -- President Kennedy today expressed confidence that Charles M. Meriwether--confirmed today by a 67 to 18 Senate vote despite charges of racism--would do a good job as a director of the United States Export-Import Bank.

Following the final vote by the Senate this afternoon on the controversial nomination, Mr. Kennedy told a press conference he had looked over Mr. Meriwether's record, that the nominee had been approved by an overwhelming majority of the Senate, and that "I am confident he will do a good job."

The 18 who voted against confirmation included liberals of both parties. Senator Wayne Morse, Oregon Democrat, told the Senate he had no doubt that if President Kennedy had known at the time Mr. Meriwether was named all that has since been disclosed, "he wouldn't have made the nomination in the first place."

KENNEDY SAYS HE PLANS TO RECOMMEND NEW CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, March 8. (JTA) -- President Kennedy, referring to his new executive order against religious and racial discrimination in Federal employment and by companies trading with the Government, said today his Administration would also seek to implement civil rights laws adopted in the past by Congress.

He also said that when he thought he could usefully move ahead with additional, new legislation he would recommend such legislation to Congress.

President Kennedy's sweeping executive order to prevent hiring-firing discrimination--on a basis of race or religion in the Federal Government, and in private companies holding Federal contracts, provides penalties, including cancellation of Federal contracts. In issuing the order, Mr. Kennedy said that discrimination based on race, religion, or national origin was "contrary to the constitutional principles and policies of the United States."

KING OF SWEDEN PAYS VISIT TO JEWISH CULTURAL INSTITUTE; SEES EXHIBIT

STOCKHOLM, March 8. (JTA) -- King Gustav VI paid a visit today to the Jewish Cultural Institute to see an exhibit of the paintings by Pavel Fleischmann. The exhibit of the paintings with Jewish names was organized by the Jewish Students Club. This was the King's first visit to a Swedish Jewish institution.

STUDENT FRATERNITY EXPELS STANFORD U. CHAPTER FOR ADMITTING JEWS

CHICAGO, March 8. (JTA) -- The high council of Alpha Tau Omega announced today the ouster of its Stanford University chapter for pledging four Jewish students as members and for refusing to expel them as demanded by the national office.

H. J. Garrecht, high council chairman, said that the chapter's action had violated the fraternity's constitution which "requires allegiance to Christianity." He added that religious bias was not involved in the ouster decision, asserting that the fraternity had members "of Hebrew origin" as well as clergymen of various denominations.

"The constitution of our fraternity was adopted by democratic action of all our chapters in 119 colleges and universities in the United States and in Canada," the chairman declared. "They determine our membership policies."

The Stanford University chapter took its stand of refusing to expel the four Jewish pledges with the support of the university Student Council, Dr. William Craig, Dean of Men, and State Attorney General Stanley E. Mosk. Michael Kavanaugh, the chapter's president, said that every one of the 54 members of the chapter voted for admission of the Jewish students.

GEN. MOSHE DAYAN, ISRAEL'S MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ARRIVES IN U. S.

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- General Moshe Dayan, who was Israel's Chief of Staff during a critical military period and now, as Minister of Agriculture, is directing the campaign to solve the crucial farm problems, arrived in New York via El Al Israel Airlines tonight to begin a nationwide tour on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal.

His first scheduled appearance will be at a UJA meeting in Toledo, Ohio, on Saturday evening. Among the other communities in which he will speak for the UJA during the next few weeks are Kansas City, Mo.; Columbus, Ohio; Denver, Col.; Detroit, Mich.; San Francisco, Cal.; New York City, and Newark, N. J.

The problem of 130,000 immigrant farm settlers in Israel who still cannot make ends meet as farmers are his main concern now. It is to focus attention on the gravity of their needs and to spur swift and massive assistance through the UJA to relieve their plight that Gen. Dayan came to the United States.

CONVENTION OF AMERICAN IMMIGRANTS IN ISRAEL ASKS FOR AID

TEL AVIV, March 8. (JTA) -- The Association of American and Canadian Immigrants closed its tenth annual convention last night with a decision to establish a unit of overseas members preparing to immigrate to Israel under an association program. The program provides for such immigrants to spend part of their time in kibbutzim and part in urban centers.

Another action was a resolution criticizing the Jewish Agency for "consistently failing in its commitments to aid Western alyiah." The resolution called on the Israel Government to establish a coordinating group to deal with the problems of such immigration. Gerald Selbst, chairman of the association's mortgage committee, said that because the Jewish Agency had not participated in mortgage financing, the association had not been able to keep its promises to some newcomers from Western countries.

Ruth Ukstein of Philadelphia, a former lieutenant in the WAVES, was elected national president.

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY TO BUILD BUBLICK HALL

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- The American Committee for Bar-Ilan University announced plans today to build a Gdaliah Bublick Hall of Jewish Studies on the university campus near Ramat Gan, Israel.

The hall will honor the memory of the long-time religious Zionist leader and Yiddish editor. It will house the departments for the study of Torah, Talmud, Israeli history and Jewish philosophy. The three-year-old university now has 600 students.

VANDALS SET FIFTH FIRE TO RABBINICAL SEMINARY; POLICE GUARD BUILDING

NEW YORK, March 8. (JTA) -- A police guard was placed today at the Rabbinical Seminary of America in Queens after the fifth suspicious fire in 10 days was put out by firemen.

Rabbi Abraham Ginsberg, director of the Queens school, told police that after the fourth fire last Saturday, he received an anonymous telephone call in which he was told: "This is Eichmann. Beware. The rest is to come Friday night."

RABBI JUDAH NADICH, OF NEW YORK, DELIVERS OPENING PRAYER IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, March 8. (JTA) -- The opening prayer at today's session of the United States House of Representatives, blessing the efforts of the President and Congressmen, was recited by Rabbi Judah Nadich, Park Avenue Synagogue, New York City.