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### MOSCOW CONFIRMS ARREST OF THREE LEADERS OF LENINGRAD JEWISH COMMUNITY

LONDON, Nov. 9: (JTA) -- The news that three aged leaders of the Leningrad Jewish religious community had been arrested and sentenced to prison last month, after a secret trial, was confirmed today in cables from Moscow to London newspapers.

The three leaders were Gedalia Pechersky, former lay chairman of the Jewish Community in Leningrad, and Dynkin and Kaganov whose first names were not learned. The Moscow despatches said that the three Jews were tried on charges of being "secret agents" and conducting "treasonable activities."

The reports from Moscow revealed that the trial of the three, which was held in secret, took place from October 9 to October 13. Pechersky, who is 60 years old, was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment. The other two received sentences of four years each only because of their age, the reports said. They are both over 70.

According to the confirmatory reports, some 12,000 young Jews, plus a six-piece orchestra from a Leningrad Conservatory, gathered around a Leningrad synagogue on Simchas Torah, last October 2, and sang Jewish folk songs and danced Jewish dances until midnight. Jewish sources here believe that this massive demonstration added to the severity of the sentences of the three Jewish leaders.

The Jewish community in Leningrad is known for its stubborn struggle to restore and preserve Jewish traditions and Pechersky was in the forefront of that struggle, according to the Moscow reports. As a result of such efforts, he was stripped of his official position but continued his fight for Jewish religious rights.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews today asked about the reports at the Soviet Embassy here and an Embassy spokesman denied any knowledge of the case. The Board in a statement expressed "deep concern."

Sir Barnett Janner, MP, president of the Board, said he was "astonished" that the Leningrad Jewish leaders had apparently been accused of "consorting with foreign agents," whatever "that meant." He expressed fears that the episode was "still another example of the discriminatory trend against Jews" in the Soviet Union.

### SOVIET GOVERNMENT RE-OPENS TALKS WITH ISRAEL ON RUSSIAN PROPERTY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9: (JTA) -- The Soviet Government today reopened negotiations with Israel on former Russian properties in various parts of Israel. The negotiations were resumed after a lengthy interruption. They were opened again after Soviet Ambassador Michail Bodrov returned from a home visit with a directive to negotiate sale of the properties to Israel.

The properties include the Russian compound in Jerusalem in which is situated the Israel law courts, the Ministries of Labor and Agriculture, Police headquarters and municipality offices.

Also involved are the Government's administrative offices in Nazareth and other areas but not the sites of churches and monasteries still registered personally in the names of Russian members of the family of the last Russian czar as head of the Russian Orthodox Church missions which settled in Palestine before World War II.

### ANTI-JEWISH TERROR IN ALGERIA CONTINUES; THIRD JEW ASSASSINATED

PARIS, Nov. 9: (JTA) -- Anxiety again gripped the Algerian Jewish community today when 60-year-old Camille Levy was shot to death by three unidentified terrorists.

Today's killing followed the murders this week of David Zermati, president of the Jewish community of Setif, Algeria, and Dr. Joseph Cohen, a well-known Algiers physician.

Algerian police said today they could not determine whether the terrorists who killed Mr. Levy were members of the Algerian FLN rebel organization or of the OAS, the French European underground group.

## MANY JEWS ON LIST OF PROPERTY CONFISCATED YESTERDAY BY NASSER

LONDON, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Most of the 171 names of owners of property in Egypt listed yesterday in the third confiscation of property by the Nasser regime are Jewish, it was reported here today from Cairo.

The total number of victims of such property seizures during the past four weeks is 593. A substantial proportion of the 593 persons are Jewish, it was established from the lists reaching here.

## ISRAEL GOVERNMENT MAY CONSIDER LAUNCHING SECOND SOUNDING ROCKET

TEL AVIV, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- A report that Egypt has successfully tested an Egyptian-made rocket may lead the Israel Government to proceed with the firing of its second sounding rocket, it was reported here today. Israeli sources, however, indicated skepticism about the report which appeared in the Times of London yesterday that an Egyptian rocket has been successfully tested.

The skepticism was based on the belief that if the report had been true, President Nasser, whose prestige in the Arab world has suffered greatly in recent months, would not have passed up such an opportunity to elevate his status both in Egypt and in the rest of the Arab world. But both Radio Cairo and other channels of Nasser's propaganda apparatus were silent about the reported launching.

Israel created a worldwide stir last July by launching a sounding rocket 50 miles high and later indicating that a second more sophisticated launch was in preparation. It was indicated today that the second rocket, named Shavit III, had been ready for a long time but that Israel officials had felt it was best not to fire it. A revision of that decision may be considered now by the Israel Cabinet.

## ISRAEL FEARS EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET MAY SEVERELY HIT COUNTRY

PARIS, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- David Hacohen, chairman of the Israeli Parliamentary delegation now visiting France, hinted today that Israel might have to make special provisions to meet the impact of the European Common Market. He spoke at a luncheon tendered to the delegation by the French Minister of State and touched on the possibility that Israel's economy and exports might be severely hit in the long run by the common market.

The Israeli official appealed to friendly countries to keep in mind the needs of small nations outside the six-nation community in their plans for expansion of the common European market. The six-man delegation visiting France at the invitation of the French National Assembly has no plans for political or economic negotiations. The Israel Parliamentary members, however, have taken the opportunity to mention some of the economic problems Israel is facing.

It was recalled that Israel repeatedly has expressed its wish to be associated in some form with the ECM. Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, raised the issue with the French Foreign Minister, Maurice Couve de Murville, when she visited Paris last summer.

## GOLDA MEIR TO VISIT FAR EAST; WILL TOUR JAPAN, BURMA, OTHER COUNTRIES

JERUSALEM, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, has scheduled a number of visits to Far Eastern countries, including Japan and Burma, early in 1962, the Foreign Ministry announced today. A number of other countries are expected to be included in the tour.

Mrs. Meir will leave shortly after Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's visit to Burma in December. She is expected to return to the United States to lead the Israel delegation in the debate on the Arab refugee problem and then will go to Tanganyika for that country's independence day celebration December 9. She will return to Israel before leaving for the Far East.

## GERMANS IMPRESSED WITH 'THE WALL' PLAY DEPICTING WARSAW GHETTO

MUNICH, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- The European premier of "The Wall," an adaptation of John Hersey's novel depicting the Nazi brutalities against Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto, was given here last night and left a profound impression on both audience and critics.

Respectful silence after the final curtain indicated, better than applause could have done, the fact that the audience was greatly moved by the presentation depicting the sufferings and destruction of the Jews of the Warsaw ghetto. The Munich press this morning hailed the performance and complimented the work of producer Kurt Meisel for his realistic presentation of a typical cross-section of the happenings in the Warsaw ghetto from 1940 to 1943.

## GERMANY REPORTS ON LEGAL ACTION AGAINST SUSPECTED NAZI WAR CRIMINALS

STUTTGART, Nov. 9. (JTA) -- A total of 351 legal proceedings are still pending against suspected Nazi war criminals in West Germany, the Central War Crimes Commission here reported today. Preliminary investigations are also being conducted, the Commission stated, into 270 other cases.

### BRITISH PARLIAMENT HEARS JEWISH PLEA FOR GENOCIDE PACT

LONDON, Nov. 9: (JTA) -- The issue of Britain's delay in ratifying the international convention outlawing genocide was raised again in Commons today by Sir Barnett Janner who urged that ratification should not be postponed indefinitely.

Sir Barnett, who is president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, said that a vast number of organizations connected with the United Nations were "shocked" at Britain's not having approved the pact. He said that history had taught a lesson which should force any thinking man into realization that such a pact was essential.

The Jewish leader said that many persons were forgetful or unaware of the enormities of the crimes practiced by the Hitler regime. "I have seen publications circulated which advocate hatred of the Jews and color prejudices. These are public incitements to commit genocide and would be punishable under the genocide convention," he told the Parliament.

Peter Thomas, Undersecretary of the British Foreign Office, replying for the Government, said: "We all view genocide with the greatest repugnance and horror and we are anxious to play our full part in its suppression. The purpose of the convention is to outlaw genocide internationally and with that purpose we are in complete agreement."

The British official referred to "complications." He stressed that Sir Barnett had been given assurances that the question of whether or not the British Government was able to resolve those difficulties and sign the pact was under fresh examination, and urged Sir Barnett to be patient "for a little longer."

### THREE-DAY YOUNG LEADERSHIP NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF U.J.A. OPENS TODAY

NEW YORK, Nov. 9: (JTA) -- The three-day National Young Leadership Conference of the United Jewish Appeal, aimed at developing future Jewish community leaders, will open tomorrow at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. All of the young-300 delegates are actively engaged in assisting the UJA campaigns in their local communities to raise funds for the resettling and rehabilitation of distressed Jews throughout the world.

Welcoming the delegates, representing communities throughout the country, will be Joseph Meyerhoff, UJA general chairman; Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman, who returned only a few days ago from a study mission to Europe and Israel, will report on the problems facing the Jewish people abroad.

Among the speakers will also be: Abraham Harman, Israel Ambassador to the U.S.; Edward M. M. Warburg, UJA honorary chairman and general chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee; Max M. Fisher, UJA national chairman and treasurer of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc.; General Haim Barlev of the Israel Defense Forces; Gottlieb Hammer, executive vice-chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc.; Moses A. Leavitt, JDC executive vice-chairman; James Rice, director of United Hias, and Philip Soskis, director of the New York Association for New Americans.

### THREE FRATERNITIES IN UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA END BIAS; TWO MAINTAIN IT

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 9: (JTA) -- Three University of Minnesota fraternities have been removed from the university bias clause list after removing "white Christian" membership restrictions, a university official reported today.

Dr. Donald Zander, Student Activities Bureau director, also reported that Phi Delta Theta had been placed on the list and Sigma Nu, which is on the list, had been threatened with disestablishment here if its discriminatory clause was not erased by Jan. 1.

Dr. Zander said that while Phi Delta Theta does not have a written bias clause, the national fraternity has a discriminatory practice. This was a reference to an incident at Lake Forest College in Illinois where the national headquarters forced the local chapter to depledge a member who was a Jew. The three fraternities removed from the bias clause list are Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Theta Phi and Sigma Chi.

### FIRST JEW SINCE 1920 ELECTED TO DETROIT CITY'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

DETROIT, Nov. 9: (JTA) -- Dr. L.J. Ravitz, professor of sociology at Wayne State University, yesterday became the first Jew to be elected to the Detroit Common Council since 1920.

The first, and only other, Jew to be elected to the city's legislative body was the late David W. Simons, an Orthodox leader elected to the first nine-man council in 1918.

### CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS CALLS FOR EXPANSION OF JEWISH EDUCATION

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Nov. 9: (JTA) -- Jewish education must be expanded above and below present age limits, according to the resolution adopted by the 8th. regional conference on education sponsored here by the Canadian Jewish Congress. Resolutions were adopted calling for educational programs for the four to six age group and for the 13 to 16 year group. The cooperation of parents was called for in the form of parent teacher groups and in the form of voluntary teaching program after proper training of volunteers.