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DR. GOLDMANN URGES MOSCOW TO DISCUSS SOVIET JEWRY WITH W.J.C. LEADERS

NEW YORK, Nov. 13: (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, said here today that high Soviet officials are informed of the World Jewish Congress' views on the situation of Soviet Jewry, and that the organization is ready to discuss this situation with them in the Soviet Union or anywhere else "in a way which will help to relieve apprehension and promote mutual understanding."

The World Jewish Congress, Dr. Goldmann said, "is an international organization which has consistently sought to escape involvement in the cold war. We have for some time, as the Soviet authorities know, sought ways of discussing the Jewish problem in the Soviet Union with them in order to promote greater understanding and thereby contribute to a relaxation of international tensions."

"It comes all the more as a blow to us that Soviet authorities have made arrests and taken action which inevitably has evoked deep apprehension throughout the Jewish world and among men of good will generally," Dr. Goldmann continued. "It is all the more sad because we have in recent months detected an improvement in the situation, as manifested by the publication of a Yiddish periodical for the first time in many years, and we have acknowledged these changes for the better, small though they have been."

Dr. Goldmann said he would like "to express the sincere hope in the light of the repudiation of the repressive policies of the Stalin era, that the Soviet Government will review the action taken against Jews who are guilty of no crime other than devotion to their Jewish heritage, and that these men will be allowed to return to their homes. Such action would be an important contribution to the creation of a new and better atmosphere in which solutions must be found for the problems which now confront humanity," he declared.

SOVIET NEWSPAPER MADE NO REFERENCE TO ISRAEL IN THE LENINGRAD CASE

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13: (JTA) -- The full text of the article in the Soviet newspaper Leningradskaya Pravda which linked the three arrested leaders of the Leningrad Jewish community with "espionage activities" was received here today. It contains no direct mention of Israel or of the accused maintaining any contact with Israeli diplomats in the Soviet Union.

The paper carries a report of the trial of the three Jewish leaders and said that they were charged with supplying information "to a certain capitalist country." A report by the United Press International from Moscow carried in the Jerusalem Post here yesterday said that the Leningradskaya Pravda reported that "two witnesses testified that the defendants had transmitted 'espionage material' to Israel embassy officials during services in a Leningrad synagogue."

"The Israeli officials," the UPI report from Moscow continued, "were identified by the witnesses as Mr. Yaacov Sharett and Mr. Eliahu Hazan." Pointing out that Mr. Sharett is the son of former Israel Prime Minister Moshe Sharett, the UPI report said that he was expelled last summer from Russia on charges of espionage and that Mr. Hazan was likewise expelled after being arrested in Odessa in 1957.

The UPI report also said that the Leningradskaya Pravda "also claimed that the defendants distributed 'anti-Soviet literature,' presumably Zionist pamphlets published in Israel." It is believed here that this part of the UPI report referring to Israel was in the nature of an elaboration rather than a direct quotation from the Leningrad newspaper.

ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES \$1,344,000 GOVERNMENT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13: (JTA) -- Israel's Cabinet today discussed the Government budget for the fiscal year 1962-63, which will come to an estimated 2,400,000,000 pounds (\$1,344,000), ten percent above the current fiscal year's expenditures.

Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, outlining the principal features of the new budget, envisaged a seven percent increase in income taxes, imposts on services and luxury apartments, and higher inheritance taxes. The Treasury informed the Cabinet that it is seeking additional funds to meet the requirements for greater housing expenditures, due to increased immigration, as well as certain allocations for Israel's security needs.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY PRESENTED WITH TORAH BY REFORM TEMPLE LEADERS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13; (JTA) -- President Kennedy today was presented with a Torah by a delegation of 250 Reform Jewish leaders representing the convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, now taking place here. The Torah originally belonged to the late Rabbi Isaac M. Wise, founder of Reform Judaism in the United States, and was entrusted to the Reform temple in Cincinnati bearing his name.

The presentation ceremony took place at the Rose Garden of the White House. It was arranged by Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg, who was elected to the UAHC board of trustees. The presentation was made by Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, UAHC president. President Kennedy, in accepting the Torah, said that the ceremony "symbolizes the happy relations which exist between our religious groups, and must continue to exist in this country if we are worthy of our heritage."

In making the presentation, Rabbi Eisendrath declared: "This parchment contains not only sacred words but words for which men had sacrificed their lives. This nation was established on these words and the immutable universal truths which they express. These truths remain our most potent weapon in today's great struggle between those who have staked their lives and their future on the value of the human spirit breathing free in a universe guided by divine laws and those who seek to bring the creative human personality under the awesome weight of a juggernaut tyranny. You, Mr. President, are the inspired and inspiring leader of those committed to the moral mandate set forth in the words of this sacred parchment."

President Kennedy in replying, declared: "The significance of this ceremony is not merely a gift of an ancient document but that in a very real sense the great issue today is, as Rabbi Eisendrath stated, the supremacy of the moral law which is initiated, originated and developed in the Bible and which has special application here today."

"I have never felt that we should attempt to use the great impulse towards God and towards religion, which all people feel, as an element in a cold war struggle. Rather, it is not an arm, it is the essence of leadership--not the organization of economy so much but as the supremacy of moral law and therefore the right of the individual, his rights to be protected by the State and not be at the mercy of the State."

"In the inaugural address which the rabbi mentioned, I said that the basic issue was that the rights the citizen enjoyed did not come from the State, but rather came from the Hand of God. And it is written here. And it is written in the Old and in the New Testament."

"So I am grateful to you and I want you to know that, in coming here today, I think it symbolizes the happy relations which exist between our religious groups and must continue to exist in this country if we are to be worthy of our heritage. So, Rabbi, I am grateful to you. There is no gift which could please me more, and I am delighted to welcome you to your house."

CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATIONS APPROVE REVISION IN SYNAGOGUE STANDARDS

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., Nov. 13; (JTA) -- The convention of the United Synagogue of America, central body of Conservative congregations, today approved a revision in its standards for synagogue practice, calling for the broadening of the committee on Jewish law and standards of the Rabbinical Assembly of America--Central Rabbinical body of Conservative Judaism--to include equal representation for the United Synagogue of America, the Conservative movement's congregational body.

It took its decision at its biennial convention here. Both organizations are sister groups within the Conservative movement embracing about 1,500,000 Jews in the United States and Canada.

Under the approved revision, the composition of the committee on Jewish law and standards will, in the future, be determined by the presidents of the United Synagogue and the Rabbinical Assembly "in consultation with each other."

The committee on Jewish law and standards is the recognized authority of the Conservative movement in matters of Jewish law and religious practices.

GERMANY PAYS COMPENSATION TO WOMEN IN POLAND MUTILATED BY NAZIS

LONDON, Nov. 13; (JTA) -- Seventy-three women in Poland who were victims of Nazi medical "experiments" at the Ravensbrueck concentration camp, during World War II, will receive sums ranging from \$6,250 to \$10,000 each from the West German Government, it was announced by the Polish Red Cross today.

The agreement is the first under which the Bonn Government will pay compensation to victims of Nazism living in countries behind the Iron Curtain. The East German Government, which brought a dozen of the Ravensbrueck women back to the concentration camp in 1959 for an anti-Nazi rally, did not participate in the indemnification agreement. It operates no compensation or restitution programs for victims of Nazism.

JEWS IN CANADA ASK BISHOP'S STAND ON ANTI-JEWISH ARTICLE IN CHURCH ORGAN

MONTREAL, Nov. 13: (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress today expressed "deep regret and concern" over an anti-Semitic article that appeared in the official publication of the Anglican Church in western Ontario. The CJC called upon the Bishop of the diocese to "clarify" his views on the offensive article, and to state the official viewpoint of the diocese on the issue.

The bishop of the Huron diocese, with headquarters at London, Ontario, is the Right Reverend George Luxton, who is also editor-in-chief of the Huron Church News, the publication in which the article appeared. The article had been written by an Anglican priest in the diocese, the Rev. H.R. Rokeby-Thomas. So far, Bishop Luxton has stated only that the article "does not necessarily represent the views of the diocese."

The article had questioned the loyalty of all Jews living outside Israel to the countries of their residence; attacked Israel for its "injustice" to Adolf Eichmann; and excused the Nazi leadership of Hitler Germany for its program of anti-Semitism. The Canadian Jewish News, of Toronto, called the article "a sad document of bigotry plus perfidy."

Today the Canadian Jewish Congress issued its statement under the signatures of Sydney M. Harris, chairman of the National Joint Community Relations Council, and M. W. Gasner, chairman of the CJC central region. The statement read:

"As the central representative body of the Jewish community in the province, the Canadian Jewish Congress feels constrained to comment on an article that appeared in the last issue of the Huron Church News, published in London, Ont., and written by the Rev. H.R. Rokeby-Thomas. The Canadian Jewish Congress expresses its deep regret and concern that such views should appear in an official diocesan organ, thereby seemingly carrying with them the tacit consent and approval of the sponsoring church organization. The views expressed by the writer seem to be dredged out of a medieval arsenal of calumny and abuse, a reservoir of venomous polemic which we thought had been left far behind in this age and in this country.

Canadian Jewish Congress Resents Slandering Jews as 'Aliens'

"In this article, "the Canadian Jewish Congress statement pointed out, "Mr. Rokeby-Thomas dares to slander the Jews as 'aliens' in our society. The Jewish community of Canada, feels that it has been able to contribute in not insignificant ways to Canadian society, culturally and spiritually, a contribution which has been accorded recognition by leaders in all walks of life and all sectors of Canadian life--including many spiritual and lay leaders of the Anglican Church. Our Jewish community feels that all Canadians of goodwill will join in rejecting forthrightly the ancient and discarded anti-Semitic slanders now revived by Mr. Rokeby-Thomas.

"We have had experience in the past which convinces us that the writer's episcopal superior--who is also editor of the diocesan monthly--does not feel obliged to give space to any reply or comment on some of the more offensive material that has appeared in the publication. We do know--and it is indeed comforting to us--that the great majority of lay and church colleagues of the writer cannot possibly accept the obscurantist views of Mr. Rokeby-Thomas. Our evidence is the growing mass of opinion in the writings of many communions within the Christian church towards the realignment of the Christian position vis-a-vis the Jews and Judaism.

"We note that the Bishop of Huron has now stated that the article 'does not necessarily represent the views of the diocese.' The mere expression of this in these rather inadequate terms does not really clarify the situation nor absolve the bishop of his responsibility to make clear that he personally and as an editor abhors the views expressed. Once having said this, since the article has appeared in its publication and taken a definite position, the question naturally arises: what is the official view of the diocese? The bishop owes at least this clarification to his readers.

"Incidentally the Jewish newspaper referred to did not in our view, exaggerate or go beyond the text of the article. Mr. Rokeby-Thomas' article was couched in such arrogant terms that so far no comment or reaction has approximated the extremeness of his language."

U.S. SUPREME COURT BACKS RULING ON ROCKWELL'S RIGHT TO SPEAK IN N.Y.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13: (JTA) -- The United States Supreme Court today, in effect upheld the Constitutional right of George Lincoln Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi party, to hold a public meeting in New York. The high tribunal refused to rule on a petition by New York City Parks Commissioner Newbold Morris, who had appealed from a ruling by the New York State Court of Appeals.

Rockwell had originally asked for the permit for a rally scheduled for July 4, 1960. On the grounds that such a rally would foment rioting, due to Rockwell's anti-Semitism, the permit was refused by Commissioner Morris and Mayor Robert F. Wagner. On appeal the New York court ruled in favor of Rockwell, declaring "the right of free expression is not to be entrusted to administrative, previous restriction for contemplated violations of the law."

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Meir Argov, chairman of the Foreign Relations and Security Committee of the Israeli Parliament and general secretary of the World Confederation of Labor Zionists, told the two-day meeting of the national council of the Labor Zionist Organization of America that Israel is facing a dual test in the field of military security and mass absorption of new immigrants.

He stressed that as long as the East-West cold war continued the Arabs might be tempted to assault Israel on the theory that they could get away with it. Mr. Argov stated that although Israel had overcome its enemies twice, it had not gained peace. "Victory in battle," he said, "does not necessarily guarantee us peace. Israel will fight if necessary if the Arabs attempt either to prevent the completion of the Jordan-Negev irrigation plant or if they try to cut off the sea route to Eilat."

Reporting on the current political atmosphere in Israel, Mr. Argov noted that the "country has calmed down since the elections and the narrow coalition Government has a good chance of holding on for a full four-year term. Mapai will have to work hard to make the people conscious of the fact that a weak and unstable government is a tragedy for democracy and for Israel."

The national council proclaimed a membership drive and expanded effort on behalf of Jewish education throughout the United States. Pinchas Cruso, president of the organization, and Louis Segal, member of the Jewish Agency executive, reported on the latest developments in the American Zionist Council. Other speakers included Dr. Sol Stein, executive director of the Histadrut campaign; Isaiah Avrech, American representative of Histadrut and Haim Sanderson, North American director of El Al Israel National Airlines.

NATIONAL MIZRACHI CONVENTION ASKS U.S. TO CHECK AMERICAN NAZI PARTY

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Nov. 13. (JTA) -- A resolution appealing to Attorney General Robert Kennedy to include the American Nazi party in the list of subversive organizations of the United States, was adopted here at the concluding session of the 52nd annual convention of the Religious Zionists of America.

Another resolution called on the State Department to terminate any arrangement on foreign soil "which discriminates against American personnel because of their ethnic or religious background." The convention also denounced Egypt for her "interference with the passage of Israeli products through the Suez Canal" and demanded that the State Department and the United Nations pursue drastic courses of action "to halt these illegal seizures and disruptions of trade and shipping."

YOUNG JEWISH MOTHER REUNITED WITH HER CHILD IN ISRAEL; FATHER IS ARAB

TEL AVIV, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Yaffa Ajami, 19-year-old Jewish mother of a five-month-old infant son whose father is Abdul Rahim Najdaleh, a Moslem, was reunited with her child today, following a district court ruling here absolving her of "kidnaping" her own child.

The girl had placed the child temporarily in the Welfare Ministry's home at Ramat Gan. But, when the home refused to let her have the child, after a month, she took the infant away. The court's ruling, dismissing the kidnaping charge, was approved by the Welfare Ministry. The Jewish girl and the Moslem are now trying to convince their respective families that they should be permitted to marry.

ISRAEL SHIP, EN ROUTE TO U.S., AIDS SPANISH SEAMAN IN DISTRESS ON HIGH SEAS

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- The Zim-Israel passenger liner Jerusalem, due here tomorrow with 300 passengers from Haifa, Naples and Marseilles, will be about 36 hours late, scheduled now to arrive about noon Wednesday, because the ship has gone hundreds of miles out of its way to aid an injured sailor aboard a Spanish vessel, officials of the Zim Israel Navigation Company said today.

The Jerusalem's skipper, Capt. Tuve T. Smulensk, received a distress message Saturday night, while at sea, from a Spanish freighter, the Conde de Fontanar, which had called for help because it had no medical facilities to care for a sailor who had been hurt seriously in a fall. Capt. Smulensk immediately went to the aid of the Spanish sailor. The Jerusalem has a surgeon and a well equipped hospital aboard.

BRUNO WEIL, FORMER LEADER OF JEWS IN GERMANY, DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 78

NEW YORK, Nov. 13. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held here Wednesday for the late Dr. Bruno Weil, former German attorney, one of the topmost leaders of German Jewry prior to the Hitler regime, and president of the Axis Victim's League, who died here. He was 78.

Formerly a vice-president of the Central-Verein, the central representative body of Jews in pre-Nazi Germany, Dr. Weil was the only Jewish candidate for the Reichstag in 1932, being defeated by Josef Goebbels, propaganda chief for the Nazis. He fled to Argentina in 1935 but, in 1940, while visiting France, was arrested and interned in a concentration camp by the Nazis. He was released three months later and came to this country.