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KNESSET TO DISCUSS TODAY MOTION FOR DEBATE ON TREATMENT OF JEWS IN RUSSIA

JERUSALEM, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- A motion for debate on the question of treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union, sparked by reports of recent arrests of Jewish leaders in Lenin-grad and Moscow, will be presented by the opposition Herut party tomorrow in the Knesset, Israel's Parliament.

The presidium of the Knesset yesterday granted priority to a Herut motion to put the issue before the Parliamentary body as a matter of urgency. Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, is expected to reply for the Government.

The motion reflected the concern developing here over reports of the arrests and the closing of Moscow's lone yeshiva. A typical Israeli press comment on the arrests was that the Kremlin was frustrated by the fact that 44 years after the revolution, there was still "a Jewish problem" in the Soviet Union. Another comment was that the charges of alleged treason against the arrested Jews were "grotesque" and "a grave omen for the immediate future."

Meanwhile, a question was raised in the Knesset today over a letter by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, which declared it was a serious mistake that non-Ashkenazi representatives were not named to Israel's Supreme Court and which was circulated during the recent election campaign.

Hanan Rubin, Mapam deputy, asked Justice Minister Dov Joseph whether the letter, which appeared as a Mapai election campaign advertisement, did not imply that the Prime Minister intended to influence appointment of Supreme Court justices. The Mapam deputy also asked the Justice Minister to assure the Knesset that judges could not be named as representatives of any particular community in Israel.

The Justice Minister replied that the law on appointment of judges provided for naming them by non-partisan nomination. In regard to the Prime Minister's letter, he added, he could not assume responsibility for statements made by individuals nor that he could be expected to give the Knesset assurances as to what other people try to effect.

ISRAEL VOTES AT U.N. FOR SANCTIONS AGAINST SO. AFRICA; OPPOSES EXPULSION

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 14. (JTA) -- After a series of complex procedural moves in the General Assembly's Special Political Committee, which for more than five weeks has been debating the Republic of South Africa's policy of racial discrimination as embodied in South Africa's Apartheid policy, Israel is on record today as favoring diplomatic and economic sanctions against the Republic of South Africa.

At the same time, however, Israel is on record against discussion by the Security Council of the possible expulsion of South Africa from membership in the United Nations. The committee, which was still listening to explanations of the votes by the 103 delegations today, also heard Israel's explanations of its attitude following the voting of a long session yesterday afternoon, when a total of 18 separate votes were taken, most of them by formal roll call.

Ambassador Arie El Eshel, deputy chairman of Israel's delegation here and Israel's representative on the committee, cast the vote against consideration of South Africa's expulsion and for the sanctions against South Africa. Mr. Eshel, however, abstained in an amendment, introduced by Pakistan, which would call on members of the United Nations to refrain from selling petroleum to South Africa.

Israel abstained on another amendment, introduced by the Soviet Union, which would prohibit the export by any UN member of arms to South Africa. Mr. Eshel explained that is Israel's "declared policy" to refrain from sending arms to any country when such arms could be used directly or indirectly "in a situation of colonial oppression." In connection with Israel's abstention on the Soviet amendment, it was understood Israel did not want to make such a vital issue as racial discrimination a part of the cold war.

OSCCW SCORES U.N. BODY; SAYS IT ASKED TOO LITTLE FROM ISRAEL FOR EGYPT

PARIS, Nov. 14. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union told the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in a memorandum today that it should have assessed against Israel "a little extra" to a fund being raised for saving the ancient Nubian monuments being threatened with flooding by the construction of the Aswan High Dam in Egypt. Israel had declined to pay its assessed share, estimated at between \$80,000 and \$86,000.

U.S. TO SEND \$20,740,000 WORTH OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO EGYPT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14; (JTA) -- The Department of Agriculture announced today that the United States will send \$20,740,000 worth of farm commodities to the United Arab Republic under the U.S. Food for Peace program. An agreement signed in Cairo provides for shipments to Egypt of U.S. goods including maize, tallow, cotton seed, oil, corn and dried milk to be paid for in Egyptian currency under long-term credits arrangement;

According to reports from Cairo, the Egyptian economy is believed to be in trouble, having lost much of the country's cotton and corn harvest this year. While the agreement provides for sending to Egypt 200,000 tons of corn, the Nasser Government was reportedly expecting that the U.S. Government would provide an additional 100,000 tons of corn as a gift.

POSSIBILITY OF SENDING U.S. TRADE MISSION TO ISRAEL DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14; (JTA) -- The possibility of sending an American trade mission to Israel was discussed here today at a conference between Pinhas Sapir, Israel's Minister of Commerce and Industry, and Luther Hodges, United States Secretary of Commerce.

Mr. Sapir, accompanied by Israeli Ambassador Avraham Harman and by Ariele Manor, Israel's Economic Minister here, also discussed with Mr. Hodges the possibilities of increased exports from this country to Israel, and the American Cabinet member showed much interest in such possibilities. He also showed great interest in American participation in Israeli trade fairs.

At the conclusion of the conference, in Mr. Hodges' office, attended by several other ranking members of the Department of Commerce, Mr. Sapir invited the Secretary of Commerce to visit Israel as soon as possible. Mr. Hodges said he would do so when he got the opportunity.

LONDON COURT ORDERS EXTRADITION TRIAL FOR ORTHODOX JEW SOUGHT IN ISRAEL

LONDON, Nov. 14; (JTA) -- Shalom Shtarkes, the young Israeli orthodox school teacher whose extradition is being sought by Israel for alleged abduction of his nine year-old nephew, will have to stand trial for extradition, on December 12, a magistrate's court ruled here today.

Sir Robert Blundell, sitting as the magistrate, ruled there are three charges against Shtarkes. The accusations, as listed by the court, are: 1. Shtarkes committed perjury in Israel; 2. He "stole" Yossele Schumacher, his nephew, whose whereabouts are sought by the Israeli authorities; 3. He "confined an abducted person, refusing to surrender him."

The defense fought hard against further detention of Shtarkes, claiming: 1. He did not "abduct" the boy but was given custody of the child by the boy's grandfather in Israel; 2. The old treaty between Britain and Israel, providing for extradition, does not include Jerusalem where the alleged offense occurred.

A police official testified before Sir Robert that young Yossele "may be in England," but said he could not be found and declared that, when Shtarkes arrived in England from Israel, the child was not with him. Yossele disappeared about two years ago, and Israel authorities have charged he was hidden by his family which feared he would not otherwise receive an Orthodox Jewish education.

ISRAEL GOVT. HAILED BY DRUZES FOR GRANTING THEM RELIGIOUS AUTONOMY

JERUSALEM, Nov. 14; (JTA) -- The Israel Government's grant of religious autonomy to the country's 20,000 Druze was hailed today by 60 leaders of the group who were received by President Ben-Zvi.

Sheikh Amin Tarif, spiritual leader of Israel's Druze--a group deriving its religious ideology from Islam--told the President that the government action was a redress for wrongs to the Druze community dating back to the days of Turkish rule and the British mandate.

Official recognition of the Druze spiritual leadership gives the community exclusive jurisdiction in matters of personal status, such as marriage, divorce and inheritance. Israel's Jews, Moslems and Christians have similar arrangements in regard to personal status. The Druze in Israel distinguished themselves by the complete loyalty and fighting support they gave to the Jews in the War of Independence in 1948.

JEWISH AGENCY DECIDES TO BRING ALL REMAINING COCHIN JEWS TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 14; (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency's executive, meeting here today, decided to bring to Israel the remaining 300 members of the Cochin Jewish community in India.

Three thousand Cochin Jews who were brought to Israel previously, were found, according to a report to the Agency executive, to have been absorbed successfully in various spheres of Israeli life, including agriculture, development areas and urban centers.

ATHENS, Nov. 14; (JTA) -- An urgent appeal to Jewish organizations and Jewish publications to inform former Greek nationals now residing in America and in other countries that the deadline for filing claims for compensation suffered by Nazi victims in Greece is December 1, 1961 and that no claim filed after that date will receive consideration, was issued today by the National Council of Greek Jewish Communities;

"We know there are thousands in America who are eligible and who have not as yet filed their claims or filed them faultily," Mr. Isidor Noah, president of the National Council, stated; "It would be tragic for them to lose this money due them by default."

The Greek indemnification law was enacted by the Greek Government as a result of the agreement between Greece and the Federal German Republic for the distribution of \$28,750,000 to provide compensation payments to former Nazi victims in Greece who suffered on account of race, religion or opposition to Nazi ideology.

Under the law, thousands of persons resident in the United States, Israel, Western and Central Europe and in other areas, who during World War II as Greek nationals lost a spouse, parent, child, grandparent, brother or sister who was also a Greek citizen, or who themselves suffered imprisonment in Nazi concentration camps, or injuries to health, have become eligible for compensation. It is emphasized that under the law both the victim as well as the claimant filing on behalf of the victim must have had Greek nationality when the act of persecution occurred;

Claims must be filed through a lawyer accredited to the Greek courts, with the Secretary of the Tribunal of First Instance, Santa Rosa Street, Athens, Greece, and a certified copy with the Greek Ministry of Finance, 10 Karayorghi Servias Street, Athens; For subsequent processing of claims, the services of a lawyer are also indispensable. In view of the short time left for filing claims, the following lawyers in Athens are cited by the National Council of Greek Jewish Communities, whose names are known to the Jewish Community of Athens as lawyers willing to act on behalf of claimants residing outside Greece:

Daniel Alhanatis, Nikis 2; Haim Cohen, Emm, Benaki 37; Gabriel Gabrielides, Stadiou 43; Maurice Issahar, Kolokotroni 25; Frederic Korniger, Panepistimiou 20; David Levy, Parnassou 2; Moise Matathias, Iktinou 3; Acher Moissis, Parnassou 2; Joseph Schiak, Acadēmias 76;

In listing these names, the National Council emphasized that they are not given as a recommendation but for immediate reference and convenience of claimants, and without the assumption of any responsibility or liability. Additional information can be obtained from the nearest Greek embassy or consulate, or from the United Restitution Organization which deals with claims on behalf of Nazi victims;

B'NAI B'RITH VOTES \$7,487,817 BUDGET FOR 1962; LARGEST IN HISTORY

NEW YORK, Nov. 14, (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith today voted a \$7,487,817 budget for its 1962 activities at the 118th annual meeting of its board of governors. This represents an increase of more than \$472,000 over last year and was reported by Maurice Bisgyer, executive vice-president, as the largest operating budget in the organization's history.

The major portion of the increase--\$333,000--was earmarked for B'nai B'rith's three major youth programs, the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and the B'nai B'rith Vocational Service. Their collective budget for next year will exceed \$3,628,000;

A report by the Hillel Foundations prepared by Dr. William Haber, its national chairman, showed a seven percent increase in Jewish student enrolment at American colleges and universities this semester. This is "slightly higher" than last year's percentage increase and compares with this year's five percent average for all students.

There are now almost 300,000 Jewish students enrolled in American colleges--about 7.5 percent of the total campus population. "We can expect an enrolment of at least 500,000 by 1970;" Dr. Haber's report declared;

Dr. Maurice Jacobs of Philadelphia, chairman of the B'nai B'rith Vocational Service, reported an "unprecedented demand" for social workers in the American Jewish community. He said that "the shortage of trained manpower in this field has created a situation where many important jobs are impossible to fill."

A survey by the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization reported by its chairman, David Blumberg of Knoxville, Tenn., showed that "Jewish youngsters are opposed to any subterfuge or masking of Jewish identity to restricted housing or other facilities."

The study, compiled from the views of 150 BBYO leaders, showed that Jewish youngsters also reject the notion that "Jews should not go where they are not wanted." Their consensus was that "when a Jew encounters discrimination, he should protest vigorously and take steps to remedy the situation."

CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUE CONVENTION TO HOLD FINAL SESSION IN ISRAEL

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., Nov. 14; (JTA) -- Delegates to the biennial convention of the United Synagogue of America, the congregational arm of Conservative Judaism, decided today to reconvene for a final session in Jerusalem next May 31;

The biennial convention will end here Thursday on schedule; The final session in Jerusalem will follow immediately after the three-day conference of the World Council of Synagogues with which the United Synagogue is affiliated;

The principal speaker today was Binyamin Eliav, Israel's Consul General in New York, who told the 1,200 delegates that Israel needs American Jews "not only as tourists but as the bearers of your ideas. We need the freshness of your approach, which is so ingenious in maintaining traditional Judaism in a way that conforms with modern life;"

The delegates in a resolution urged the United States Government to make inquiries of the Soviet Union as to the basis of the arrests and sentences of Jewish community leaders in Moscow and Leningrad under circumstances suggesting they were being persecuted as Jews;

ORDINATION OF WOMEN AS REFORM RABBIS URGED AT SISTERHOODS CONVENTION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14; (JTA) -- Approval of ordination of women as rabbis was urged here today at the biennial assembly of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, the major women's organization of Reform Judaism meeting in conjunction with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations;

Calling on the sisterhoods to work towards the adoption of a definite resolution on ordination of women at their next assembly in 1963, Jane Evans, executive director of the federation, said: "The time has now come for the sisterhoods to take a definite stand on asking Reform seminaries to ordain women as rabbis when they are properly qualified and upon completion of the identical course of study with men;"

Asserting that she realized that ordination of women could be "unacceptable" to Conservative and Orthodox groups, Miss Evans said she hoped that the Reform branch would express its "liberal spirit" by granting full equality to women;

J. W. B. OFFICIAL FAVORS KEEPING JEWISH CENTERS OPEN ON SATURDAYS

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., Nov. 14; (JTA) -- Jewish centers should be kept open on the Jewish Sabbath if they present programs in keeping with Sabbath observance, 700 Jewish community center leaders were told;

The proposal was made at the 15th anniversary convention of the New Jersey section of the National Jewish Welfare Board by Graenum Berger, consultant on camps and centers for the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York;

"There is no reason why Jewish community centers and YM-YWHA's should be closed on the Jewish Sabbath if they introduce programs in consonance with the traditional observance of the Sabbath," he asserted; He indicated a guide as follows:

"The program must be rich in cultural programs but stressing Jewish content and attracting young and old alike who have otherwise come to regard the Sabbath as a day to avoid rather than to awaken Jewish interest;"

FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH NATIONAL FUND IN U.S. SETS \$5,000,000 GOAL

NEW YORK, Nov. 14; (JTA) -- The Foundation for the Jewish National Fund has set as its objective for the year 1961-62, the raising of \$5,000,000 in bequests and assignments of insurance for projects in Israel which will link the names of the donors with the soil of Israel; This was jointly announced today by Albert Schiff, president of the Jewish National Fund of America, and Judge Bernard A. Rosenblatt, chairman of the Foundation;

It was also made known that as of September 1, 1961, the Foundation had amassed a potential of \$15,000,000; At the same time it was disclosed that this year's special effort by the Foundation would be in tribute to Mendel N. Fisher, who, after 27 years of service as executive director of the Fund, is retiring from his post at the end of this year;

COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN PRESENTS 'PEACE AWARD' TO U.N. UNDERSECRETARY

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 14; (JTA) -- The National Council of Jewish Women today presented a special "peace award" to Andrew W. Cordier, UN Undersecretary for General Assembly affairs, who was the top executive assistant to the late Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld. The award took the form of a Chanukah Menorah, designed by Ludwig Wolpert, of the Jewish Museum;

Mrs. Joseph Willen, vice-president of the National Council of Jewish Women, presented the award, citing Mr. Cordier as the personification "of all dedicated men and women who have served the United Nations for the achievement of peace and a life of dignity for mankind;"