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### KNESSET EXPRESSES REGRET OVER ARRESTS OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN RUSSIA

JERUSALEM, Nov. 15: (JTA) -- The Knesset, Israel's Parliament, expressed regret today over the recent arrest of Jewish religious leaders in the Soviet Union. The only exception was the Communist party which was rebuffed on a motion to remove the subject from the Knesset agenda.

The Knesset similarly approved a proposal by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, to submit the issue to committee for study and possible action. Menahem Beigin, Herut leader, who had submitted a motion for full Knesset debate on the subject, withdrew his motion.

Mrs. Meir, in discussing the question, said that regardless of differing individual or party attitudes toward the Soviet Union, everyone in Israel wanted friendly relations with Russia. This, she said, has been the policy of every Israel Government since establishment of the State.

Declaring that Jews in Russia should have opportunities to live unhampered cultural lives like other Soviet minorities, Mrs. Meir said Soviet Jews should be permitted to migrate to join family members or to take up life in Israel.

She said that reports of the limitation of religious facilities on Soviet Jewry and of a decrease in the number of synagogues in Russia must be regarded with concern. She added it was "proper" for Knesset members to "express what is in your hearts" on learning of the charges against Jewish leaders sentenced and jailed in secret hearings in Russia in recent weeks.

Mrs. Meir said she was confining her statement to the most suitable method for the Knesset to deal with the issue but added she would not comment on Mr. Beigin's description of the charges against the jailed Jewish leaders as "mad accusations" and a challenge to "so-called socialist justice" as dispensed in the Soviet Union.

She read aloud a translation from the Leningrad issue of Pravda, the Communist Party organ, of November 11 which reported the trial of three Leningrad Jewish leaders and their imprisonment and exile for four to 14 years for alleged contact with a "capitalist state" for which they had allegedly provided information used to "harm the Soviet Union."

(The 38th annual convention of Women's Branch of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America in Atlantic City today sent a telegram to Mrs. Marietta Tree, United States representative on the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations, asking for "utmost effort" to end the "discrimination and intimidation of the Jewish minority," in the Soviet Union and to seek the release of the arrested Jewish religious leaders.)

### Leader of British Jewry Says Moscow Is Cruel to Soviet Jews

LONDON, Nov. 15: (JTA) -- R.N. Carvalho, president of the Anglo-Jewish Association, tonight linked the recent arrest and imprisonment of Leningrad and Moscow religious leaders with the Soviet policy of barring any contact between Russian Jewry and other Jewries.

Speaking at a meeting of the organization's council, he said the mere reference to so-called espionage in the case was "a reminder of the cruel restriction which the Soviet Government has imposed on Russian Jews" in that respect.

Discussing Jewish affairs in North Africa, the Anglo-Jewish leader said there were a "constant source of anxiety." He said there had been some improvement of the situation in Morocco as far as issuance of passports to Jewish citizens was concerned but that the situation there was "still precarious."

He added that the situation in Algiers was becoming more serious for the Jews by the moment, and that until the FLN, the Algerian rebel organization, and the French Government reached a cease fire and agreement on Algeria's future, the Jewish community with its double loyalty as Algerians and French citizens, "must continue in a dangerous predicament."

## ASSEMBLY OF JEWISH FEDERATIONS STARTS FOUR-DAY SESSION TODAY IN DALLAS

DALLAS, Nov. 15: (JTA) -- Virtually every problem currently facing the organized Jewish communities in the United States and Canada ranging from domestic responsibilities to overseas programs, focusing on past achievements, present issues and forecasts for the near future, will engage 1,000 representatives who began arriving here today for the 30th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds;

The CJFWF Assembly convenes tomorrow for four days of deliberations, reports, discussions, seminars and general sessions. But some preliminary meetings got under way today. The most important of these is the series of meetings begun by the Large City Budgeting Conference, comprising representatives of the 23 largest organized Jewish communities in the country, with the exception of New York;

Irving Kane, of Cleveland, president of the CJFWF, will swing the gavel for the Assembly's opening general session at a luncheon tomorrow, in the grand ballroom of the Statler Hilton Hotel. The principal speaker at that session will be Dr. Maurice B. Hexter, executive vice-president of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York;

Another general session, tomorrow night, will feature a "Report on Israel;" Mr. Kane will present the findings and recommendations of a CJFWF delegation which he headed on a survey of conditions in Israel, Europe and North Africa. Dr. Isador Lubin, consultant to the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., will describe the progress made since the Agency's reorganization last year, as well as the Agency's program for the coming year. Judge Theodore Levin, of Detroit, will preside at that session;

A second session will be devoted to the "Report on Israel," Friday afternoon. Under the chairmanship of Lewis H. Weinstein, of Boston, a panel of 15 community leaders will discuss the details of the reports presented the previous night;

Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice-president of the Joint Distribution Committee, will introduce at the Assembly a background discussion of overseas needs and problems, including a report on the current problems and future outlook in rescue, relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction for Jews in areas of danger and insecurity in various parts of the world;

At the annual dinner, Saturday night, devoted to a topic entitled "America's Welfare, a Time for New Ideas," the Herbert R. Abeles memorial address will be delivered by Abraham A. Ribicoff, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. The annual Schroder awards will be made at the dinner to the Associated Jewish Charities of Boston and the Jewish Federation of St. Louis; Stanley C. Myers, of Miami, will preside;

A business session will conclude the Assembly Sunday, when a summary dealing with substance and directions will be presented by Philip Bernstein, of New York. Louis J. Fox, of Baltimore, will report on the meetings of the Large City Budgeting Conference; final Assembly actions will be reported by Louis Stern, of Newark; and action on 1962 budget and dues will be reported by Edwin Rosenberg, of New York. Election of officers and board members will follow;

## 169 JEWS LISTED AMONG 171 PERSONS WHOSE PROPERTY EXPROPRIATED IN EGYPT

PARIS, Nov. 15: (JTA) -- Egypt's recent policy of expropriating property of "reactionaries" under President Gamal Abdel Nasser's program of "Arab Socialism" is aimed almost entirely at Jews, the European office of the American Jewish Committee reported here today. Of the latest 171 "sequestrations" ordered in Egypt, the report stated, 169 of those named are Jews;

Jews affected by the latest "sequestration" orders, the AJC office said, have not only had their property confiscated but have also been barred from membership in various clubs and societies, and banned from serving on any business or cultural board. The latest list of 171 was seen by the AJC here as part of the general policy of Egyptian property "nationalization" which has struck so far at 593 persons, "a large part of whom are Jews or of Jewish origin."

A complete list of property owners affected was published in the Beirut newspaper, Al Hayat, received here today. The text of the Nasser decree, printed in the newspaper, states: "All Jews included in the list of sequestrations are deprived of their civic rights and cannot serve as guardians, caretakers, or proxies in any business association or club, nor can they be members of clubs or societies."

## AUSTRIAN STUDENTS ARRESTED IN VIENNA FOR SINGING NAZI SONGS IN STREET

VIENNA, Nov. 15: (JTA) -- Police today arrested three students who were singing Nazi songs on one of the main streets here. The students, who were not intoxicated, were overpowered after a brief fist fight when they resisted arrest;

The Austrian Resistance Movement has established a special working committee against neo-Nazism in Austria, it was reported here today. The move followed growing signs of increasing neo-Nazi activities threatening the democratic system, it was noted here;

## REFORM JEWS TO ESTABLISH CENTER IN WASHINGTON; WILL ACT ON LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15; (JTA) -- The convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations today approved the establishment of a Reform Jewish center here to deal with religious, social and political issues. A spokesman for the center, which is intended to work with other religious groups, will appear before Congressional committees and give views on pending legislation. The center will also provide information for affiliated synagogues on national affairs.

The establishment of the new center, which was favored in today's vote by an overwhelming majority of the 1,300 delegates to the organization's biennial assembly, had already been approved in 1959, but because of opposition by a group of affiliated congregations, it was decided to put the issue to a new vote at this year's convention. The assembly also passed a resolution calling for the formation of a six-member committee to advise the center's staff. The committee will be composed of three rabbis and three Reform lay leaders.

## BOARD LIMITS WEIZMANN INSTITUTE BUDGET TO \$5,600,000 FOR 1962-63

LONDON, Nov. 15; (JTA) -- A resolution of the board of governors of the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot authorizing the Institute's executive council to draw up a 1962-63 budget of not more than 10,000,000 Israeli pounds (\$5,600,000) closed a two-day conference of the board here last night.

The authorization also provides for 1,000,000 additional pounds (\$560,000) for additional 1961-62 obligations. A plan to fund the Institute's outstanding obligations of about \$3,000,000, which are due from overseas committees supporting the Institute, was approved by the board. The board also approved appointment of Professor Amos de Shalit as director of the Institute for a two-year period.

Among those participating in board discussions were Nobel Prize winners Professor Niels Bohr of Copenhagen, Prof. Ernst Chain and Sir Robert Robertson. Others among the 60 persons taking part in the proceedings were Isaac Wolfson, president of the British committee for the Institute, Abraham Feinberg of New York, Isadore Pollack of Quebec, president of the Canadian committee, and Richard Kronstein of Switzerland, chairman of the European committee for the Institute.

The conference dealt with four main topics affecting the Institute. These were the scientific program and its relation to teaching facilities, applied research, financial consolidation and administrative organization of the Institute.

## ORTHODOX WOMEN PROTEST PENALIZING STUDENTS ABSENT FOR RELIGIOUS REASONS

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Nov. 15; (JTA) -- The practice of some schools and colleges in the United States of penalizing students who absent themselves from classes for religious reasons was denounced today at the 38th annual national convention of the women's division of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

The 600 delegates, representing 500,000 members of Sisterhoods of Orthodox Jewish congregations in the United States and Canada, criticized the practice in a resolution approved at the closing session of the convention. The resolution also protested the practice by some schools and colleges in scheduling examinations and other mandatory curricular activities on the Jewish Sabbath and other Holy Days.

The delegates called such practices "an infringement of religious liberty and freedom of conscience." They urged Women's Branch affiliates and the Jewish communities "to make their protestations known to the appropriate educational and governmental authorities" and to seek arrangements to end such situations.

In another resolution, the delegates noted with "regret" the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court upholding Sunday closing laws for Sabbath observers holding a day other than Sunday as their Sabbath. They said such laws "discriminate against such Sabbath observers, including Jewish merchants who keep their places of business closed on the Jewish Sabbath for religious reasons." They added that such court decisions necessitated action on the state level "to obtain an exemption for such Sabbath observers, an exemption now found in the laws of 21 states."

## CONVENTION OF CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUES ELECTS MAISEN AS PRESIDENT

KLAMASHA LAKE, N.Y., Nov. 15; (JTA) -- The biennial convention of the United Synagogue of America, the congregational arm of the Conservative movement, today elected George Maislen, an attorney of Freeport, N.Y., as president of the organization.

The convention also endorsed the creation of a Forester Village in the Freedom Forest of the Jewish National Fund in Israel, representing the Conservative movement's contribution to land reclamation in Israel.

#### HEAD OF AMERICAN NAZI PARTY SAYS HE PLANS TO SPEAK IN NEW YORK

ARLINGTON, Va., Nov. 15: (JTA) -- George Rockwell, leader of the "American Nazi party" said today he would go through with court-delayed plans for a speech in New York City now that the United States Supreme Court has in effect supported his constitutional right to do so. The high court refused Monday to review a ruling of New York courts that Rockwell could not be refused a permit to speak in Manhattan's Union Square.

However, the self-styled Nazi leader added his visit to New York for that purpose might be delayed for a few weeks or even a few months so that he could time his speech "for maximum propaganda value."

He was refused a permit by the New York City Parks Commission in May 1960 and took the case to court with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union. Justice Henry Epstein of the State Supreme Court affirmed the refusal on grounds that constitutional guarantees of free speech did not extend to "self-confessed advocates of violence" under conditions making public riot inevitable.

The New York State Appellate Division threw out Justice Epstein's ruling, holding that the city had no constitutional authority "to exercise prior restraint of the expression of views unless it is demonstrated that such expression will immediately and irreparably create injury to the public weal." The New York State Court of Appeals upheld the Appellate ruling and the United States Supreme Court in effect sustained it by its refusal to review the ruling.

#### STUDENT FRATERNITY BANNED FROM WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY FOR DISCRIMINATION

MADISON, Wis., Nov. 15: (JTA) -- The Phi Delta Theta fraternity was banned from the campus of the University of Wisconsin here for failure to comply with the faculty's Human Rights ruling, which forbids all fraternities here to discriminate against members who are Jews, Negroes or Orientals.

Phi Delta Theta is the last fraternity on the campus still holding out against the Human Rights rule. Five other fraternities accredited by the faculty have recently settled their problem about failure to comply with the rule.

#### PHILADELPHIA JEWISH BODY FILES BRIEF AGAINST BIBLE READING IN SCHOOLS

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 15: (JTA) -- A "friend of the court" brief questioning the constitutionality of a Pennsylvania State law, permitting Bible reading in public schools, was filed in the United States District Court here today by the Jewish Community Relations Council.

The court action involves a resident of suburban Abington Township, who objects to the school Bible reading law on the grounds that impinges on the principle of separation of Church and State. In its brief, filed by Sydney C. Orlofsky, a vice-president of the JCRC, the Jewish Community Relations Council holds that "the growth of both religion and our democratic society are best fostered in the home, the synagogue and church," but not in the public school system.

#### BOSTON JEWISH HOSPITAL GETS \$300,000 IN THREE GIFTS FOR DEVELOPMENT

BOSTON, Nov. 15: (JTA) -- Three gifts of \$100,000 each were announced here today by Irving W. Rabb, chairman of the Beth Israel Hospital development committee. The money was pledged by the family of the late Philip Smith, the Elm Farm Foundation and the family of A.M. Sonnabend. The funds will be used to strengthen the hospital's services in radiology, the emergency unit, and the eye-ear-nose-throat clinic, he said.

#### HOLLAND TO REBUILD NAZI-WRECKED SYNAGOGUES IN AMSTERDAM AS MUSEUMS

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 15: (JTA) -- Four synagogues in the old Amsterdam ghetto, which were wrecked by the Nazis during the Second World War, are to be rebuilt as museums with the financial aid of the Dutch Government and the Amsterdam City Council, it was reported here today. The rebuilding will cost 180,000 pounds sterling (\$504,000) of which the Dutch Government will provide 90 percent.

#### QUEEN ELIZABETH CONFERS BARONETCY ON SIR BERNARD WALEY-COHEN

LONDON, Nov. 15: (JTA) -- Queen Elizabeth II has approved the granting of a baronetcy to be conferred upon Sir Bernard Waley-Cohen on his retirement as Lord Mayor of London, it was announced here today.

#### SAMUEL A. ROCHLIN, SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH HISTORIAN, DEAD; WAS 57

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 15: (JTA) -- Dr. Samuel Abraham Rochlin, distinguished South African Jewish historian, died here yesterday at the age of 57. Dr. Rochlin was archivist for the South African Jewish Board of Deputies and chief research specialist of the South African Jewish Historical Society.