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SOVIET JEWISH GENERAL SAYS LENINGRAD LEADERS WERE NOT TRIED AS JEWS

PARIS, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- A Jewish general in the army of the Soviet Union, General Dragunsky, who arrived here today, refused to comment on the recent arrests and imprisonment of Leningrad and Moscow Jewish leaders, declaring only that "these men were tried as criminals, not as Jews."

General Dragunsky, one of Russia's foremost heroes of World War II, is one of the few military men in Russia decorated twice with the order of Hero of the Soviet Union; He was one of the first Allied commanders to enter the Nazi death factory at Auschwitz, after that concentration camp was liberated at the end of World War II.

General Dragunsky was expected here last week, as a Soviet delegate to the current Warsaw Ghetto exhibition. However, he was delayed in Moscow "due to visa difficulties." He brought with him ten panels of photographs and statistics contributed to the exhibit by the Soviet Union; The Russian section of the exhibit was put on display immediately.

PROMINENT ALGERIAN JEW ASSASSINATED; ADVOCATED PEACE IN THE COUNTRY

ALGIERS, Nov. 21; (JTA)-- William Levy, 54, a prominent Jew active in advocating peace between the Moslems and Europeans in Algeria, was shot and killed here last night, and police believe his assassins were connected with the OAS, the French underground military organization.

Mr. Levy was secretary-general for the Algiers regional organization of the French Socialist Party, and a member of the party's central committee; He had received several threats from the OAS; Moslem terrorists killed one of his sons four years ago.

Algerian Jews have reacted with deep emotion to this latest attack on one of their number. Several other prominent Jews have been killed in the last few weeks by the OAS activists; Political tracts circulated by the OAS have, however, maintained that the murders were due to the political beliefs of the victims and "not to their religion."

JE WISH TEACHER ARRESTED IN MOROCCO; CHARGED WITH BEING 'ZIONIST AGENT'

CASABLANCA, Nov. 21; (JTA) -- A teacher at an Alliance Israelite Universelle school here was arrested here today after what police claimed were "Israeli documents" were found in his briefcase. He was charged with "having connections with Israel" and with "being a Zionist agent."

The teacher, M. Marciano, was in a car when a Moroccan police officer stopped him and asked to see his identification papers. It was then that the "Israeli documents" were found; Mr. Marciano is scheduled to appear before a Moroccan tribunal.

Meanwhile, the second joint meeting was held here today between the five rabbis constituting Casablanca's Supreme Rabbinical Council and the city's Moslem Kadis or religious judges. The meeting, which was described as amicable, was in preparation for elections to the Syndical Commission, which comprises Moslem and Jewish religious leaders who represent their respective communities before the Government in matters relating to religion.

EGYPT FORBIDS JEWS TO LEAVE COUNTRY AFTER CONFISCATING THEIR PROPERTY

PARIS, Nov. 21; (JTA) -- Egyptian Jews and foreign Jews in Egypt, whose properties have been "sequestered" under the recent confiscation orders issued by Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser, are forbidden to leave Egypt "until certain formalities are completed," according to Cairo press reports received here today.

Details on the new Nasser program, directed against several hundred Jews in Egypt, show that not only bank accounts were seized by the government, but safe deposit boxes were sealed. The victims are allowed to live in their homes as "guardians" of the homes and furniture. They must assume full responsibility for the effects in their homes and must pay full rent for living in their own homes.

Victims will be paid monthly allowances out of their bank accounts "proportional to their needs." They are forbidden to discharge servants, being ordered to beware against worsening the unemployment situation.

ISRAEL MINISTER REPORTS ON 'AJAMI CASE'; SAYS PRESS DISTORTED THE FACTS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21; (JTA) -- Replying to questions in the Knesset (Parliament) today, Minister of Social Welfare Joseph Burg stated that the public, both here and abroad, has been misled by "distorted facts" regarding the case of the unmarried couple, Yaffa Ajami, who is Jewish, and Abdul Rahim Majdaleh, a Moslem;

Mr. Burg said that Miss Ajami had been under probation after being convicted for theft. It was at the couple's request, he said, that a probation officer helped get their newly-born infant placed in an institution. When the father sought to remove the child, the Ministry's social worker, acting in the child's interest, requested the Juvenile Court to order that a social worker be assigned to look after the child's interests.

However, continued the Minister, the court ruled that the father "might use the child for selfish interests" and that "the mother could not be relied upon to protect it, as she was under Majdaleh's influence." The court then ordered that the infant remain at the institution;

Mr. Burg said that there were "tense" relations between the couple and their families, leading at one time to violence and police intervention; When Miss Ajami removed the child from the institution, the matter was submitted to the police authorities, and the girl was charged with abduction. On an appeal to the Juvenile Court, the child was returned to its parents, under supervision, after Miss Ajami's home was registered in her name;

The Minister deplored the "distortions" which, he said, led the foreign press to treat the story as "a Romeo and Juliet tragedy." He also censured the Jerusalem Post for declining to publish the full text of the Ministry's account, while printing letters from readers as well as an editorial based on incorrect information;

20% OF CURRENT IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL CONSISTS OF PROFESSIONALS

NEW YORK, Nov. 21; (JTA) -- About 20 percent of the current immigration to Israel consists of professionals, it was revealed here today by Dewey D. Stone, chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., and national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal upon his return from Israel where he discussed the problem of absorbing Israel's newcomers with high government and Jewish Agency officials; He noted that currently some immigrant transports bring as much as one physician for every 20 newcomers;

Mr. Stone pointed out that Israel today faces one of the most difficult and in a sense paradoxical absorption problems encountered by any immigration country in the world; On the one hand, it must absorb professionals whose skills are sometimes so advanced and specialized that it is difficult to utilize them fully at the present stage of Israel's economic development; On the other hand, there are large numbers of new arrivals from underdeveloped countries who must be taught the use of a light switch or a faucet;

The Jewish Agency leader reported that of some 6,000 professionals who arrived in Israel during the past five years, 80 percent had been re-trained or absorbed in their old professions; However, a considerable number are as yet without employment and the Jewish Agency is making every effort to increase the size of the constructive loan funds which help to provide housing, re-training subsidies and medical and dental instruments for professionals among Israel's new immigrants; He noted that one of the factors aggravating the absorption problem is the age composition of the newcomers; Among some 1,260 physicians who arrived in Israel in the past five years, one-third was 50 years or older;

Mr. Stone appealed to American Jewry to intensify its efforts on behalf of the UJA to enable the Jewish Agency to expand its programs for the absorption of immigrant professionals; "In helping these newcomers," he declared, "we are not only helping individuals to rebuild their lives in freedom and dignity but we are making it possible for them to continue to contribute their skills to the benefit of all of Israel; I have no doubt that from the ranks of these new arrivals there will come part of the manpower which will be urgently needed to serve continued waves of immigration which will arrive in Israel in the months ahead;"

NORWEGIAN PREMIER COMPLETES WEEK'S VISIT IN ISRAEL; FETED BY BEN-GURION

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21; (JTA) -- Israel and Norway share "a common vision of the cooperative workers society, fraternity among peoples and peace between nations," Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion said tonight at a farewell dinner for Norway's Premier Einar Gerhardsen; The Norwegian Prime Minister, accompanied by his wife and 15-year-old son, completed a week's state visit to Israel with a statement highly laudatory of Israel's "dynamism and pioneering spirit;"

Mr. Ben-Gurion told Mr. Gerhardsen of Israel's high appreciation for Norway's authors, explorers, thinkers and people; He expressed his gratitude to the Norwegians "who showed supreme courage in the struggle against the Nazis," and expressed the hope that the "political and ideological bonds between our countries and peoples will be strengthened."

EICHMANN REVELATIONS STIMULATE BONN GOVT. TO ACT AGAINST OTHER NAZIS

MUNICH, Nov. 21; (JTA) -- The West German Government is considering starting probes into the activities of all those who participated in the notorious "Wannsee Conference" of 1942, at which the liquidation of all Jews was decided upon by Nazi leaders, it was authoritatively stated here today.

One of the participants in this conference was Adolf Eichmann, who is now awaiting the verdict in Israel after his trial there on charges of responsibility for the Nazi annihilation of 6,000,000 Jews in Europe. It is as a result of revelations which he made during the trial that the Bonn Government is now planning action against the other participants, it was emphasized.

The announcement of the Government's intentions was made today by Erwin Schule, head of the West German Center for the Investigation of Nazi War Crimes. He also revealed that, contrary to Eichmann's insistence that he was merely carrying out orders which he was duty-bound to implement, instructions had been issued to the Gestapo that members of the organization did not have to carry out orders which were criminal.

SO. AFRICAN PREMIER DEPLORES ISRAEL'S VOTE AT U. N. AGAINST HIS COUNTRY

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 21; (JTA) -- Relations between the Republic of South Africa and Israel have been strained by the recent votes of the Israeli delegation at the United Nations on the charges of racial discrimination here under the Government's Apartheid policy, it was stressed today by Prime Minister Hendrik F. Verwoerd.

Premier Verwoerd had received a letter from A.S. East, a Jewish former member of the City Council at Capetown, who had deplored Israel's anti-South Africa voting in the United Nations. In his reply, the Premier made these points:

1. Israel's voting at the United Nations could have had a disadvantageous influence on group relations here, had not South African Jews expressed criticism of Israel's attitude.
2. South Africa always felt disposed toward and did help Israel, but now Israel is aligning itself against South Africa for selfish reasons.
3. Israel itself follows a policy of separate development, yet it attacked South Africa for a similar policy. People are beginning to ask: If Israel is really against separate development, why she and the surrounding Arab states did not become one larger state, even if this were to mean the absorption of one group by another.
4. South Africa is unjustly accused of wanting to oppress people. South Africa does not want to oppress--it wants to differentiate; and, for that reason, she believed in Israel.

"Now," Premier Verwoerd stated in his letter, "we begin to wonder whether that support should not be withdrawn if, according to their own conviction, the ideal of separate development is fundamentally wrong." He added that "this act of Israel, coming at the same time as other attacks on the policy of separate development, is a tragedy."

The Premier also remarked that, during the recent parliamentary elections here, many Jews favored the Progressive Party while few Jews voted for the National Party. "This fact," stated the Premier, "did not go unnoticed."

GOOD CHRISTIAN-JEWISH RELATIONS HELP U.S. PROGRESS, KENNEDY SAYS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21; (JTA) -- Good intergroup relations are vital to national progress and to the nation's position of leadership in the free world, President Kennedy stated here today at a White House reception for trustees of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

The reception by Mr. Kennedy marked the conclusion of the NCCJ's 33rd anniversary convention, held here the last three days. More than 500 delegates and guests attended the convention which, at its closing session, re-elected its major officers, including three national co-chairmen: Lewis L. Strauss, former United States Secretary of Commerce; Robert D. Murphy, former Undersecretary of State; and Carrol M. Shanks. Dr. Lewis Webster Jones was re-elected president.

At the White House reception, the NCCJ trustees informed the President of the launching of a new, four-year project to "raise the general level of discussion" of public issues, such as aid to parochial schools and birth control, on which major religious groups in this country are in sharp disagreement.

Earlier, in an address to the convention, Dr. Jones reported on his recent trip abroad, during which he visited European countries as well as Israel, and his conclusion that "the principle of the complete separation of Church and State appears to be uniquely American." He said the four-year project on Religious Freedom and Public Affairs was needed because there is "considerable confusion" in America about the meaning of religious liberty and its application to public issues.

ARRESTS OF JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN RUSSIA CONDEMNED IN CANADA

MONTREAL, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Non-Jews as well as Jews in Canada, and significant sections of the leading Canadian press, reacted today with apprehension and condemnation regarding the renewal of anti-Jewish persecutions in Russia; La Presse said editorially today that "a new wave of anti-Semitism is sweeping Russia." The Montreal Gazette pointed out: "Khrushchev is using Stalinist methods against Jews, while assuring the Russians that Stalinism has gone forever."

At an open forum here last night, Michael Garber, a leading Zionist here, and a founder of the Canadian Jewish Congress, said that recent events in Russia "are all the more shocking in view of the admissions there that the 'doctors plot' of the Stalin era had been a fraud." Mr. Garber expressed the opinion that the secrecy that surrounded the trials and convictions of the Moscow and Leningrad Jewish leaders indicated that the so-called "evidence" against the convicted Jews "could not stand the light of day."

Other Canadian leaders agreed that the recent developments in Russia indicate the need for more intensive petitions to the Soviet authorities, calling for a reversal of their anti-Semitic policies.

Brazilian Press Denounces Arrests of Jews in Soviet Union

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Leading Brazilian newspapers today called on the free world to protest the arrest and imprisonment of leaders of the Leningrad and Moscow Jewish communities.

Diario Carioca, one of the most influential newspapers in this country, condemned the anti-Jewish manifestations by Soviet authorities in an editorial entitled: "Imitating Hitler and Stalin." The editorial called upon the peoples of the world to protest the anti-Jewish persecutions in the Soviet Union "just as the world has reacted against the Kremlin's resumption of nuclear tests."

O Globo, the newspaper with the largest circulation in Brazil, also denounced the anti-Semitic acts in the Soviet Union. An editorial in O Globo concluded: "The persecutors of Jews have, historically, disappeared while the Jewish people live on, united by blood and tradition."

CANADIAN PREMIER RECEIVES ISRAELI DELEGATION; DISCUSSES TRADE RELATIONS

OTTAWA, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The Israeli trade commission which arrived here last weekend was formally introduced to Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker today by Israel Ambassador Yaacov Herzog. The meeting, which took place in the Premier's office, included informal discussions on trade relations between the two countries; Premier Diefenbaker expressed keen interest in the results of the visit and asked that his greetings be extended to Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion who visited Canada last May.

The members of the trade commission were later guests at an official luncheon tendered by Canadian Trade Minister Hess. The group then broke up into working parties to discuss specialized phases of trade and investment with Canadian officials. Following a reception at the Israel Embassy here, the group, split up into two parties, left for Montreal and Toronto to visit industrial plants in those cities and elsewhere in Canada;

JE WISH IMMIGRATION TO CANADA DECLINES; 1,077 ENTERED IN NINE MONTHS

MONTREAL, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The number of Jewish immigrants to Canada during the January-September 1961 period fell to 1,077 as compared with 1,810 who arrived in the corresponding nine months of 1960, the Canadian Jewish Congress reported today.

Citing figures from the Canadian Immigration Department, the organization said that the fall apparently reflected a general dip in immigration to Canada, which was described as "running at an all-time low." A total of 390 Jews came to Canada in the third quarter of 1961.

HENRY HURWITZ, EDITOR OF 'MENORAH JOURNAL,' DEAD; FUNERAL TODAY

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for Henry Hurwitz, editor of the Menorah Journal since its inception in 1915 and a leader in the Menorah movement to promote interest in Jewish history and culture, who died here Sunday night at the age of 75.

Born in Lithuania, Mr. Hurwitz was brought to this country when he was five years old. He attended Harvard University where he captained the university's debating team and founded the Harvard Menorah Society. He was also the founder of the Intercollegiate Menorah Association and its successor, the Menorah Association, Inc.