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UNEASY CALM PREVAILS IN ORAN; JE WISH SECTION OF CITY UNDER CURFEW

PARIS, Dec. 26; (JTA) -- An uneasy calm prevailed today in Oran following reports that strife between Jews and Moslems was about to erupt again;

According to reports received here from Algeria, a non-Jewish merchant living in the Jewish quarter had been stabbed, presumably by a Moslem and Jewish youths were preparing to attack Moslem and Arab passersby again. Police and army units cordoned off the entire area, pacifying it.

The Jewish area of Oran remained under curfew and was cut off from the rest of the city. Authorities were reported as believing there would be no new intercommunal outbreaks for the time being.

SOVIET STRENGTHENING OF EGYPT'S NAVY PROVOKES CONCERN IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26; (JTA) -- Reports that the Soviet Union may increase arms shipments to Egypt and that it was in negotiations for the use of Egyptian naval bases to service Soviet fleet units were being followed with close attention and concern here today.

According to the reports, Admiral Sergei Gorshkov, Supreme Commander of the Soviet Navy, completed a visit yesterday with a nine-man delegation in Egypt. During the visit, the Soviet naval leaders reportedly examined the possibilities of reaching such an agreement with President Nasser's Government.

Al Massaa, the Cairo daily, declared yesterday that new units which arrived recently at Alexandria had made the Egyptian navy the strongest striking power in the Middle East. One report said that Egypt was negotiating for three additional squadrons of Soviet MIG-19 jet fighters and several more submarines.

Al Massaa also reported that the naval units, which carried the most modern weapons equipment, arrived from Czechoslovakia and Russia during the weekend. Egyptian Government officials declined to deny or confirm the reports. The State Department in Washington declined to comment today on the reports.

According to another report, the bases sought in Egypt would be in replacement for the base lost by the Soviets in Albania as a result of the Communist-power struggle which led to a breaking off of diplomatic ties between the USSR and Albania. The Albanian base was the only one the Soviets had in the Mediterranean Sea.

AGREEMENT ON JEWISH HEIRLESS PROPERTY PAYMENTS ANNOUNCED IN AUSTRIA

VIENNA, Dec. 26; (JTA) -- Agreement was announced today between two government-appointed collection agencies on distribution of proceeds from heirless properties of victims of the Nazi era in Austria.

Collection agency A, which was set up to handle collection and allocation of funds of heirless property of Jewish victims will have the right, under the agreement, to dispose of about 80 percent of the proceeds, totaling at present some 70,000,000 schillings (\$2,700,000). Collection agency B, set up to handle the same functions for non-Jewish heirless property, will dispose of the remaining 20 percent.

Additional proceeds are expected from the sale of securities and real properties of both categories of victims, as well as from results of some 600 claims now pending on such properties.

Representatives to the two agencies were named on recommendation of groups representing the victims. In the case of Collection Agency A, members were named on recommendations from the Committee for Jewish Claims on Austria, the Association of Austrian Jewish Communities and the World Council of Jews from Austria. Most of the funds to be allocated by Collection Agency A will be used to aid Jewish survivors now living in Austria.

Payments based on the agreement cannot begin until the Austrian parliament approves the required basic laws, which are now pending. The fund established for these purposes included a contribution by the West German Government.

NEW IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL BRINGS LARGE PROPORTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 26; (JTA) -- More than 60 percent of immigrants during the current year went to development areas, collectives and other agricultural settlements, Aaron Zisling, head of the Jewish Agency's absorption department reported here today to the Agency executive.

He said that some 55 percent of this year's arrivals were in the 14 to 30 year age bracket and some 20 percent were over 55. These age data represent a substantial improvement in terms of labor potential as compared with immigrants in recent years, he explained. Immigrants since 1956 have included more than 6,000 academicians.

Moshe Sharet, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, told the session that on the basis of available information, immigration was likely to be on the increase for a long time. Executive members also were told that all available housing for newcomers had already been allocated and that immigrants arriving during January will constitute a problem for absorption authorities.

S. Z. Shragai, head of the Agency's immigration department, told the executive about a program to transfer projects to Israel complete with personnel and equipment. He cited negotiations to bring to Israel an optical instruments plant together with its 100 workers, as well as a diamond-polishing enterprise from the United States with 100 employes. He said 20 families of the latter group had already arrived and its wage-earners were waiting for construction of a new plant at Kiryat Zanz.

SCHOOL TEACHERS STRIKE AVERTED IN ISRAEL; AGREEMENT ON WAGES REACHED

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26; (JTA) -- An agreement to settle the long-simmering wage dispute of Israel's elementary school teachers, linking pay raises to those of Israel's unionized engineers, was announced here today.

The agreement was in keeping with the proposals of the Horowitz Committee on the maintenance of the present pay ratios between the free professions, a spokesman for the Education Ministry said in reporting the agreement. The plan was proposed by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol on behalf of the Finance and Education Ministries with the support of secretary-general Aharon Becker of the Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation.

The Teachers Union had warned it would strike to win the increases. The agreement now reached was the result of a meeting of the Teachers Union with the Ministers of Finance and Education, Becker and Shalom Levin, secretary-general of the Teachers Union.

The wage increases, the amounts of which will be decided after negotiations are concluded with the Engineers Union, will be retroactive to September 1960, the Education Ministry spokesman said. He also said that the specific distribution of teachers' wages in accordance with grade and seniority in comparison with the salaries of other free professionals was not considered at present. This phase of the agreement will be decided on in further negotiations.

ORTHODOX JEWS PROTEST TRANSFER OF EICHMANN TO JAIL ON SABBATH

JERUSALEM, Dec. 26; (JTA)-- The question of action by police in transferring Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann to and from the court building on the Sabbath was raised in the Knesset today when two religious deputies described the action as a desecration of the Sabbath.

Menachem Porush of the Agudat Israel party and Yaacov Greenberg of the National Religious party asked Police Minister Bechor Shitreet why it was necessary to transfer Eichmann to the court from the Ramleh prison on the Friday night before the trial verdict was read and to return him to the prison on the Friday evening following the sentencing.

In a brief reply, Mr. Shitreet said that security considerations prompted the timetable. He told the Knesset that the Israeli police work around the clock and that Sabbath and holiday restrictions do not apply to them.

ACTING PRESIDENT OF HAIFA TECHNION RETIRES; WAS 36 YEARS IN SERVICE

HAIFA, Dec. 26; (JTA) -- Professor Yohanan Ratner, acting president of Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, and dean of the institute's faculty of architecture and town planning, retired today after 36 years of service at Technion. He had reached the age of 70 last July.

Born in Russia and educated in Germany, Prof. Ratner came to Palestine in 1923. He headed the supreme command of Hagana, the Jewish self defense corps in Palestine, in 1938 and 1939, was attached to British General Headquarters from 1939 to 1942, headed the Hagana research department in 1946-47, and headed the planning section of the Israel Defense Forces during the War of Liberation in 1948-49.

In the latter year he served also as military attache in Israel's Embassy at Moscow. He is a well-known author and authority in his field of architecture and town planning.

TEEN-AGERS CONCLAVE IS CRITICAL OF HEBREW SCHOOL EDUCATION IN U.S.

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 26; (JTA) -- Some 400 teen-age members of the Greater Miami Jewish Community Center agreed at a conclave here that teen-agers remember very little of their Hebrew school education and that their morals and ethics come from total life experiences and that these are not related to their Jewish education.

The National Jewish Welfare Board, reporting on the all-day seminar held on Dec. 17, also said that the young men and women reported they had the most enduring and pleasant memories of Sunday school attendance because emphasis was placed on Jewish history, holidays and culture which young people can best understand. They also felt that Jewish education starts at too early an age, becomes repetitious and tiresome so that many pupils refuse to continue.

Their conclusions added up to a belief that Jewish education in the United States could be improved if it were started at a later age, if it were related more closely with day-by-day experiences and if it were linked to young people's natural interests.

The Miami teen-agers also called for higher goals in public education, for both average and gifted students and for greater emphasis on learning rather than grades. They also felt that improvements should be made in guidance toward college, educational television, mathematics and language teaching, study habits, teachers' salaries and the general level of English teaching.

The participants represented 33 high school age Jewish Center clubs. Speakers included Dr. Kenneth R. Williams, president of the Dade County Junior College, and A.B. Cutler, president of the Jewish Center.

JEWISH CONGRESS ORGAN CONDUCTS SURVEY AMONG INTELLECTUALS ON JUDAISM

NEW YORK, Dec. 26; (JTA) -- Twenty-one American Jewish intellectuals have contributed articles to a symposium entitled "My Jewish Affirmation" published here today in the tenth anniversary issue of Judaism, a quarterly sponsored by the American Jewish Congress. The authors have responded to these five questions:

"1. What do you regard as centrally significant in Jewish tradition and presently viable?"

"2. What revisions and adaptations, if any, of the tradition do you deem essential if it is to be preserved and enhanced?"

"3. Do you deem your Jewish outlook and commitment a fundamental source for your total life orientation?"

"4. By what lines of force do you consider yourself linked to the American Jewish community, the State of Israel and the Jewish people generally?"

"5. What, in your own background and experience, do you judge to have been decisive in your present Jewish engagements?"

The answers, according to Rabbi Theodore Friedman, managing editor of the magazine, represent "a significant contribution" in analyzing the relevance of Jewish ideas and values "to the living issues and options that confront Jewry today." The responses from the 21 contributors--including painters, publishers, philosophers and others--cover a wide range of opinion and belief from Orthodoxy to Existentialism, Zionism and Hasidism, belief in Jewish peoplehood, reliance on traditional Jewish law and adherence to Jewish ritual.

A similar symposium was conducted among writers and other Jewish intellectuals last year by the monthly Commentary, published by the American Jewish Committee.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY NAMES MRS. HYMES TO NEW COMMISSION ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26; (JTA) -- President Kennedy named Mrs. Charles Hymes, of Minneapolis, president of the National Council of Jewish Women, to a new commission to advance the cause of women's rights.

The President said the group, which will be headed by Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, would be called the President's Commission on the Status of Women. It will make studies of "all barriers to the full partnership of women in our democracy."

KENNEDY CONGRATULATES ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA ON 25TH ANNIVERSARY

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- President Kennedy cabled congratulations to the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra on its 25th anniversary.

The Philharmonic started its 25th season today under the baton of Josef Krips who will conduct Beethoven's Ninth Symphony; Mr. Krips will conduct the orchestra for five other concerts before returning to the United States.

TRAINING OF REFORM RABBIS MAY FACE CURTAILMENT; MORE FUNDS SOUGHT

NEW YORK, Dec. 26; (JTA) -- Leaders of Reform congregations were warned today that "serious curtailments in the training of rabbis and the provision of synagogue services" await them unless there is a three-fold increase in financial support over the next six months;

Irving S. Schneider, executive vice-chairman of the Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism, expressed surprise in delivering his semi-annual report that "giving by individuals to philanthropic and religious causes has not kept pace with the obviously strong improvement in the nation's economy." He told the temple leaders that in the last six months the Reform Judaism fund-raising campaign has succeeded in bringing together \$1,200,000 representing a \$45,000 increase over the comparable period in the preceding year but that "needs during the last six months have been twice as great as income."

The Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism is the fund-raising agency of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The two institutions are the national bodies of the Reform branch of Judaism. The campaign is seeking \$4,122,769 to finance their 1961-62 programs.

Mr. Schneider in his report stressed that "Reform Jews must come forward in the next six months with another \$3,000,000 in cash or accept the consequence of a sharply diminished flow of services from the UAHC and a reduction by the HUC-JIR of its rabbinical training program." In offering this alternative, Mr. Schneider pointed out that "a curtailment in the training of rabbis would be acutely damaging not only to Reform Judaism but to the American Jewish community as a whole."

U.S. ARMED FORCES NEED 90 JEWISH CHAPLAINS; SEVENTY ALREADY ON DUTY

NEW YORK, Dec. 26; (JTA) -- The United States Armed Forces has established a quota of 90 Jewish chaplains to be met by June 1962, it was reported today by the National Jewish Welfare Board. There are now 70 Jewish chaplains on active duty in the Army, Navy and Air Force; An additional 42 are to be recruited from the rabbinical seminaries to meet the quota and to fill vacancies to be created by the separation of chaplains who will have completed their tours of duty between now and next June.

There are also more than 270 civilian rabbis who serve voluntarily as part-time chaplains at military installations and VA hospitals where no full-time Jewish chaplains are assigned.

Twenty-two rabbis who completed 10 or more consecutive years of service as full or part-time chaplains in various branches of the U.S. armed forces during 1961 received certificates of commendation from the National Jewish Welfare Board Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy. The Commission is the agency through which JWB gives ecclesiastical endorsement and serves all Jewish chaplains in the armed forces and in VA hospitals. Among those cited is Rabbi Bernard Segal, executive director of the United Synagogue of America, who has completed 25 years of service. Two others--Rabbi David Berent of Lewiston, Me., and Rabbi Irving Melamed of Chicago--have each served for 20 years.

PROBLEMS FACING JEWISH EDUCATION IN U.S. TO BE DISCUSSED AT PARLEY

NEW YORK, Dec. 26; (JTA) -- Important problems facing Jewish education and the Jewish education profession will be discussed this weekend at the semi-annual conference of the National Council for Jewish Education, the over-all organization of Jewish educators;

The World Assembly on Jewish Education, which will be held in Jerusalem next summer will be one of the major topics to be considered. A report on the unification of the Jewish education profession will be among the reports to be made by the various commissions of the Council; Special honors will be conferred on Mordecai Halevi, veteran Jewish educator who is returning from Israel and Dr. Abraham Millgram, a vice-president of the Council;

The National Council for Jewish Education is composed of the outstanding Jewish educators in the United States from all ideological groupings--Orthodox, Conservative and Reform.

SIEGFRIED KRAMARSKY, NOTED ZIONIST, DEAD; PRIVATE FUNERAL HELD

NEW YORK, Dec. 26; (JTA) -- Private funeral rites were held here today for Siegfried Kramarsky, retired banker and philanthropist, who was active in aiding Jewish refugees from the Nazi regime and a life-long Zionist. He died at his New York home yesterday at the age of 68.

For the past five years, he had been chairman of the finance advisory committee of Hadassah, of which his wife, Mrs. Lola Popper Kramarsky, currently is president. He was active in Jewish communal affairs in New York, a supporter of the Weizmann Institute in Israel and a generous contributor to the United Jewish Appeal.

Born in Lubeck, Germany, he and his wife left that country in 1923 and settled in Amsterdam. When Hitler launched World War II, the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann, a family friend, helped them to go to Canada. The family settled in New York in 1940.