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MOSLEMS REPORTED AGREEING TO CONSIDER JEWS IN ALGERIA AS EUROPEANS

PARIS, Jan. 31; (JTA) -- Negotiators for the Algerian independence organization, the FLN, have given final approval to a French proposal that Algeria's 100,000 Jews are to be considered Europeans in an independent Algeria, according to unofficial but reliable information learned here today.

The secret French-FLN talks, which have been underway for the past four months, have stumbled on this point. According to the sources, described as reliable, the FLN has given France assurance that the Jewish community would enjoy the same guarantees and privileges as other Europeans choosing to remain in an independent Algeria.

These guarantees would protect the lives, property, religious and cultural institutions of the 1,000,000 Europeans residing in the French colony. The same reports indicated that the Algerian cities and sections of cities in which the Europeans have a majority would be granted some form of autonomous administration.

During the talks last summer in Evian and Lugrin, the FLN insisted on claiming Algeria's Jews as "native Algerians," which would have deprived them of any French protection. Under the reported new agreement between France and the FLN, Europeans in Algeria would be free to choose Algerian nationality if they wanted to.

World Jewish Congress to Discuss Position of Jews in Algeria

LONDON, Jan. 31; (JTA) -- The precarious position of Algerian Jews and the discrimination practiced against the Jewish community in the Soviet Union will be among the principal subjects to be considered at the National Conference of the World Jewish Congress British section. The conference, in which more than 200 delegates from all parts of Britain will take part, will be held here this weekend.

The situation of North African Jewry will be dealt with in a report by A.L. Easterman, head of the World Jewish Congress department of international affairs. The status of the 100,000 Jews in Algeria is of particular current importance because of reports of an early agreement between France and the Algerian Moslem nationalists, it was stressed here today.

The delegates will also hear a survey on the position of Jews in Eastern Europe, a matter of special concern following the reports of trials of Jews in Moscow and Leningrad and of the Chief Rabbi of Bulgaria in Sofia.

ROSE HALPRIN, DR. NEUMANN TO ALTERNATE AS JEWISH AGENCY CHAIRMEN IN U.S.

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31; (JTA) -- Mrs. Rose Halprin and Dr. Emanuel Neumann will alternate annually as chairmen of the executive of the Jewish Agency in New York until the next World Zionist Congress, it was decided here today at the closing session of the Jewish Agency plenary meeting. At Dr. Neumann's suggestion Mrs. Halprin will serve for the first year.

The Agency also appointed Sam Levin, secretary general of the Israel Office of the South African Zionist Federation, as coordinator with Government departments on promotion of immigration from free countries. As coordinator in an advisory capacity, he will have access to Government and Agency offices with the objective of improving liaison on aliyah facilities.

Moshe Kol, head of the Youth Aliyah, which is being supported by Ehadassah funds, reported today that Aliyah institutions throughout Israel have been prepared to absorb some 5,000 youth of a new wave of immigration. He said 10,000 young people were now in these institutions and that 3,000 would be graduated this year. The anticipated additions would bring the number of young people under Youth Aliyah care to 12,000, he reported. He added that an increased budget of more than 12,000,000 pounds (\$6,720,000) would enable the Youth Aliyah to handle the increased number of young immigrants now arriving in Israel.

KNESSET ASSURED ON LIMITED USE OF GOVERNMENT POWERS AGAINST STRIKERS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31; (JTA) -- Labor Minister Yigal Alon told the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, last night that the Government would not use its emergency powers to break the engineers' strike but only to assure that a limited number of engineers would be provided for essential services;

The Labor Minister said that a minimum of 43 engineers was required to complete planned housing for immigrants and to link electric turbine installations with a nationwide utility grid. He said both projects were regarded as essential by the Government;

He made his announcement after opposition charges that the proposed implementation of the emergency powers was an abuse of Government authority; Eliyahu Meridor, Herut deputy, presented an urgent motion for a full dress debate on the issue and warned against using the emergency regulations in what he said was purely an economic issue unrelated to any national emergency. When only the Liberal party supported the motion, he withdrew it;

Minister Alon said that if within "the next few days," the engineers, who walked out January 11, did not return to their posts, he would apply the emergency regulations to 43 needed engineers by ordering their being drafted for services proclaimed as essential by the Government. The union, representing 6,000 engineers, chemists, architects and agronomists in public and government institutions, called the strike in support of demands for wage increases of about 16 percent. The union contends that increases for non-professional workers in recent years has narrowed too much the difference in the wage levels of the two groups and wants to increase the gap.

ISRAEL DEFENSE OFFICIAL AGAIN DENIES MISUSE OF ISRAEL GUNS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31; (JTA) -- Hundreds of thousands of Israeli Uzzi submachine-guns are in use in 15 countries and the Israel Government could not go any farther than binding purchasers not to re-sell the weapons to a third party, Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres stated today in Israel's Parliament;

He made the statement in reply to motions by Herut and Mapam deputies who asked for a Parliamentary debate over recurrent reports that the Israeli weapons were used by the Portuguese to repress the Angola independence movement;

The question was sent to the Knesset Security and Foreign Affairs Committee but a proviso that the committee act as an inquiry commission to determine whether the machineguns were in fact used by the Portuguese was defeated;

Replying to a report that Uzzi's bearing the additional insignia of West Germany were photographed in the hands of Portuguese forces in Mozambique, the defense official cited three formal statements from the West German Government that none of the machineguns it purchased from Israel were re-sold;

ISRAEL SAYS ITS PRO-ANGOLA VOTE HAS NO ANTI-PORTUGAL MOTIVATIONS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Jan. 31; (JTA) -- Israel voted yesterday in favor of a resolution sponsored by 45 Afro-Asian countries, which reaffirmed the General Assembly's insistence on "the inalienable right of the Angolan people to self-determination and independence" and called on Portugal to undertake reforms in Angola to transfer power to the Angolan people;

Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations, told the Assembly that Israel, in voting for the 45-power resolution, was not motivated by hostility toward Portugal but "by historical, moral and political factors in which we profoundly believe." No nation, he said, has the right to rule over another, and Israel "whole-heartedly supports the liquidation of colonialism everywhere."

The responsibility for ending further conflict in Angola, said Mr. Comay, rests "primarily" with Portugal. He called the colonial system "out of date" and "wrong." If Portugal would recognize the "realities" of modern-day Africa, and take steps toward independence for Angola, he declared, there could be "fruitful cooperation" between the Angolans and Portuguese. Such an outcome of the struggle for independence in Angola, he said, would be "enlightened self-interest" for Portugal;

DR. GOLDMANN LAUDS AGREEMENT BETWEEN J.N.F. AND ISRAEL GOVERNMENT

NEW YORK, Jan. 31; (JTA) -- The formal ratification of the agreement between the Israel Government and the Jewish National Fund, establishing a joint land authority, was hailed here today as a demonstration of "the high measure of confidence which the people repose in the Jewish National Fund," by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization;

Stressing that by assuming increased responsibilities, the burdens as well as the opportunities of the Jewish National Fund have been greatly enlarged, Dr. Goldmann appealed to American Jews "to make the traditional gifts" to the JNF, enabling it to shoulder its increased obligations and to fulfill its historic task of land development and afforestation;

JEWS IN MONTREAL CONTRIBUTE 75 PERCENT OF PROTESTANT SCHOOL REVENUE

MONTREAL, Jan. 31; (JTA) -- Data on school attendance in Montreal, released today in connection with the hearings of a provincial Royal Commission on Education, showed that 25 percent of the pupil enrollment in Protestant schools is Jewish. There are no public schools in Montreal. Catholic children attend Catholic-sponsored schools and some Jewish children attend communal Jewish day schools.

In Protestant high schools, Jewish pupils constitute one-third of enrollment. The percentage of Jewish pupils in Protestant schools would be just as high were it not for the fact that more than 4,000 Jewish children attend Jewish day schools.

Although Jews are a minority of Protestant school enrollments, they contribute in school revenues as much as 75 percent of the funds allocated to Protestant school authorities. This proportion stems from the fact that Jewish property owners are more numerous in proportion to other property owners than the number of Jewish children of school age would normally indicate.

While Protestant school budgets benefit by the high financial contribution from Jewish property owners, it is recalled that not many years ago, Jewish pupil enrollment was higher than now in relation to school taxes paid by Jewish property owners and the Protestants then claimed they were educating Jewish children at a financial loss. The current contractual relationship on such attendance has been in effect during both phases of the attendance proportions.

The largest proportion of the 4,000 Jewish children in Jewish day schools attend schools operated by the United Talmud Torahs, which has a network of 12 branches in various parts of Montreal, most of them housed in synagogue buildings. Other day schools are operated by the Jewish People's Schools and the Jewish Peretz schools which teach both Yiddish and Hebrew and are Zionist-oriented. Some day schools are operated by the larger Orthodox synagogues.

Some 25 percent of Jewish children of public school age in Montreal attend Jewish day schools. About five percent, or 354, attend Jewish day high schools.

The commission was set up by the Quebec provincial government to examine all phases of education in the province. This includes the anomalous position of the Jews in the Quebec education system, an issue which has long engaged the attention of educators, attorneys and community workers.

THREE-DAY NATIONAL PARLEY OF WOMEN AIDING HEBREW U. OPENS IN MIAMI

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 31; (JTA) -- A three-day national conference of the National Women's Division, American Friends of the Hebrew University, opened here today with a welcoming address by Mayor Kenneth Oka of Miami Beach and a greeting from Governor Farris Bryant delivered by Thomas D. Bailey, Superintendent of Public Instruction for Florida. The women's organization is currently engaged in raising a \$1,000,000 fund to complete a new central library of the University on its campus in Jerusalem.

The conference was addressed by Sen. Paul H. Douglas of Illinois on "World Unity Through Higher Education." Other speakers included Dr. George S. Wise of Mexico, chairman of the Board of Governors of the University; Ze'ev Z. Dover, Israel's Consul for southeastern United States and Mrs. Louis S. Gimbel, president of the national women's group.

Dr. Wise reported that hundreds of technicians of Israel invited by the new nations of Africa and Asia were hard at work establishing teacher training schools and raising health and medical standards. In Israel, he said, the Hebrew University is providing teaching aid and guidance to students of these new nations.

He stressed that the people "of the new and aspiring countries have a choice of accepting the invitation and influence of countries behind the Iron Curtain or going to the West as represented by the Hebrew University for aid. Most choose Israel because they consider it a fellow nation with problems similar to their own which has progressed greatly towards securing its own economic and cultural independence."

He urged support for the Hebrew University "to provide a source of enlightenment and a strong link between the new nations and those of the Western world."

Senator Douglas praised Israel for realizing that an investment in people and youth was more productive than similar investments in machinery and physical comfort. He expressed the hope that the Hebrew University will soon attract Arab students from outside areas and become a great influence in reconciling Israel and the Arab world.

CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION MAY BE BLOCKED THIS YEAR IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31; (JTA) -- Senator Joseph Clark of Pennsylvania said tonight that a southern filibuster in the Senate would probably block passage of any civil rights legislation this year. But he urged civil rights advocates in Congress to push hard anyway so as to "lay the foundation for a major effort to get a ruling allowing majority cloture against filibusters" in the next session of Congress.

TWO YOUTHS CAUGHT IN ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP A SYNAGOGUE IN TEXAS

FORT WORTH, Texas, Jan. 31; (JTA) -- A county probation official said today that no decision would be made pending further study on whether charges would be filed against two juveniles who had planned to dynamite Congregation Ahavath Sholom here.

The boys, 12 and 14, come from middle class families. They were released to their parents while police complete their investigation of the case. Lynn Ross, County Juvenile Probation Officer, said that a hearing would be held in Juvenile court when the police investigation is finished.

Swift police action led to the seizure of the boys. Capt. W.M. Cole, director of the police youth activities division, said he had received a call that an attempt would be made to blow up the synagogue. A radio police car was detailed to the area and the boys were seized as they approached the synagogue, bearing a large bundle. The supplies included several large firecrackers, a glass jar filled with gunpowder, a can of liquid heat, some homemade fuses and a swastika arm band.

The two boys said during police questioning that the idea of attacking the synagogue came to them after reading about the Jerusalem trial of former Gestapo colonel Adolf Eichmann and from watching television programs in which some actors wore Nazi arm-bands. The youths said they meant no harm to Jewish people but were unable to explain why, if that was true, they wanted to damage the synagogue.

MINNEAPOLIS POLICE SETS UP SPECIAL UNIT TO ACT ON SYNAGOGUE VANDALISM

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 31; (JTA) -- The Minneapolis Police Department is setting up a Community Protection Unit to handle such incidents as the recent smearing of swastikas on five Minneapolis synagogues, Mayor Arthur Naftalin announced today.

The new unit, said the Mayor and Police Chief E.I. Walling, was designed to enable the police to "deal as promptly and as effectively as possible with acts of vandalism and other types of assault which are aimed not against particular individuals but against the community itself."

The Mayor said the recent vandalism, which included the University of Minnesota Hill House, required prompt and effective police action "based on specialized information and appropriate techniques of investigation and apprehension." Members of the new unit will receive special training in human and intergroup relations and in legal phases of protection of democratic processes, civil liberties and civil rights.

In another phase of the vandalism, the Minnesota Department of the Jewish War Veterans clashed with a St. Paul rabbi over the patrolling by JWV members of Jewish buildings in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. Rabbi Bernard S. Raskas, spiritual leader of the Temple of Aaron, said the patrolling constituted "making a mountain out of a molehill." He argued that the JWV patrols implied that civil authorities "are not doing everything in their power to protect Jewish institutions," and said this was contrary to fact.

Demanding a retraction, Samuel B. Lechtman, department commander, said that the organization "did cooperate with the Jewish Community Relations Council and did obtain the approval of the Minneapolis Police Department" before establishing the patrols. He added that the police had "commended" the JWV for its action and had described the patrols as "an effective deterrent to further swastika incidents."

ABRAMS NAMED GENERAL CHAIRMAN OF CLEVELAND JEWISH WELFARE FUND DRIVE

CLEVELAND, Jan. 31; (JTA) -- Leonard I. Abrams, general co-chairman of the 1961 Cleveland Jewish Welfare Fund campaign, was named today as general chairman for the 1962 drive. The goal of the drive has been set at \$6,011,000.

Mr. Abrams is treasurer of the Cleveland Jewish Family Service Association, chairman of the Cleveland chapter of the American Jewish Committee and a member of the board of other local Jewish and general agencies. The campaign will be held May 2 to May 24.

JEWISH AGENCY SENDS RELIGIOUS BOOKS TO JEWS IN AFGHANISTAN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 31; (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency said today it had sent a shipment of religious books to the Jewish congregation in Kabul, Afghanistan at the request of the Committee for Afghanistan Jews in Israel.

VIENNA HONORS MEMORY OF STEPHEN ZWEIG; CITY UNVEILS PLACQUE

VIENNA, Jan. 31; (JTA) -- A plaque was unveiled today on the house where the late Jewish author Stefan Zweig lived prior to the Nazi occupation of Vienna. The plaque was unveiled by the vice burgomaster of Vienna in the presence of friends and admirers of Zweig, who committed suicide in exile in Brazil.