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FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS RIGHTS OF JEWS IN ALGERIA ARE ASSURED

PARIS, Feb. 4; (JTA) -- Assurance that the 100,000 Jews in Algeria will enjoy equal rights with all other European-settlers there, under any agreement that will be concluded between France and the FLN--the Moslem National Liberation Front which negotiated for an independent Algeria--was given here today to Dr. Nahum Goldmann by French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville;

Tomorrow, Dr. Goldmann is to confer about technical details for implementation of the future status of Algerian Jewry with Louis Joxe, the French Minister for Algerian Affairs. Under the agreement between France and the FLN, the Algerian Jews will be considered an integral part of the new country's European minority, will be granted protection by France for their religious and cultural freedom, and will receive guarantees for the continuance of the specifically Jewish institutions in the country.

(In Geneva, the current welfare problems of the Algerian Jews were reviewed yesterday and today by social-work consultants and budget experts of the Joint Distribution Committee, following the return from Algeria of a JDC special representative, who has been holding discussions with Algerian Jewish leaders; Measures were adopted for further alleviation of urgent welfare needs among the Algerian Jews, arising from the present crisis in the Algerian situation;)

CONFERENCE IN LONDON APPEALS TO MOSCOW ON RIGHTS OF JEWS IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Feb. 4; (JTA) -- A resolution appealing to the Soviet Government to remove the discrimination against Jews in the Soviet Union in the practice of their religious and their communal rights, and to permit Soviet Jews to leave the country for reunion of families, was adopted here by the 250 delegates attending the biennial conference of the British section of the World Jewish Congress.

Expressing concern about the lack of facilities for Soviet Jews to develop their cultural, social and religious institutions and communal life, the resolution took note of the recent "signs of improvement" in regard to Jewish life in the USSR; The resolution noted the recent issuance of a Yiddish periodical, "Sovietische Heimland," and publication of Yiddish books, expressing the hope that these "trends will be extended further;"

At the same time, the resolution expressed "deep concern" over recent attacks against Jews printed in the Soviet press and over the dismissal of leaders of the Jewish community in various cities in the Soviet Union; The resolution then appealed "to leaders and authorities in the Soviet Union to remove these disabilities, and to give Russian Jews the opportunity to join other Jews and their families in Israel, if they desire to do so;"

(In a statement prior to his departure for Paris, Dr. Nahum Goldmann said in Israel yesterday that there were chances of changing the Soviet attitude toward Russian Jewry. This, he said, should be sought through persuasion and by the weight of world-wide public opinion, as well as through the aid of foreign elements who are friends of Israel; He warned that, by unrestrained attacks on the Soviet Government, "we can only do harm to Soviet Jewry.")

Another resolution adopted by the conference called on the World Jewish Congress executive, in association with authorized bodies of Algerian Jewry, to make every effort to assure the political future of Algerian Jewry and their civic, religious and communal freedom; The resolution called for freedom for Algerian Jewry to conduct their religious and communal organizations, and to insure their freedom to emigrate if they so desire;

Twenty-Two Groups of Israelis to Tour the Soviet Union

TEL AVIV, Feb. 4; (JTA) -- Plans for 22 organized groups of Israelis to tour the Soviet Union this summer were announced today as thousands of Israeli Jews completed weekend prayers for the welfare of Russian Jews;

The travel plans were arranged in an agreement between an Israel travel agency and Intourist, the official Russian Tourist Agency; The Israelis will be allowed to visit the larger Russian cities, including Moscow, Leningrad, Riga, Charkow, Kiev, Czernovitz and Samarkand as well as Black Sea recreation centers; It was reported, however, that very few Russians will be allowed to visit Israel on the exchange;

BEN-GURION RECOMMENDS RELAXATION OF MILITARY RULE IN ARAB AREAS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4; (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion submitted to a meeting of the Cabinet here today a series of recommendations for the relaxation of Israel's military rule in border areas occupied by Israeli Arabs. He will present the recommendations to a meeting of the Knesset (Parliament), to forestall the passage of several bills pending in the House, calling for total abolition of the military government.

The Premier's recommendations include greater freedom of movement for Arabs inside the controlled areas along Israel's frontiers with the Arab states; They also provide for the creation of civilian committees, comprised of local residents, to whom persons considering themselves aggrieved by the military may appeal; Ahdut Avodah served notice in the Cabinet today that it will support the opposition on this issue when it arises in the Knesset, on February 14.

Minister of Labor Yigal Allon reported to the Cabinet that he had notified the Engineers' Union--the trade union group conducting the current strike of 6,000 salaried engineers--that the Government would invoke emergency regulations by Monday midnight, unless engineers return to work in "essential" services by that time.

Mr. Allon had requested that the union release 43 workers needed for essential services in electric power plants and in immigrant housing. The union, now in its fourth week of the walk-out of salaried engineers, chemists, architects and agronomists, has refused so far to release these men for return to their work. Under the emergency regulations now threatened by Mr. Allon, he will have the power to assign men for essential services.

POLICE SEEK TRACES TO BOMBING OF SPEAKERS AT JEWISH CONGRESS MEETING

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 4; (JTA) -- Police authorities here were continuing their efforts today to determine the origin of two bombings that occurred Thursday night against the homes of two Christian ministers who were addressing a meeting held by a chapter of the American Jewish Congress here. The meeting, at Temple Sinai, had been called to discuss "The Extreme Right--a Threat to Democracy?" Anti-Semitic leaflets were spread over the lawn facing the synagogue while the meeting was under way.

The bombs had damaged the homes of the two ministers, the Rev. John G. Simmons and the Rev. Brooks Walker, but no one was injured. A third speaker at the meeting was film actress Marsha Hunt. According to Miss Hunt, crudely lettered posters, linking the United Nations emblem with the Star of David and the Communist hammer-and-sickle symbol, were also scattered while the meeting was in progress. Miss Hunt is president of the San Fernando chapter of the American Association for the United Nations.

Police here said today that only tiny parts from the bombs used have thus far furnished any clue to the perpetrators of the bombing. The homes of the two ministers as well as of Miss Hunt were being guarded. Police Inspector Edward Walker said today he was not certain whether the bombing had been done by followers of right-wing groups or by Communists. Spokesmen for both the Communist Party and the John Birch Society denied any of their followers were involved.

(A statement issued in New York today by Dr. Joachim Prinz, national president of the American Jewish Congress, said the bombings marked "an ominous, new phase in the campaign of the extreme right wing to destroy the liberties of the American people." He blamed "fanatics of the Right" for the bombings, declaring: "By their resort to violence, they have sought to silence all those Americans who would defend the rights and freedoms which are every citizen's birthright in this country. The anti-Semitic leaflets spread on the lawn of the synagogue where the meeting took place add an ugly footnote to the story.")

ROCKWELL HOLDS OPEN-AIR RALLY IN LEWISBURG; TALKS AGAINST JEWS

LEWISBURG, Pa., Feb. 4; (JTA) -- George Lincoln Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi Party, conducted a brief, 10-minute, open-air rally here today, delivering an anti-Semitic address which was booed by most of a crowd estimated by Chief of Police Gordon Hufnagle at between 2,000 and 2,500 persons. A few members of the crowd did cheer him, the police chief said, but "most of them either laughed or booed."

The self-styled Nazi leader had been notified by county officials that he would not be permitted to speak from the steps of the County Court House. Federal officials had notified him likewise that he would be forbidden to use the steps in front of the Post Office. The Lewisburg Borough Council had advised him in advance that "there can be no guarantee of personal safety for you and your associates, as the police department cannot in any measure afford adequate protection."

Chief Hufnagle, expecting "trouble," had mobilized his entire force of 25 men, while 25 deputy sheriffs guarded the Court House. In addition, troopers of the State Police were in readiness, though not showing themselves in the center of town, as Rockwell and about 10 or 12 followers entered Lewisburg by automobile for his rally at 2 p.m. Rockwell had been invited to speak here by Bucknell University students here.

15 NATIONAL ZIONIST GROUPS ISSUE CALL FOR 'PRIORITY' GIVING TO U. J. A.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4; (JTA) -- A call to every member of the American Jewish Community to give "full priority" to the current United Jewish Appeal effort to raise \$60,000,000 in a general campaign and \$35,000,000 in a Special Fund to help the "greatly increased immigration" to Israel was issued here today by leaders of 15 national Zionist organizations. The call was released by the American section of the Jewish Agency executive. It reads as follows:

"In 1962, the people of Israel will have to absorb a greatly increased immigration from danger areas which will strain their capacity to the utmost; The people of Israel are already welcoming waves of newcomers. They have already increased their own taxes, both direct and indirect, and in addition have inaugurated a compulsory loan to help in the absorption of the newcomers. But despite all the sacrifices they are making, they will not have sufficient resources to provide the homes, the training, the care that will be needed to receive the newcomers and start them on the road to self-support;

"In view of this emergency, we call upon every member of the American Jewish community to give fullest support and service to the current UJA effort to raise the \$60,000,000 goal of the general campaign as well as the \$35,000,000 Special Fund which must provide the funds to effectively and speedily transport, resettle and absorb these immigrants. Only by giving UJA full priority in both thought and deed can the Jewish people hope to take advantage of the great opportunity for saving thousands of lives and making them worth living.

"We call upon all Zionists and Zionist groups to carry forward the task of saving lives and strengthening Israel's free and democratic people by assuming the role of peacemakers in the 1962 UJA drive and by setting an example to others in the generosity of their giving and the zeal of their efforts."

The appeal was signed by Samuel H. Daroff, president of the American Jewish League for Israel; Norman G. Levine, president of Bnai Zion; Meyer L. Brown, president of Farband, Labor Zionist Order; Mrs. Lola Kramarsky, president of Hadassah; Albert Schiff, president of the Jewish National Fund; Pinchas Cruso, president of the Labor Zionist Organization of America-Poale Zion; Mrs. Moses Dyckman, president of Mizrahi Women's Organization of America; Joseph Schlossberg, president of the National Committee for Labor Israel.

Also by Mrs. Clara Leff, president of Pioneer Women; Avraham Schenker, president of the Progressive Zionist League (Hashomer Hatzair); Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, president of the Religious Zionists of America (Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi); Paul L. Goldman, general secretary of the United Labor Zionist Party; Dewey D. Stone, chairman of the United Israel Appeal; Dr. Joseph Schechtman, chairman of the National Council of the United Zionists Revisionists of America and Max Bressler, president of the Zionist Organization of America.

Conference of Organizations Calls for Doubling Gifts to U. J. A.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4; (JTA) -- A resolution calling on Jewish mass organizations in the New York area to "at least double" last year's contributions to the United Jewish Appeal, was adopted today by the more than 500 delegates attending the 23rd annual meeting of the Council of Organizations of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

The resolution called immigration to Israel "a blessing for the young state," but emphasized that "the new immigrants will become productive citizens only if they will be provided with permanent homes and other facilities."

Judge J. Daniel Fink, chairman of the Council, who presided, told the delegates that \$35,000,000 of UJA's national goal of \$95,000,000 will be devoted to helping the immigrants to Israel, the United States and other countries. He urged the organizations to strengthen their volunteer corps and begin an all-out effort to help the more than 600,000 persons in 27 countries throughout the world who are dependent on UJA agencies.

J. D. C. ANNOUNCES INITIAL GRANT OF \$1,800,000 TO ORT FOR 1962 ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK, Feb. 4; (JTA) -- The Joint Distribution Committee has agreed to make an initial grant of \$1,850,000 during 1962 toward the vocational training programs of CRT, it was announced here today by officials of both organizations. The agreement provides for a review in March of this year with a view to possible additional allocations by JDC, because of the expansion of ORT training activities overseas.

The amount ORT will expend for all its 1962 programs in 19 countries is over \$7,000,000. Under terms of the agreement reached between the two agencies, ORT will make up from other sources the differences between the JDC grant and the total required. The funds will help finance trade, education and economic rehabilitation activities which ORT conducts in Europe, Israel, North Africa and Iran. Forty thousand persons are expected to receive such assistance in these areas during the coming year.

The understanding makes provision for a vocational instruction program in India, which is expected to get under way later this year. The new pact anticipates stepped-up enrollment of trainees in ORT programs in Israel, France, Iran and other areas.

and allocates increased funds for this purpose. It likewise provides continued assistance for the vocational training of Jews in Poland, both those repatriated from Russia and those in need among the so-called "settled population." Both JDC and ORT organized aid programs there several years ago on behalf of an estimated 20,000 Jewish repatriates from the Soviet Union.

Signing the financial pact for the two agencies were Moses A. Leavitt, JDC executive vice-chairman, Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation and Max A. Braude, director general of the World ORT Union. The current pact is the 16th consecutive annual financial agreement between the two agencies. The total assistance which JDC has made available to ORT in the past 15 years totals \$21,743,000. The new agreement specifies that the American ORT Federation will refrain from conducting independent fund-raising campaigns in the United States, but will be permitted to continue its membership activities.

TRUSTEES OF BOSTON JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES ATTEND THREE-DAY SEMINAR

WALTHAM, Mass., Feb. 4; (JTA) -- Thirty members of the board of trustees of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston today concluded an intensive, three-day seminar, on the campus of Brandeis University here. The seminar was designed specifically for trustees in the 35-50 age brackets, and was co-sponsored by the CJP and the Florence Heller Graduate School of Advanced Studies in Social Welfare.

Spending the entire three-day period on the campus, participants in the seminar discussed major political and social trends as these affect Jewish community planning, planning for families and children, problems of financing and budgeting for domestic and overseas needs, major issues in community relations, Jewish education and cultural trends.

Under the direction of Prof. Charles I. Schottland, dean of the Florence Heller School, and with Prof. Robert Morris as co-ordinator, the seminar members heard addresses by Philip Bernstein, executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds; Herbert Millman, associate executive of the National Jewish Welfare Board; Ollie Randall, vice-president of the Council of the Aging; and Isaac Toubin, executive director of the American Association for Jewish Education.

The seminar was addressed at a luncheon session today by Dr. Abram L. Sachar, president of Brandeis University. At the conclusion of the institute, the proceedings were summarized by Dr. Benjamin S. Rosenberg, executive director of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston. Other experts who participated in the seminar discussions were Martha Selig, consultant for family and children's services of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York City; Sidney Z. Vincent, associate director of the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland; and S. Peter Goldberg, director of budget research for the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds.

ALEXANDER KAHN RETIRES FROM JEWISH DAILY FORWARD; SUCCEEDED BY HELD

NEW YORK, Feb. 4; (JTA) -- The retirement of Alexander Kahn, well-known Jewish leader, from the post of general manager of the Jewish Daily Forward because of health, and the appointment of Adolph Held to this post, was announced here today by the Forward. Mr. Kahn has been general manager of the newspaper for the last 24 years. Earlier he was the lawyer of the newspaper. He is a vice-president of the Joint Distribution Committee, and one of the active leaders of the United Hias Service, National Committee for Labor Israel, and other organizations.

Mr. Held is national chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, one of the leaders of the Jewish Conference for Material Claims Against Germany, ORT, and other national and international bodies. Prior to accepting the post of general manager, he served for many years as president of the Forward Association, which publishes the newspaper and held the post of director of the health and welfare department of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union for 17 years. Dr. S. Silverberg has now been elected president of the Forward Association to succeed Mr. Held. Harry Rogoff is editor-in-chief of the newspaper.

'SOCIETY OF HONOR' ESTABLISHED BY REFORM JUDAISM FUND CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Feb. 4; (JTA) -- The establishment of a Society of Honor to be made up of persons who contribute \$1,000 or more for advancement of the Reform branch of Judaism, on a national scale, was announced here today by Jack Davis of New York, chairman of the campaign and a member of the board of trustees of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

"The Honor Society has a twofold goal of 1,000 members, and the raising of \$1,000,000 in the next five months," Mr. Davis said. The Society's \$1,000,000 goal is part of the \$4,122,769 being sought this year to underwrite the synagogue service, rabbinical training and international assistance programs of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. The drive for the raising of these funds is being carried on by the Combined Campaign for American Reform Judaism.