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FULL RELIGIOUS, CULTURAL, CIVIC RIGHTS GUARANTEED TO JEWS IN ALGERIA

PARIS, March 19. (JTA) -- Algeria's 150,000 Jews have been guaranteed full religious, cultural and civic rights in the agreement for a cease-fire reached between France and the FLN, the Moslem movement for Algerian independence, according to the text of the pact released here today.

The Jews of Algeria, until now thoroughly integrated among the 1,000,000 Europeans in Algeria, will enjoy specific individual and communal rights, according to the agreement signed last night at Evian. As an integral part of the European minority in Algeria, the country's Jews have been guaranteed by both sides the following rights:

1. Jews will be able to retain their French nationality. They will enjoy a three-year transitional period, during which they will be able to choose Algerian nationality, which will be granted automatically, if that is their preference. Should they refuse to become Algerian citizens, they will nonetheless have the right to continue to live in Algeria, enjoying rights equal to those granted to Algerian citizens.

2. During the three-year period, Jews will have specific guarantees, such as privileged municipal status in the cities of Algiers and Oran. They will also have judicial representation on courts and juries before which they may appear.

3. Jews have been guaranteed religious and cultural freedom. They will have the right to administer their own specific institutions which will enjoy limited autonomy.

Frenchman of Jewish Faith to Be on Body Administering Algeria

A Frenchman "of the Jewish faith" will sit on the 13-man executive which will administer Algeria during the transition period leading to a referendum on the future of Algeria's status.

French authorities, it is understood, offered, during the talks leading to the Franco-Algerian agreement, to reserve one seat on the executive for a representative of the Algerian Jewish Community. However, this plan has been rejected by the Algerian Jews. They did not want to emphasize the possible separation of the Jews from the rest of the European population. The Frenchman "of Jewish faith" on the executive body will thus not be specifically a representative of Algerian Jewry.

Here, in the French capital, it is expected that the French Government will now re-establish diplomatic relations with the Arab states. Those relations were broken in 1956, after France's participation with Britain in the action against the Suez Canal. First among the Arab states with which France is expected to re-establish diplomatic relations is Syria. It is believed that those relations will be established first on the charge d'affaires level, to be followed, perhaps in two weeks, by full exchanges of diplomatic personnel between the two countries.

Improvement in French-Arab Relations Will Not Affect Israel

Political circles here indicated today that the Foreign Ministry hopes gradually to improve its relations with other Arab states. While the Suez action had caused the breach in Franco-Arab relations, it has been the impasse in Algeria that has been the chief stumbling block to resumption of normal diplomatic relations between Paris and the Arab capitals.

Diplomatic circles here, however, envisage no change whatever in the present, warm relations between France and Israel. No alteration in those close relations have been evidenced here in the last few days, since it became evident that the Evian talks would succeed, resulting in consequent closer relations between France and the Arab states.

Israeli diplomats here stress their belief that they see no difficulties ahead in Franco-Israeli relations: They point out that, when Britain resumed diplomatic relations with the United Arab Republic, that development did not at all affect the relations between Britain and Israel.

SYRIA AND ISRAEL COMPLAIN TO U.N.; SEEK NO SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 19. (JTA) -- Syria and Israel filed complaints with the Security Council here today, each accusing the other of "aggressions" as a result of Israel's Saturday dawn raid against Syrian gun positions overlooking Lake Tiberias. Neither

side requested a Council meeting, both being content merely with informing the members of the Council of their conflicting claims and counter-charges.

Israel's protest, by Ambassador Michael S. Comay, pointed out that Israel exercised its right of self-defense as a result of 10 different aggressive acts by Syria between February 1 and March 16. He also noted that, since Syria separated itself from the United Arab Republic, last September, its leaders have repeatedly declared that their Government is "in a state of war" with Israel.

The "aggression" allegation made in the Syrian document was firmly rejected today by the Israeli delegation here. "The Israel action was taken in accordance with Israel's legitimate right of self-defense, and the responsibility of its Government to protect the life and property of Israeli citizens and the territorial integrity of the State," said a spokesman for the Israeli delegation.

The Syrian complaint avoided mention of the harrasing by the Syrian gun positions of Israeli patrol boats and fishermen on Lake Tiberias--acts which precipitated Israel's raid on these positions. It charged Israel with attacks by mortars, artillery and from aircraft against seven Syrian villages. The Israeli spokesman said that the Syrian letter "gives a completely untrue account of the 'clash'" and drew attention to the fact that "the letter is also remarkably silent about the chain of events leading up to this incident."

"Lake Tiberias," the Israeli spokesman emphasized, "is wholly within Israel territory. Near its northeastern shore, the Syrians have established fortified gun positions, from which they have repeatedly fired on Israel fishing boats and police patrol vessels on the Lake--most recently on March 8, 15 and 16. When appeals and warnings through the United Nations authorities failed to stop these Syrian violations of the Charter and the Armistice Agreement, an Israel force destroyed certain Syrian gun positions from which the firing had been directed.

"No Syrian villages or civilians were attacked, though the Syrian armed forces bombarded the Israeli farming and fishing settlement of Ein Gev and the residential quarter of Poriah. The aggressive Syrian actions in recent weeks have been accompanied by declarations from Syrian leaders calling for the liquidation of Israel," the spokesman stressed.

ISRAEL'S SUPREME COURT TO ADMIT EICHMANN TO HEARINGS ON HIS APPEAL

JERUSALEM, March 19. (JTA) -- Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi war criminal who was sentenced to hang by the Jerusalem District Court last December for his role in the mass killing of 6,000,000 Jews in Europe, will attend the hearings opening Thursday on his appeal against the sentence, it was reported here today.

It is uncertain, however, whether Eichmann will be allowed to make any additional statement before the appeal tribunal which consists of Justice Yitzhak Olshan, president of the Supreme Court, and four other Supreme court justices.

While the presence of an accused is usually unnecessary during an appeal, the Court has apparently decided in favor of a request by Defense Counsel Robert Servatius that Eichmann be permitted to appear and answer questions.

EX-DIRECTOR OF KEREN HAYESOD IN FRANCE FOUND GUILTY OF EMBEZZLEMENT

JERUSALEM, March 19. (JTA) -- Ephraim Margalit, the former director of the Israel Keren Hayesod Appeal in France, was found guilty today on all 76 counts in connection with the embezzlement of \$166,000 from the organization's funds. The trial lasted one week.

Declaring that the guilt of the accused had been proven on all counts, District Court Judge Binyamin Halevi, who handed down the judgment, rejected the defense argument that the court had no jurisdiction over acts committed abroad and said that all the offenses affected the rights and properties of the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish Agency.

Judge Halevi classified Margalit's offenses in three major categories: stealing funds given by contributors; drawing funds under false pretenses; and cheating an organization cashier and forging the signature of a Jewish Agency accountant.

U. N. HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OPENS SESSION; RELIGIOUS RIGHTS ON AGENDA

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 19. (JTA) -- The 18th session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights opened here today with the question of discrimination against religious rights and practices on its agenda. The 21-member commission is scheduled to continue its session on April 13.

The principles concerning religious rights and practices were adopted two years ago by the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Since the subcommission's action, the full commission has obtained comments on the draft from member governments of the United Nations.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY APPOINTS BLAUSTEIN TO U. S. O. GOVERNING BOARD

WASHINGTON, March 19. (JTA) -- President Kennedy today appointed Jacob Blaustein on the six-member board of governors of the United Service Organization as successor to former Secretary of Navy Dan Kimball whose term on the USO board has now expired.

CASABLANCA GOVERNOR DISCUSSES COMMUNITY PROBLEMS WITH JEWISH LEADERS

CASABLANCA, March 18. (JTA) -- Colonel Driss Ben-Amar, Governor of Casablanca, ay received Grand Rabbi Messas, president of the Casablanca Rabbinical Tribunal, to discuss problems concerning Casablanca's Jewish community. Meyer Obadia, president of the Casablanca Jewish community, was present at the meeting.

The Grand Rabbi also intervened with the governor, seeking the release of a number of Jews arrested following a demonstration on February 12 in front of the community premises. They are now in jail.

The Moroccan racist journal, Akhbar Dounia, today published a vitriolic protest against the nomination of Jews to important posts in the Moroccan administration. The paper termed Jews "hypocrites and infidels" in this country.

RECALL OF DELEGATION OF JEWS FROM HUNGARY TO ENGLAND IS CANCELED

LONDON, March 19. (JTA) -- Sir Barnett Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, announced after a meeting of the Board here today that the proposed recall to England of a delegation of Hungarian Jewish leaders has been canceled. The announcement gave the following reason for the cancellation:

"When the names of the members of the Hungarian Jewish delegation were given to me, the fact emerged that the delegation would be composed entirely of lay members. Our correspondence with the Hungarians, however, was based on the understanding, expressly indicated, that a religious leader would be included. In fact, a visit, originally suggested in late October, was canceled on short notice by the president of the Hungarian community, because the Hungarian deputy chief rabbi was, due to illness, unable to travel at that time.

"For reasons not given to us, it has apparently again not proved practicable to include a religious leader in the Hungarian delegation, and we have therefore suggested that the visit be deferred until such time as a religious leader can be included. We have not yet had a reply to this suggestion."

\$2,037,000 RAISED AT OPENING OF BOSTON'S 1962 COMBINED JEWISH APPEAL

BOSTON, March 19. (JTA) -- Pledges totaling \$2,037,000 were made at the advanced dinner last night which officially inaugurated the 1962 appeal of the Combined Jewish Charities of Greater Boston.

David Kane, general chairman of the 1962 campaign, said that the figure represents the "largest amount pledged at an advanced gifts dinner in the past ten years. It also represents a considerable increase over pledges made by the same individuals in 1961."

Principal speaker was Irving Kane, president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. "The present crisis," he stated, "represents both danger and opportunity. One of the greatest dangers is that unless the Jews of America respond with maximum generosity, the opportunity to save thousands of Jews will be lost." Sidney R. Rabb presided as dinner chairman.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN ORIENT DISINTEGRATING; ENJOY ECONOMIC SECURITY

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- Rabbi Edward T. Sandrow, president of the Rabbinical Assembly, today called upon all trends of American religious Jewry to unite in saving the pockets of Jewish survival in the Orient which are "going through a slow disintegrating process." Returning from a seven-week visit to Jewish servicemen and communities in the Pacific area, he declared: "It could have great meaning if the Jewish religious groups in America pooled their resources and supplied these specks of community life with affection and hope." The Rabbinical Assembly is the international association of Conservative rabbis.

"Jews in the Orient are economically secure, but spiritually they are gasping for breath," Rabbi Sandrow reported. "There are no teachers, no rabbis, no organized Jewish activities except on a social basis and what is contributed extra-curricularly by American chaplains." He said he failed to find in Tokyo "those Japanese who are clamoring for conversion to Judaism," as reported recently in dispatches from that country. He reported that there is a Jewish Community Center in Tokyo with a membership of about 100 families. Jewish spiritual life, however, "is weak," he said.

"In Hong Kong, there is a small Jewish community with a synagogue built some 60 years ago. Here, too, Judaism is primarily a building which shelters Jews who huddle together for psychological protection," he stated. "There is a handful of Jews in Singapore, some of them military and State Department personnel. Judaism is almost non-existent in this land of Buddhist shrines and ersatz beauty. India has a fairly large Jewish community, but Indian Jewry, the Bnei Israel, is scattered, craves leadership and is an infinitesimal enclave in a large, over-populated continent."

WS IN MONTREAL SUBURB WIN RIGHT TO SIT ON PROTESTANT SCHOOL BOARD

MONTREAL, March 19. (JTA) -- A magistrate's court here ruled today that a Jewish taxpayer is eligible to sit on the Protestant School Board of the St. Martin suburb. The decision went directly against a ruling of the Privy Council more than 30 years ago and opened the way for Harvey Grotsky, a St. Martin advertising man, to become the first Jew in Quebec Province ever elected to a school board.

Judge Rene Lippe of Magistrates Court, in a decision which already had been accepted by the St. Martin board--it had since admitted Mr. Grotsky's right to run--ruled that St. Martin should annual the election of William C. Henderson to its school board last July 10 and call a new election April 2. Mr. Grotsky's nomination last July had been rejected by the board's secretary-treasurer on grounds that Mr. Grotsky was a Protestant. Mr. Grotsky went to court.

It was the first contestation of the issue since a prolonged court battle in the 1920's ended with the Privy Council ruling that Jewish rights to be elected to the Protestant school boards of Quebec could not be supported under Quebec law. Last February 13, the St. Martin board agreed, Mr. Grotsky's nomination should have been accepted and should have been allowed to run. Under Quebec's Education Act, which divided school jurisdiction into Protestant and Roman Catholic boards, Jews are considered Protestants for property tax purposes.

The board said that it had decided that although the law does not clearly state Jews are eligible for the board, though considered Protestants for taxes, the best principle to follow was that of "no taxation without representation." It informed Judge Lippe it consented to judgment pleading no case, and the judge deferred handing down decision until he had consulted the board about the date of a new election. Mr. Henderson won the election 31-11 over his official opponent, William Treloar. However, there were 10 ballots on which the voters had written in Mr. Grotsky's name.

EXHIBIT OF ANCIENT MEGILLAHS MARKS CELEBRATION OF PURIM IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- The Jewish Museum here will mark the celebration of Purim--which starts tonight--with the opening of an exhibit of four megillot, handwritten Purim scrolls, dating back to the 17th and 18th centuries, and loaned to the museum by the Bezalel National Museum in Jerusalem.

The four scrolls, all of them illustrated by hand, include a 17th century megillah with engravings by Salomo di Italia, a handpainted 18th century megillah from Alsace, a 18th century Italian megillah with sepia drawings and a 17th century Italian megillah with copper engravings. The scrolls were sent here from Israel in exchange for four other megillot to be exhibited in Jerusalem. They will remain here indefinitely.

Of the scrolls sent to Israel, one is in primitive style, the only known one with folk art illustration. Another is a 19th century Russian scroll with silver filigree on a gilt ground. It bears the Russian imperial double-headed eagle and the monogram of Czar Nicholas I.

ISRAEL STREET' DEDICATED IN OLDEST JEWISH COMMUNITY IN AMERICAS

RECIFE, Brazil, March 19. (JTA) -- This leading metropolis of northeast Brazil, home of the oldest, organized Jewish community in the Western Hemisphere, formally dedicated today a street which hereafter will be called Israel Street.

Yosef Tekoah, Israeli Ambassador to Brazil, came here from his mission's headquarters at Rio de Janeiro to attend the ceremonies. The first Jewish community in the Western Hemisphere was formed here in the seventeenth century by Jews who emigrated to Recife from Amsterdam, Holland.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY GRANTS \$1,500 AWARDS TO EIGHT AMERICAN ARTISTS

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- Four prominent, established American artists, and four others considered as creative artists of significant promise were given citations and \$1,500 awards each by Brandeis University at a dinner here last night.

The university's 1962 Creative Arts Awards for lifetime achievements were given by Dr. Abram L. Sachar, president of Brandeis, to S. N. Behrman, playwright; Louise Bogan, poet; Alexander Calder, sculptor and Edgard Varese, composer. Cited for "promise" were J. P. Donleavy, playwright; Ben Belitt, poet; David Slivka, sculptor; and Ralph Shapey, composer.

RABBI CLIFTON H. LEVY, LEADER OF REFORM RABBINATE, DIES AT 94

NEW YORK, March 19. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Rabbi Clifton H. Levy, the oldest past president of the New York Board of Rabbis and a leader of the Reform rabbinate, who died here Saturday at the age of 94. Together with the late Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Rabbi Levy was a founder in 1922 of the Association of Reform Rabbis of New York City and Vicinity.

Born in New Orleans, La., Rabbi Levy received his ordination from the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati. He was the author of a book, "Judaism Applied to Life," and of pamphlets and articles on Biblical archaeology and art.