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WORLD CONFERENCE OF JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS APPEALS TO RUSSIA ON MATZOHS

COPENHAGEN, March 27. (JTA) -- Delegates from five continents to the World Conference of Jewish Organizations issued a "most earnest appeal" today to the Soviet Union to reverse a reported ban on the baking of matzohs for Russian Jews this year. The appeal was issued following the opening session of the two-day biennial parley of the world Jewish body. (See Washington report on Soviet matzoh ban on page 3.)

The statement said the organizations represented at the meeting were "deeply disturbed and saddened by the recently reported denial to Jews in the Soviet Union of facilities hitherto accorded for the baking of matzohs which are indispensable for the observance of Passover."

The statement called the reported ban an administrative act which was not only "a violation of the rights of religious freedom" embodied in United Nations instruments and policies but that it was also "in contradiction with the oft-repeated claims of Soviet authorities that religious groups enjoy the right to the free practice of religion under the Soviet Constitution."

The delegates added that in a country where all production facilities "are state operated," the denial of such facilities for purposes of religious observance "amounts to restriction of religious freedom." The delegates expressed "the earnest hope that Soviet authorities will enable Jews abroad to send matzohs for distribution to their co-religionists in the Soviet Union for the coming Passover."

The World Conference of Jewish Organizations (COJO) includes among its constituent organizations: The American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, Board of Deputies of British Jews, Canadian Jewish Congress, CRIF, the representative body of French Jewry; DAIA, the representative body of Argentine Jewry; Jewish Labor Committee; Executive Council of Australian Jewry; South African Jewish Board of Deputies, and the World Jewish Congress. The Jewish Agency for Israel participates as an observer.

Adopts Program for World Jewish Assembly on Education

The biennial meeting also adopted a program to be presented for discussion and action at the forthcoming first World Jewish Assembly to be held in Jerusalem in August under the sponsorship of COJO. The Assembly has been convened to discuss problems of Jewish education in the diaspora, with particular emphasis on a program for "counteracting the trends of assimilation and cultural disintegration which are making serious inroads in Jewish life in all countries outside of Israel."

The program was prepared by the Educators' Consultative Committee of COJO, a group of prominent educators. It deals with such problems as the responsibility of Jewish communities for Jewish education, the place of Israel in diaspora education, teacher education and welfare, elementary and secondary education as well as adult and higher education.

The original call for the convening of the first World Jewish Assembly on Education to be held in Jerusalem was made in New York in a joint announcement by Dr. Nahum Goldmann and Label A. Katz, chairman and co-chairman of COJO. The Jerusalem Assembly will be attended by some 200 elected delegates from all parts of the globe, including some 60 delegates from this country and many guests who are expected to attend the deliberations as observers.

The topics in the agenda adopted by the biennial meeting of COJO will be thoroughly studied in seven workshops of the World Jewish Assembly on Education in Jerusalem which will meet concurrently for three days. The consensus of each workshop will be presented at four subsequent plenary sessions of the Assembly for full consideration by all the delegates.

A special study of the pertinent facts of Jewish education in the diaspora has been undertaken by COJO in cooperation with the American Association for Jewish Education which was invited to coordinate the preliminary work of the delegation from the United States.

N. TRUCE CHIEF PRESENTS REPORT ON ISRAEL-SYRIAN 'DANGEROUS' CLASH

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 27. (JTA) -- Major General Carl C. von Horn, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, filed his report today with Secretary General U Thant on "The Recent Dangerous Developments in the Lake

Tiberias area." The "dangerous developments," which led to a serious clash between the armed forces of Israel and Syria ten days ago, will be discussed at a special meeting of the United Nations Security Council starting tomorrow.

While attempting to be neutral between Israel and Syria, the UN truce chief indicates in his report that Israel had insisted on a peaceful situation in the Lake Tiberias area but at the same time had warned that Syria was "playing with fire." The report shows that Israel Foreign Minister Golda Meir complained directly to U Thant and that Israel continually complained about various incidents to the UN Truce Supervision Organization and to the Mixed Armistice Commission.

Israel Rejects Proposal to Have U.N. Boats Patrol Lake Tiberias

Throughout the 13-page report, Gen. Von Horn reiterated that UN observation posts observed a number of Syrian attacks including attacks by Syrian jets. "The increase in the number of jet planes flying over the area, as well as sporadic firing at the military or civilians reflects the present tension," Gen. von Horn stated. The UN officer reported that in order to help ease tension, Mrs. Meir told him that Israel police boats would keep out of the lake for a few days until the UN established another observation post on the Syrian side at El-Koursi.

According to Gen. von Horn, he proposed to Foreign Minister Meir two steps which could relieve tension. One concerned a proposal made in 1956 by the late Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld that a special UN boat patrol Lake Tiberias. This proposal, he said, met with "strong objections" on the part of Israel. Another proposal which Gen. von Horn said he also made to the Chief of Staff of the Syrian Army, was that UN military observers visit the demilitarized zone in the area where "each party suspects that the other built up and may continue to build up its forces."

He said that both sides realized the importance of this proposal but Gen. von Horn fails to mention the response he got from either side to the suggestion. His report concludes by recommending that the "two parties should cooperate with UN military observers who should enjoy the necessary freedom of movement for the fulfillment of this mission."

ATTORNEY GENERAL COMPLETES HIS REBUTTAL TODAY ON EICHMANN APPEAL

JERUSALEM, March 27. (JTA) -- The five-man Supreme Court panel hearing Adolf Eichmann's appeal from his sentence of death by hanging adjourned today until tomorrow morning after hearing prosecutor Gideon Hausner complete most of his rebuttal of the Nazi's case for reconsideration of the death sentence.

The Attorney General, who said he would need only about 30 minutes tomorrow to complete his rebuttal, reconstructed today the grisly history of Eichmann's activities in each Nazi-occupied country to prove he was the central figure in the machinery that brought about the Nazi wartime slaughter of 6,000,000 European Jewish men, women and children.

The prosecutor recounted the record, as spelled out in four months of Eichmann's trial last summer, to show his obsession with executing the Nazi's "final solution" of the Jewish "problem"--their extinction.

The Attorney General also contended that Israel had the right to try persons for offenses considered crimes universally and not only for crimes against Jews. This was his rebuttal to a defense contention that Eichmann could not be tried in Israel for Nazi Germany's crimes against Poles, Slovenes, Gypsies and other victims.

Court Permits Eichmann's Lawyer to Reply on Thursday

The defense counsel, Dr. Robert Servatius, asked that he be allowed to reply Thursday to give him time to pursue the trial manuscript and to confer with the former Gestapo colonel. The court gave permission.

Earlier during the fourth day of the hearing, the prosecutor said that despite Eichmann's orders to his staff, in the final days of the collapsing Nazi regime, to burn all documents of his Gestapo bureau, enough documents "drenched with Jewish blood" had been left to implicate him. He said there was ample documentary evidence to demonstrate that Eichmann had gone far beyond his apparent assignment as a transport officer in the Nazi genocide program.

Drawing from a mass of exhibits produced by the prosecution for the trial, the prosecutor demolished the defense arguments that Eichmann had handled his job entirely as a bureaucrat and with "objectivity." The prosecutor cited an occasion when the Nazi Foreign Ministry intervened against the deportation of an inventor named Abraham Weuss because of a valuable invention he had developed which was taken by the Nazis.

According to the documentation, Eichmann, as head of the Bureau for Jewish Affairs in the Gestapo, had asserted that since the process had already been registered, there was no reason for any further "personal interest" in the inventor and that therefore the "usual procedure"--shipment to a death camp--should be adopted.

The prosecutor also referred to a statement by Hermann Goering, made to the American Judge Michael Musmano at the Nuremberg war crimes trials, that Eichmann was "omnipotent" in all Jewish affairs.

STATE DEPT. SAYS INTERVENTION WITH MOSCOW ON MATZOH IS UNDESIRABLE

WASHINGTON, March 27, (JTA) -- A New York Congressman, who had appealed for official United States intervention on behalf of Soviet Jews who face a Passover without matzoh, was told by the State Department today that any action by this Government would "not only fail in its purpose, but might well cause difficulties" for the Jews of the Soviet Union.

Responding to a request last week by Democratic Congressman Leonard Farbstein that the U.S. seek Russian agreement to allow importation of American-offered matzoh, the Department said that information it has received from American Jewish leaders who have visited the Soviet Union makes it "doubtful" that Russian Jews would even want such official representations made on their behalf. Rep. Farbstein was told that, on the basis of the Department's knowledge of the situation, indications are that Soviet Jews would fear "becoming involved in difficulties with the Soviet Government, should they accept the gift."

The State Department said the "most effective" approach would be appeals made directly "on an unofficial basis" by American Jewish leaders and American Jewish organizations. "Such appeals," said the Department, "should be limited to a request for the resumption of the sale of matzohs rather than their importation." The Department said it was highly unlikely that the Soviet Government would permit the importation "of a food which has apparently been banned."

The Department's reply said that American Embassy sources in Moscow "have been unable to confirm" reports of the ban on matzoh-baking, but that it does have confirmation of the announcement by Moscow's Chief Rabbi that Passover this year would "be difficult" for Soviet Jews. "If the reports are true," the State Department told Mr. Farbstein, "it is another example of the technique the Soviet Government is using to frustrate religious observance in the Soviet Union."

DR. GEORGE WISE RESIGNS AS CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, March 27, (JTA) -- Dr. George Wise, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University, unexpectedly announced his resignation at the Board's annual meeting last night and left for New York today.

Dr. Wise walked out of the meeting last night following differences of opinion which arose when he announced appointments of members to various committees of the Board. University quarters attributed his sudden departure for New York today to his sudden resignation. However, some of Dr. Wise's friends told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he received today a telephone call from New York, informing him that his father-in-law is gravely ill.

Dr. Chaim Hirshberg, lecturer in history, was unanimously elected today as chairman of Bar-Ilan University Senate. He succeeds Prof. Baruch Kurtzweil, who resigned in protest against what he charged as attempts by the National Religious Party to increase its influence by adding party members to the University Senate.

PRIME MINISTER OF SWEDEN IS IN ISRAEL ON WEEK-LONG STATE VISIT

JERUSALEM, March 27, (JTA) -- Sweden's Prime Minister Tage Erlander expressed the hope here last night that "the recent liberalization of Israel's trade policy may result in increased trade between the two countries." His statement was part of a toast which he exchanged with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion at a formal state dinner tendered to the Swedish statesman who is here with his wife for a week-long state visit.

Prior to the dinner, Mr. Erlander and Mr. Ben-Gurion held an hour's conference, and earlier the Swedish leader visited President Izhak Ben-Zvi, relaying personal greetings to Mr. Ben-Zvi from the King of Sweden. The Swedish visitors were also tendered a luncheon by Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir. They laid a wreath on the grave of Dr. Theodor Herzl, and visited the Memorial to the Martyrs of Nazi persecutions at the Yad Vashem.

JEWISH MINISTER OF COMMERCE IN CUBA REMOVED BY CASTRO FROM POST

MIAMI, March 27, (JTA) -- Maximo Bergman, Minister for Internal Commerce in the Cuban Government under Fidel Castro, has been removed from his post, according to information from Havana reaching here today.

Mr. Bergman, a graduate of a Jewish school in Havana, has held the Ministerial post for the last year. The Havana dispatch reported he has been demoted to a low post in the Ministry which he headed, while his high place has been given to Manuel Lasardo, a member of the central committee of the Cuban Communist Party.

TWO AUSTRIAN STUDENTS SENTENCED FOR DESECRATING A JEWISH CEMETERY

VIENNA, March 27, (JTA) -- Two Austrian students were found guilty today after a trial at Innsbruck for desecrating a Jewish cemetery there last November, and were sentenced to eight months' imprisonment each. The youths are Peter Porsche and Kuno Schroffell.

SAN FRANCISCO JEWISH WELFARE FEDERATION REPORTS INCREASED GIVING

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27. (JTA) -- Returns in all divisions of the 1962 campaign of the San Francisco Jewish Welfare Federation are showing increased giving over that recorded at a comparable point in the 1961 campaign, officials reported today.

Pledges have reached \$1,134,617, with the bulk of the pledges coming from the Advance Gifts division. One advance group section showed a 44 percent increase over that of last year's campaign.

JEWS SUBMIT BRIEF TO U.S. SUPREME COURT AGAINST PRAYER IN N.Y. SCHOOLS

WASHINGTON, March 27. (JTA) -- Major Jewish religious and civic organizations joined in a law brief submitted to the United States Supreme Court today challenging the constitutionality of the Regents' Prayer used in New York schools. The case will be argued before the high court Thursday, or next Monday.

The "friend-of-the-court" brief argues that recitation of the prayer in public schools violates religious freedom and separation of church and state as guaranteed in the First Amendment. It supports a petition by five New Hyde Park, Long Island, parents seeking an injunction against their local school board to prohibit recitation of the so-called "non-sectarian" prayer, which reads: "Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our country."

The brief was submitted by the Joint Advisory Committee of the Synagogue Council of America, representing both the rabbinical and congregational bodies of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Judaism, and the National Community Relations Advisory Council, composed of 61 local Jewish community councils across the country and six national Jewish religious and human relations agencies.

A.D.L. WARNS ON 'CHRISTIAN CITIZENS' ORGANIZATION; SEES THREAT TO JEWS

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27. (JTA) -- The newly formed national "Christian Citizen" organization "poses the threat of relegating Jews and other non-Christians to positions of fourth-class citizenship in this country," in the opinion of Stanley S. Jacobs, director of the San Francisco Anti-Defamation League office.

The ADL official, in a statement published here, said that the "Christian Citizens" organization was a movement "to train Bible-believing Christians in how to win at practical policies" by developing party workers and candidates for public office with the goal of making it possible "for evangelical Christians to control local, state and Federal governments."

He said the originator of the program was a wealthy Denver real estate developer, Gerri Von Freilick, who limits membership in the organization to those who "believe in Christ, the Bible and the Constitution."

The ADL official explained that while Von Freilick denies the organization is anti-Semitic, the Denver promoter insists that all candidates for public office must "give a public commitment to a firm belief in Christ and must give testimony of his personal experience with Christ and accept the Bible as the infallible word of God."

BRANDEIS U. ANNOUNCES \$350,000 LANDSCAPING PROGRAM; HAS SPECIAL FUND

WALTHAM, Mass., March 27. (JTA) -- Brandeis University today announced plans for landscaping its 270-acre campus here under provisions of a \$350,000 grant from the David Schwartz Foundation of New York.

Mr. Schwartz earlier underwrote construction of the \$250,000 David and Irene Schwartz Teaching Center in the university. A Fellow of the university, Mr. Schwartz is chairman of the board of Jonathan Logan, Inc.; an overseer of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva College, and for many years a member of the board of the Anti-Defamation League.

ROLE OF JEWISH WOMEN IN SO. AFRICAN LIFE PRAISED BY JOHANNESBURG MAYOR

JOHANNESBURG, March 27. (JTA) -- Mayor Keith Fleming today paid tribute to the role Jewish women play in South African life, both in caring for their own and participating in wider public service. The mayor extended a civic welcome to delegates from all parts of South Africa and Rhodesia, attending the Silver Jubilee Conference of the Union of Jewish Women of South Africa.

Mrs. J. M. Raath, president of the "Suid Afrikaanse Vroue Federasie," representative of the organization of Afrikaner women, especially welcomed the Union of Jewish Women's efforts to promote inter-group goodwill and cooperation. "Let's join hands and uplift all we can," she said. Dr. Thelma Gutsche, speaking for the National Council of South African Women, praised the wide character of UJW services.

The out-going national UJW president, Pearl Mandelstam, in a keynote address, outlined the growing scope of UJW activities, stressing that through them Jewish women were serving both their own community and South Africa.