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## PROTEST RALLY AGAINST ANTI-JEWISH TERRORISM HELD IN MONTEVIDEO

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, July 26. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic violence in Montevideo, which has been mounting during the last few days, was strongly condemned here today at a special conference held under the joint auspices of the University Students Federation, the Federation of Labor, the Uruguayan Medical Association and the Press Association of Uruguay.

The rally, called as a protest demonstration against anti-Jewish terrorism--which culminated in the street killing of a Jew who survived Hitler's concentration camps--adopted a resolution calling for the resignations of Montevideo's chief of police and the chief of Uruguay's secret service.

Both high police officials were severely criticized for inability to trace the terrorists and to put an end to the anti-Semitic activities which have been going on for more than two weeks. During these two weeks, at least eight Jewish men and girls were kidnaped by the hooligans who tortured them and carved swastikas on their bodies. None of the assailants, taken to be Nazis who seek revenge for the sentencing to death in Israel of the Nazi leader Adolf Eichmann, has been arrested so far.

Meanwhile the police reported today another incident -- the kidnaping of a 30-year-old woman, who was dragged into a car by two assailants in downtown Montevideo and stripped. The police report said that the victim, Diamedes Trujillo, was released, still naked, in the street when she was able to convince her captors that she was not a maid for a Jewish family.

Jews in Montevideo are pleased with the strong feeling of resentment which the population is showing against the Nazi terrorists. However, since none of the hooligans has as yet been caught by the police, Jewish guard units are continuing to be on the alert. They are guarding Jewish communal buildings and offices to protect them from possible bombing. The Jewish business section of the city is being watched by military patrols.

## Jewish Congress Urges Stronger Action Against Argentine Terrorists

LONDON, July 26. (JTA) -- A request that the Argentine Government act quickly by effective legislation and administrative measures to fulfill the pledge of Interior Minister Carlos Adrogué to suppress anti-Semitic outrages was expressed this week at a meeting of the World Jewish Congress executive here.

The executive expressed dissatisfaction over the "inadequate steps" taken so far by Argentine police to deal promptly and effectively with the perpetrators of anti-Semitic attacks.

A. L. Easterman, WJC political secretary, reported on his talks with the Argentine Ambassador in London to whom he submitted a memorandum on the anxiety and indignation of Jews over the anti-Semitic incidents. He said that Argentine envoys in London and other European capitals had expressed a sympathetic understanding of the seriousness of the anti-Semitic events and that they had agreed to convey to the Argentine Government requests for immediate action to prevent recurrence of the incidents and to suppress anti-Semitic propaganda and incitement in Argentina.

The WJC official also reported that he had conferred with the Uruguayan Ambassador in London on recent anti-Jewish outrages in Montevideo and that the envoy had agreed to convey to his Government the concern of the World Jewish Congress and its request for urgent investigation into the makeup and activities of anti-Semitic groups.

#### ISRAEL CABINET TO DISCUSS SOBLEN'S APPLICATION FOR ENTRY VISA

JERUSALEM, July 26. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet will hold a full discussion at its regular Sunday session on Dr. Robert Soblen's application for an entry visa under the Law of the Return. No decision is expected before then, it was indicated today.

The Cabinet will also consider a plea by the convicted American spy for conditional entry until the issue of his ultimate status is decided, an alternative suggested by his Israeli lawyer, Aryeh Ankorian.

The issue was placed on the Sunday agenda at the request of Interior Minister Moshe Shapiro after the Minister held inconclusive talks on the subject with other members of the Government. Dr. Soblen is now in Brixton prison in London recovering from a suicide attempt on the plane on which he was expelled from Israel on July 1. A British court today rejected his appeal for permission to remain in England.

#### U. J. A. LEADERS BRIEFED IN PARIS ON NEEDS OF ALGERIAN JEWISH REFUGEES

PARIS, July 26. (JTA) -- A Joint Distribution Committee official reported here today that the entry into France this year of 50,000 Jews from Algeria has confronted the French Jewish community and the JDC with one of the most critical emergency refugee problems in Europe since the immediate postwar years.

That report was made by Sidney Nelson, JDC director for France, to the 120-man Young Leadership Mission of the United Jewish Appeal. Mr. Nelson also told the UJA leaders, who arrived here Monday from Israel, that more than 120,000 Jewish refugees and repatriates have come into France since 1956. He said that JDC operations in France for 1962 were budgeted at about \$3,000,000 but "even this vast sum is not enough to meet the emergency needs for housing, feeding and assistance."

The UJA leaders are spending several days in Paris examining the vast new problems facing the JDC. They are on the way back to the United States from Israel where they spent 17 days studying the programs of emigrant aid carried out by the Jewish Agency in Israel and other key UJA beneficiaries.

#### FOUR SENTENCED TO DEATH IN RUSSIA FOR AIDING NAZIS TO KILL JEWS

LONDON, July 26. (JTA) -- Six Soviet citizens accused of wartime atrocities against Jews have been sentenced to death, while three others were given 15-year prison terms, after trials at Krasnodar, in South-European Russia, it was reported here today in a dispatch from Moscow. Four of the six condemned to death were accused of herding 20,000 Jews at Radom, in 1942, and sending them to the death camp of Treblinka. The nine men convicted seemed to be, judging by their names, Germans, Ukrainians, Russians and one Tatar.

Another report received here today from Moscow establishes that at least four Jews, possibly six, were sentenced to death for "economic crimes" in Kishinev, a Soviet republic, as a result of a mass trial of 45 persons at Frunze, capital of that region. The latest list of those sentenced to death includes the two Jews previously reported, L.A. Feldsher and M.A. Goldman; two thus far not named, I. Dworkin and I. Aspis; and two names believed to be Jewish, B. Dyushaliv and D. Bakuta.

The Guardian of Manchester, commenting on the latest report of what it calls "judicial terror," declared today it believed the Soviet Union "prefers to make an example of Jews, rather than of Russians, since death sentences for Russians might not be viewed sympathetically by the Russian public." The reports from the Soviet Union indicated that most of the 45 persons involved in the trial at Frunze were Jewish. Long prison terms were given those who escaped capital punishment.

#### PRESIDENT BEN-ZVI FIGHTS INCREASE IN HIS SALARY; GETS \$1,500 A YEAR

JERUSALEM, July 26, (JTA) -- The President of Israel appeared today to be fighting a losing battle against plans of the Parliamentary Finance Committee to triple his salary from its present 4,500 pounds (\$1,500). His official chauffeur gets the same salary.

Members of the Finance Committee agreed that the basic salary of President Ben-Zvi must be raised to a level commensurate with the status of his office, despite the President's strong objections. They noted that the President's allowances of 15,000 pounds (\$5,000) are turned over by him entirely to charities. The salary increase is scheduled to be presented to the Knesset for approval next week.

## SENATE COMMITTEE OPENS HEARING ON SUPREME COURT'S RULING ON PRAYER

WASHINGTON, July 26. (JTA) -- The Senate Judiciary Committee today heard testimony from Senators that the Supreme Court's decision banning prayers in the public schools has aroused wide concern in America that all official recognition of a divine being will be outlawed. A number of Senators urged a Constitutional amendment to nullify the ruling.

Sen. Olin Johnston, South Carolina Democrat, presided and announced that a great number of organizations and individuals have asked to be heard on the issue. Among the groups seeking to testify are extremist organizations, such as Gerald L.K. Smith's so-called "Christian Nationalist Crusade" and other rightist extremists who want to use the hearings as a propaganda forum against Jews who backed the Supreme Court.

Jewish organizations may testify in support of the court's decision. The committee has not yet announced an agenda. The opening testimony pertained to legislative proposals by Senators to alter the finding of the court, especially through the means of a Constitutional amendment.

Today's first witness, Sen. John Stennis, Mississippi Democrat, charged that the court went far beyond the intent of the First Amendment guaranty of religious freedom. He said the court's "extreme position" against religion was "a forerunner of things to come." Senators A. Willis Robertson, Virginia Democrat, J. Glenn Beall, Maryland Democrat, and J. Strom Thurmond, South Carolina Democrat, all voiced concern that American tradition and religious faith were being undermined.

Sen. Kenneth Keating, New York Republican and a member of the Committee, said he was disturbed by portents of "the bitter and highly emotional character of many of the letters I have received on both sides of the issue." He said the court's action "has been far more divisive than the practice it struck down." Sen. Keating said there seemed an almost universal feeling that if the decision represented the emerging law, a Constitutional amendment of some kind is required.

Senators Philip A. Hart, Michigan Democrat, and Roman Hruska, Nebraska Republican, raised questions in cross examining witnesses to stress need for separation of church from state. Both Senators are members of the Committee.

## WORLD JEWISH POPULATION ESTIMATED AT 12,500,000; U. S. HAS 5,510,000 JEWS

NEW YORK, July 26. (JTA) -- American Jewish Year Book for 1962, published today, estimates the Jewish population of the United States at 5,510,000 of whom 80 per cent are native born.

The total world Jewish population is estimated at about 12,500,000, with 936,000 in Canada, Central and South America, about 3,750,000 in Europe and about 2,000,000 in Asia. Some 500,000 Jews are estimated as living in African countries, and about 70,000 in Australia and New Zealand. The population of Israel was given as about 1,936,000 Jews and 243,000 non-Jews.

The Year Book reported that more state civil rights laws were passed in the United States during 1961 than in any similar period in the history of this country. More than 40 such laws were adopted by state legislatures in every part of the country but the south.

A special section contains a full report on the trial of Adolf Eichmann, including the full text of the indictment, a summary of the trial, a survey of press reaction in the United States and an analysis of the verdict. Highlight of the 130-page section is a comprehensive report by Dr. Salo W. Baron, Professor of Jewish History at Columbia University, on Jewish contributions to the cultural, social and economic life of Europe before Hitler. Dr. Baron testified at the trial in Jerusalem.

## JEWISH COMMUNITY IN BRAZIL HIRES DETECTIVES TO APPREHEND HOOLIGANS

• RIO DE JANEIRO, July 26. (JTA) -- After waiting in vain for seven months during which the police authorities have failed to act on the case, the Federation of Jewish Communities of Brazil today announced it has hired private detectives to attempt to apprehend anti-Semitic hooligans who had desecrated a Jewish cemetery at Curitiba.

The desecrations occurred last December, and were reported to the police promptly. More than 40 tombstones in the Jewish burial grounds at Curitiba had been overturned, but thus far there have been no reports about any police action. Several hundred Jewish families live at Curitiba, most of them having settled there about 50 years ago.

#### RASSCO OPENS HOTEL FOR U.S. JEWS PLANNING RETIREMENT IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, July 26, (JTA) -- American Jews planning retirement in Israel were urged today to consider doing so in a new facility near Tel Aviv completed by Rassco-Rural and Suburban Settlement Company.

Zvi Ba-Gad, managing director of the Neve Aviv Club, arrived in the United States to meet with American Jews interested in the facilities which are a combination of hotel and club. The studio apartments, he said, have private bath, kosher board, medical and health care in the Assuta Hospital in Tel Aviv, telephone and maid service as well as recreational, social and religious programs. Rates range from \$130 a month for singles to \$260 a month for couples. The club is located at Kfar Shmaryahu near Tel Aviv.

The director said that registrations had exceeded expectations and that the membership roster was filling up rapidly. He stressed that pension and social security incomes from abroad are free of Israel income taxes and that members from abroad would enjoy for an indefinite period the foreign exchange and tax privileges accorded to temporary residents in Israel.

#### CLEVELAND INVESTORS SHARPLY REJECT BOYCOTT THREAT OF ARAB LEAGUE

CLEVELAND, July 26, (JTA) -- A threat of boycott by the Arab League Boycott Office at Beirut, Lebanon, was sharply rejected by a group of Cleveland investors, headed by Howard Abrams, vice-president of Curtis Industries, Inc., here.

The Cleveland group is giving financial backing to a Minnesota corporation, Scher-Tumico, Inc., which makes mechanical, optical and electronic measuring devices. Howard M. James, president of Scher-Tumico, which received the boycott threat, replied to the Central Office for the Boycott of Israel as follows:

"We are not impressed by your threat of intimidation and coercion through boycott and blacklist. If the Arab states had progressed industrially to the point where your markets were lucrative for our products, we would still not be impressed. The effort you are expending in fomenting hate and strife can better be used to bring something of substance for your people.

"Cease your war with the Israelis, and you will find this corporation, and most all of America, ready and anxious to extend to you a welcome and helping hand."

#### ONE-VOLUME JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA TO BE PUBLISHED IN WEST GERMANY

FRANKFURT, July 26, (JTA) -- A one-volume Jewish encyclopedia, "Lexikon des Judentums," in the German language, will be published by a West German firm, it was reported here today.

The C. Bertelsmann Verlag in Guetersloh, West Germany, has signed a contract for the encyclopedia with its editor-in-chief, John F. Oppenheimer, a lexicographer who brought out the "Philo-Lexikon, Handbuch des Juedische Wissens" in Berlin in 1934, the year after Hitler came to power. The new one-volume work will be the first book of this kind published in Germany since the 1934 publication.

Mr. Oppenheimer was connected with the Berlin publishing house of Ullstein before fleeing to the United States in 1939. He started his American career as a member of the staff of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and is now president of Wallenberg and Wallenberg, Inc. in New York City. Many of the experts who worked with him on the 1934 lexicon are again contributing material to the new encyclopedia from cities throughout the world where they settled after leaving Nazi Germany.

#### BRITISH AUTHORESS WINS U. S. PRIZE FOR PLAY FOR JEWISH CHILDREN

NEW YORK, July 26, (JTA) -- Pamela Melnikoff of Edware, Middlesex, England, has been named the winner of the Annual Golden Pen Playwriting Contest, it was announced here today by Philip Kasakove, president of the Jewish Theatre for Children, sponsors of the competition for the best full-length play for children written in English on a Jewish theme.

Miss Melnikoff will receive the \$1,000 prize for her play "The Ransomed Menorah," which will be produced by the Jewish Theatre for Children here during its 1962-63 season. Award ceremonies will take place in the fall. Judges for the contest were Frank Aston, former drama critic of the New York World Telegram and Sun; Azriel Eisenberg, executive vice president of the Jewish Education Committee of New York; Lewis Funke, drama editor of The New York Times; Norma U. Levitt, playwright; Dore Scharly, producer and playwright; and Grace M. Stanistreet of Adelphi College.