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JEWS IN MOROCCO APPREHENSIVE; FEAR PROVOCATIONS DURING NASSER'S VISIT

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The expected visit of President Nasser of Egypt in Morocco next month is provoking great apprehension among Jews in Casablanca, it was reported today from Morocco in the Christian Science Monitor. The report recalled that, when Nasser visited Morocco in 1961, official anti-Zionism in that country degenerated into anti-Semitic actions by the police.

Although the Jewish population in Morocco continues to dwindle, tension is nevertheless rising between the Moslem religious authorities and the Jewish minority in Morocco, the report stressed. This tension, the report said, has developed especially because of a report about two months ago that Allal al-Fassi, Minister of Islamic Affairs, told a meeting of provincial officials that "every Moroccan is a Moslem; the Moroccan Jew is only a 'dhimmi.' Henceforth, no foreigner may acquire Moroccan nationality unless he embraces Islam."

"Dhimmi" is a term of Moroccan law denoting Christians or Jews who traditionally enjoy special status and protection under the government but who are not full citizens. This term has not been applied to Jews in Morocco. On the contrary, King Hassan II and his late father assured the Jews that they are "full Moroccan citizens, with the same rights and duties as the others."

Moroccan Jewry's monthly newspaper, La Voix des Communautés, indignantly reminded Mr. Fassi of this. One contributor to the paper demanded that unless the minister denied or retracted the statement, the president of the Federation of Jewish Communities, with the support of the Grand Rabbi of Morocco, should bring about court action against Mr. Fassi. The paper also attacked what it called "forced conversions" to Islam of young Jewish girls who married Moslems. Several such marriages have come to public attention recently.

Akhbar al-Dounia, a non-party newspaper which often takes a strong pan-Arab stand, defended Mr. Fassi, who it said was only correctly expressing the position of the Jews as defined under Koranic law. It charged Casablanca Jews with holding "secret meetings," and said the government was concerned about unspecified "new political maneuvers of the Jews. It appears," added Akhbar al-Dounia, "that the government will adopt a two-part attitude, attempting to curb these maneuvers by legal means; otherwise to employ force." No official sources confirmed this.

ESHKOL CONFERS IN NEW YORK WITH 300 AMERICAN INVESTMENT BANKERS

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Israel's Finance Minister Levi Eshkol today conferred here with a group of 300 American investment bankers. He told them that since the devaluation of Israel's currency last February, there was a better chance for the foreign investor to participate in Israel's growing economy by investing in such diversified portfolios as the First American Israel Mutual Fund.

Mr. Eshkol also signed here today on behalf of the Israel Government an agreement with the First American Israel Mutual Fund, enabling the Fund to purchase securities of various Israeli economic enterprises now held by the Government.

The agreement also approved the sale of Mutual Fund shares in this country for cash or in exchange for State of Israel Bonds. The Fund has already filed a registration statement with the U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission for a \$27,500,000 issue of its shares which will be offered to the American public through an investment banking group.

The Fund, shares of which will be offered at \$10 each, has as its principal objective the acquiring of a portfolio of securities affording long-term capital growth possibilities primarily through investment in securities of Israeli companies.

BEN-GURION RETURNS FROM SCANDINAVIAN TRIP; SAYS MISSION WAS SUCCESSFUL

TEL AVIV, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion returned here last night from a month-long tour of the five Scandinavian countries. After inspecting a guard of honor lined up in the floodlit airport, Mr. Ben-Gurion read a prepared statement declaring that the results of his visit were greater than he anticipated. He emphasized that his visit had tightened the friendly relations and understanding between the five Scandinavian countries and Israel.

BRITISH JEWS OPEN DRIVE FOR PETITION TO OUTLAW RACIAL INCITEMENT

LONDON, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews opened a campaign today for 1,000,000 signatures to a petition to Parliament to outlaw racial incitement. The Jewish Ex-Servicemen's Association and the Yellow Star anti-fascist movement are co-operating in the campaign.

The Board said that it hoped to achieve the goal by the start of November and said that "it is deemed essential that as many signatures as possible be obtained so that the Government is left in no doubt as to the volume of public opinion in this matter."

BISHOPS URGE GERMANS TO ATONE FOR CRIMES AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS

MUNICH, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The Roman Catholic Bishops of Germany today called upon their constituent communities to "atone for all crimes committed by wicked dictators in the name of our people against fundamental human rights." The call was issued in a pastoral letter on the occasion of the forthcoming Ecumenical Council to be held in Rome next month.

Officials of the University of Wuerzburg said today a decision would be made soon on whether Dr. Rudolf Schiedermaier would be suspended as a professor of law in view of charges against him in connection with his role as a Nazi jurist.

Dr. Schiedermaier last week asked that he be suspended from his post as president of the Bavarian Administrative Court pending a review of the case. The West German Interior Ministry, in announcing its investigation, said the jurist had not indicated, when he joined the West German Judiciary, that he had been an SS officer and that he had worked in the Nazi central office in drafting plans for the "final solution of the Jewish question" in Bohemia and Moravia.

17TH CENTURY SYNAGOGUE, DESTROYED DURING WAR, REOPENS IN LEGHORN

ROME, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- With impressive, all-day ceremonies at which the participants included major Jewish and non-Jewish religious and community leaders, representatives of the Government and municipality, and official representatives of Israel, a new, \$400,000 synagogue was consecrated today at Leghorn, seat of a great Jewish community whose origin goes back to the late sixteenth century.

The original house of worship, a beautiful Renaissance structure built on the same site, in the 17th century, was damaged beyond repair during World War II. The new edifice includes, in its interior, stones from the old synagogue. Funds for the synagogue were contributed in large part by the Government under the War Damage Act, and sizable aid was received from the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, the Joint Distribution Committee, the City of Leghorn, and philanthropists throughout the world.

Among the speakers at the ceremonies was the aged Rabbi Alfredo Toaff, father of the present Grand Rabbi of Rome; Professor Elio Toaff, the Grand Rabbi; official representatives of the Catholic Archbishopric; leaders of the local and Italian Jewish communities; the Mayor of Leghorn; diplomats representing the Israeli mission here; and Professor Giulio Racah, rector of the Hebrew University at Jerusalem, who read a personal message to the Leghorn Jewish community from Israel's President Izhak Ben-Zvi. The Italian Government was officially represented by Senator Giovanni Giraud.

Most of the speakers recalled the greatness of the Leghorn Jewish community which, under Ferdinand I, Grand-Duke of Tuscany, was given, by a decree in 1593, a special charter making Leghorn--known as Livorno--a free port with the right to admit Jews and Marranos then being persecuted in Portugal. Later, the Jews were granted full civic status, including the right to conduct their own courts and levy taxes. The city became one of the foremost centers in the world for Sephardic learning. Under the Mussolini regime, the rights of the Jews were gradually reduced, and the numbers of Jews fell to no more than about 1,000. Many of those were annihilated during the war by the Nazis.

DEMOLITION OF CHIEF RABBI KOOK'S TOMB BY JORDAN PROTESTED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Reports that the tomb of the former Chief Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook in the centuries-old Jewish cemetery on Jordanian-held Mount of Olives, has been demolished by Jordanian bulldozers, gave rise to expressions of grief and shock here today.

The executive of the Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrahi organization today adopted a resolution sharply protesting the desecration of one of Jewry's sacred shrines. The resolution, which was forwarded to the Foreign Ministry, was adopted after reports on the desecration were presented to the organization by Interior Minister Moshe Shapira and Dr. Yosef Burg, Minister of Social Welfare.

JEWS POPULATION IN TURKEY TOTALED 43,000 IN 1960; IS SMALLER NOW

ISTANBUL, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Turkey's total Jewish population in 1960 was 43,000, according to official census figures issued here by the Government today. Of the total, 35,485 lived in this city. Jewish leaders stated here today that the overall Jewish population in the country is somewhat smaller now than it was in 1960, due to emigration, principally to Israel.

JEWISH GROUP APPEALS TO U.S. AND U.N. TO INTERVENE FOR JEWS IN RUSSIA

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The Farband-Labor Zionist Order today appealed to the White House, the United Nations and the United States Department of State to intervene with the Government of the Soviet Union, on behalf of full freedoms of religious and cultural life for the Jews there. The appeals were lodged following a special all-day conference conducted here yesterday by the Farband, which adopted strong resolutions urging those governments to protect the rights of their respective Jewish populations.

The conference marked also a memorial to the martyrs of the Stalinist purge of Jewish intellectuals and other Soviet Jewish leaders who were executed in the USSR in 1952. Principal speakers included Louis Segal, general secretary of the Farband, who is also a member of the executive of the Jewish Agency; Shraggai Netzer, of Israel, a leader of the dominant Mapai party there; and the American Yiddish poets, Jacob Glatstein and Joseph Rubinstein. Samuel Bonchek, chairman of the Farband's New York City committee, presided.

Regarding the situation of the 3,000,000 Jews in the Soviet Union, the resolution pointed out that the present Khrushchev regime "has not found it possible or necessary even now to rehabilitate the memories of those Jews who were murdered 10 years ago, or even to condemn those executions." The resolution demanded that the USSR give the Jews in the Soviet Union the opportunities to emigrate in accordance with principles of human rights.

Another part of the resolution expressed the Farband's deep concern for the situation of the Jewish populations in Argentina and Uruguay, which have recently been beset by open anti-Semitic manifestations. The resolution noted that, in all three countries, human rights as defined by the United Nations are being violated, and called upon the governments of these countries to take energetic measures against anti-Jewish elements. The conference also launched plans for the celebration of the organization's 50th anniversary. The plans call for a national jubilee convention to be held in New York in December 1963.

NAZIS PICKET WHITE HOUSE WITH ANTI-JEWISH SIGNS; SCUFFLE DEVELOPS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Three self-styled Nazis who picketed the White House with anti-Jewish and anti-Negro banners were remanded for hearings in Municipal Court here Wednesday, after being arraigned this morning as a result of a demonstration in front of the President's residence this weekend. Four other uniformed Nazis arrested in the roundup of seven adherents of the American Nazi party forfeited bail of \$10 each, thus avoiding trial.

The men were arrested following a fracas when a passerby tore down a swastika banner which they carried. Police charged the banners were designed "to excite passions and hatred." Jack Dubrowsky, 37, of Farmingdale, N.J., charged by the police with being the man who snatched the swastika banner from the hands of some of the Nazis, was also arrested and likewise forfeited \$10 bail.

Police said one of Rockwell's men, identified as Ralph P. Forbes, 22, listed as residing in Arlington, Va., suffered a bloody nose. Forbes chose to appear in court as did Harry E. Blair, 24, and Lawrence G. Smith, 21, both listed as residing in Rockwell's Nazi barracks building. Following the arrests, 13 "Storm Troopers" appeared in front of the White House to begin a new picket line.

SUPREME COURT JUSTICE DEFENDS BAN ON PRAYERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

LARCHMONT, N.Y., Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Tom C. Clark, the Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, who voted with the 6-1 majority of the high tribunal last June in favor of outlawing the recitation of officially prescribed prayers in public schools, was on record here today as asserting that, for children, "private prayer in the home" is much more effective than public prayers.

Justice Clark, who is a trustee of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, and one of the leading laymen of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, spoke at the annual laymen's breakfast of the Larchmont Avenue Presbyterian Church here.

America's founding fathers, he declared, believed in prayer, but their belief was centered on prayer at home. "There has been quite a crusade of late for prayer by our children," he said, "but I have not heard one word said in support of prayers by them at home. I submit that private prayer in the home would be much more effective."

The jurist noted that the Supreme Court had upheld in 1943, the Constitutional provision guaranteeing individual freedoms in the Bill of Rights, holding that "the Government shall take no part respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

"No' to me means 'No,' " he insisted. "This is all the Court decided. Questions of official recognition of a Divine Being or the validity of the inscription on silver or American currency of 'In God We Trust' or public acknowledgment of the fact that the United States is a religious nation--were not involved nor were they passed upon in this decision."

NEWARK POLICE RESENT CHARGE OF LACK OF INTERGROUP UNDERSTANDING

NEWARK, N.J., Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Miffed by criticism which held that the police here were poorly trained in intergroup relations, Police Director Dominick A. Spina has requested the Mayor's office to shift its intergroup relations orientation course from classes conducted by the National Conference of Christians and Jews to the State Division of Civil Rights or to a city agency.

Recently, Howard J. Devaney, regional director of the NCCJ, testified at a hearing conducted by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, stating that Newark's policemen are not sufficiently trained in intergroup relations. Mr. Spina has protested to City Hall, and the Mayor's office has assured him that the local course for policemen will be given hereafter by some other agency and not by the NCCJ.

N. Y. COMMISSIONER BANS HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES IN CITY-OWNED HALL

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Use of a city-owned recreation hall in suburban Queens, where the Rego Park Jewish Center has been holding High Holy Day services for the last 20 years, was denied for this year's scheduled worship by City Parks Commissioner Newbold Morris, it became known here today.

The city took over the quarters, known as Lost Battalion Hall, a little over a year ago. Last year, the Jewish Center, which has its 2,100-seat Temple nearby, used the auditorium for its "spill-over" worshippers, as it had for many years in the past. This year, however, Mr. Morris acknowledged today, he turned down the Center's application. He did so, he said, because the facilities are used every day by the entire neighborhood for recreational purposes, and "I don't want to turn it into a church."

Rabbi Josiah Derby, spiritual leader of the Center, said that about 900 of the 1,500 worshippers scheduled to attend services at the city-owned hall will be accommodated instead at a nearby night club.

BENJAMIN ULIN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF JEWISH PHILANTHROPIES OF BOSTON

BOSTON, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Benjamin Ulin, veteran Boston Jewish community leader, was elected president of the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston at its 67th annual meeting held last night at the Statler Hilton Hotel. Edwin Wolf, 2nd, president of the Federation of Jewish Agencies of Greater Philadelphia, was guest speaker.

Mr. Ulin served as the first chairman of the Large City Budgeting Conference of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. He succeeds Louis P. Smith who has served as the first president of the CJP since the merger of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies and Combined Jewish Appeal in 1960. Dr. Benjamin B. Rosenberg is executive director of the CJP.

Vice-presidents elected include: Norman L. Cahners, Mrs. J. Maynard Cashman, David Kane, David R. Pokross, George Shapiro, Sidney Stoneman, and Bertram C. Tackeff. Philip W. Lown was re-elected treasurer. Associate treasurers are Leon Margolis and William Scheft. Newly elected secretary is Howard Rubin, and associate secretaries are Arnold R. Cutler and Mrs. Isadore Slotnick. Mrs. Ferdinand Strauss II was elected president of the Women's division, succeeding Mrs. J. Maynard Cashman.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY DEDICATES MAURICE AND GEORGE LEVIN PHYSICS BUILDING

JERUSALEM, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University today dedicated its new Maurice and George Levin Physics Building, endowed by the Levin brothers of South Orange, N.J. The ceremonies were attended by Eliahu Elath, president of the university, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Levin and representatives of the Ministry of Education.

The four-story structure, covering over 2,000 square yards, is fully equipped with teaching laboratories and classrooms for instruction in physics.

MEMORIAL FOR 6,000,000 NAZI-KILLED JEWS ESTABLISHED BY TEXAS JEW

NEW YORK, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- A bronze and marble plaque was dedicated today by the East Midwood Jewish Center in Brooklyn here, as a memorial to the 6,000,000 Jews murdered by the Nazis during the Second World War.

The \$10,000 memorial was donated to the synagogue by Paul Lewis, a Jewish industrialist of Dallas, who has financed the construction of memorials to the victims of the Nazi holocaust, in a number of cities throughout the country. Mr. Lewis, who was a rabbinical student before he emigrated from Germany to the United States, has built an entire synagogue in Texas, as a memorial to Nazi victims.

CEREMONY IN BELGIUM HONORS MEMORY OF 26,000 BELGIAN JEWISH MARTYRS

BRUSSELS, Sept. 24. (JTA) -- Memorial ceremonies were held today for the 26,000 Belgian Jews who were deported by the Nazis to German extermination camps between 1942 and 1944.

The ceremonies were held under the auspices of the Belgian Union of Jewish Deportees which organized a pilgrimage to Malines, where the Jews were concentrated before being sent to Germany. P. Burstein, president of the Israel Organization of Former Nazi Prisoners, addressed the meeting.