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GOLDMANN, WARNING AGAINST 'PANIC,' CALLS FOR ACTIONS ON ANTI-SEMITISM

SAC PAULO, Brazil, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann declared here today that, although there was no reason for Jewish communities in Latin America "to give up hope and become panicky" because of anti-Semitic manifestations in recent years, "it would be a dangerous folly not to estimate these happenings in their full significance and to take a lesson from them."

Addressing a special four-day session of Latin-American Jewish leaders from 10 countries, the president of the World Jewish Congress said that "I certainly am not panicked by every outburst of extremist anti-Semitic groups. But on the other hand," he warned, "nothing is more dangerous for a people fighting for its survival than to close its eyes and refuse to see the facts as they are."

Dr. Goldmann advanced a five-point program to establish Jewish cohesion and unity in dealing with these developments. Terming his points "prerequisites" for Jewish survival, he spelled them out as a determination to fight and "to defend every position as long as it can be defended"; action by every community in "an organized, disciplined way, recognizing leadership and authority"; the union of all Jewish communities in the world through the World Jewish Congress; moral, spiritual and cultural ties between Jews in the Diaspora and Israel; and a reversion by the Jews "to our classic position as the great non-conformists" so as to "regain our mentality as a fighting people."

He warned against 'partisan activities, separate action, lack of discipline and 'the fight for position' within individual communities" and urged unity of action on the local as well as the international scene.

Analyzes Cold War Issues, Protests Soviet Oppressions Against Jews

Analyzing the issues facing the world today, Dr. Goldmann said that the Cold War, the rise of totalitarian regimes, and a general tendency toward conformity were of "ominous significance" to a minority such as the Jewish people. He protested the policies of such states as Russia "which refuse to recognize the right of minorities to maintain their special character, who deny the right of Jewish communities to be linked with other Jewish communities in one world organization, and to be attached to Israel, who want to force the Jewish minority to give up its specific, characteristic and separate existence--maybe with the exception of its special religious character--within the life of the majorities."

Dr. Goldmann said that a major problem facing Jewry today was the danger that the estimated 3,000,000 Jews of the Soviet Union may be unable to maintain their identity and could thus be lost to the rest of Jewry. He warned also of the "internal danger of disintegration and assimilation," due in some measure to the fact that Jews had "for a number of years enjoyed political equality, economic prosperity and cultural integration in the life of other peoples."

Dr. Moises Goldman of Buenos Aires, chairman of the South American executive committee of the World Jewish Congress, presided over the meeting, which was attended by Brazilian Government and municipal representatives, as well as by Israel's Ambassador to Brazil, Arieh Eshel.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE URGES ARGENTINA TO ACT AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee urged the Argentine government today to take "vigorous legal action" against perpetrators of anti-Semitic acts in that country. The demand was voiced by A.M. Sonnabend, president of the American Jewish Committee, following a reception here to Gen. Pedro E. Aramburu, former President of Argentina. The latter is a leading member of the recently formed United Front against Anti-Semitism in Argentina.

Mr. Sonnabend made public a copy of a letter he had sent on behalf of the Committee to Roberto Alleman, Argentine Ambassador to the United States, declaring: "Jewish institutions in Argentina have been attacked with bombs, Molotov cocktails and machine guns. There have been a number of hoodlum incidents such as the daubing of Jewish hospitals. Fortunately, the police investigations and actions have not been such as to reassure the Jewish community."

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS CALLS FOR UNANIMOUS U.N. VOTE AGAINST RACIST BIAS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 22. (JTA) - The United Nations was called upon here today by the World Jewish Congress to adopt a long-pending resolution condemning "all manifestations of racial prejudice and national and religious intolerance." The resolution is on the agenda for debate this week before the General Assembly's Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Committee.

In a letter to N. C. Kasliwal, of India, chairman of the committee, the WJC called for a unanimous vote by the committee so that the General Assembly could approve the resolution.

The resolution, in somewhat different form, was originally adopted here in 1960 by the Human Rights Commission's Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, following the 1959-60 swastika epidemic. Later, the draft was adopted by the Human Rights Commissions, and obtained the approval of the Economic and Social Council which, in turn, placed it before the General Assembly.

"The manifestations of racial and religious hatred in various parts of the world in the last months," stated the WJC letter, "some of which assumed rather violent forms, are testimony to the circumstances that these outbreaks of animosity still call for efforts to deal with them effectively."

BONN DEPUTY SAYS EAST EUROPEAN JEWISH ESCAPEES WILL GET REPARATIONS

BONN, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The President of the West German Parliament's Claims Committee told a press conference here today that Parliament is due to adopt an amendment to the Federal Indemnification Law (BEG) enabling Jews who escaped from East Europe after 1953 to file reparations claims for imprisonment, loss of health and other effects of Nazi persecution.

Dr. Martin Hirsch said that this amendment would be adopted in 1963. Under the indemnification law as it stands, only claims filed before a 1953 deadline have been recognized. Jews who suffered Nazi persecutions but were unable, because of residence in East European countries, to file their claims before the deadline, have not been eligible for reparations payments.

Dr. Hirsch said also that it now seemed certain that, in the course of 1963, two additional amendments to the Indemnification Law and the Federal Restitution Law would be adopted, so as to extend the benefits of these laws to victims of Nazi practices in Eastern Europe. "These people cannot be blamed, nor can they be made to suffer for having been prevented from leaving Eastern Europe in time to file their claims," he declared.

The Federal Restitution Law provides compensation for property losses suffered as a result of Nazi discriminatory actions. The West German deputy pointed out, however, that a major problem facing the claims committee was shortage of funds. He told newsmen that "the 1,500,000,000 marks (\$375,000,000), first appropriated, is not sufficient to meet all claims fully, and we hope for additional funds." He warned that "a Finance Minister can only give as much as he has" and asserted that West German finances were currently passing through a difficult phase.

SECOND DEFENDANT IN GERMAN TRIAL ADMITS SHOOTING JEWS IN WHITE RUSSIA

COBLENZ, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- A second defendant among the 14 former SS officers on trial here for slaughtering 70,000 persons in White Russia in 1941, including at least 30,000 Jews, conceded guilt before the court here today. Rudolf Schlegel, one of the few among the accused who had not been in the West German police forces, told the judge and jury: "I was stationed at the ditch, and also shot." He referred to a large excavation where many Jews, Russians and Gypsies were forced to lie down for execution by the Nazi squads.

Previously, the leader of the group, Georg Heuser, head of the Criminal Investigation Department in the West German State of Rhineland-Palatinate, until his arrest over two years ago, had told the court he was at least "partly guilty." Schlegel is accused in the indictment specifically of the murder of 5,280 persons during the massacre.

MOROCCAN KING LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN FOR 'ARABIZATION' OF ALL SCHOOLS

CASABLANCA, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- King Hassan II of Morocco launched a campaign for the "Arabization" and "Islamization" of all schools in the kingdom in the course of a speech today before the country's Superior Educational Council in Rabat.

The monarch declared that "our goal is to teach in all Moroccan schools a standard program, taught in Arabic." Following the King's speech, the council adopted a resolution to make Arabic "the universal teaching language for all subjects," and called for preparation of an "Arabization" program.

The Alliance Israelite Universelle maintains 74 schools in Morocco for several thousand Jewish school children who receive secular and religious education. Both the French and Arabic languages are used in instruction. Agreement with the Moroccan Government governing the schools and the status of their staffs was announced by the Alliance last week.

HAIFA STEVEDORES CONTINUE SLOWDOWN; CITRUS, OTHER SHIPMENTS HELD UP

HAIFA, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Perishable fruits and other cargoes awaiting export remained untouched on Haifa docks today as a crippling slowdown by dockworkers went into its second week, with no settlement in sight. One shipment of 30,000 cases of citrus, Israel's largest cash export, consigned to Britain, was held up. Cargo handling in the port in general has dropped by at last 15 percent. Citrus and banana shipments are in danger of spoilage.

The port workers began their slowdown initially in protest against claimed excessive prices for meals in the port. Rejecting appeals by Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation, to return to work while the issue was negotiated, the dockworkers widened their demands, finally demanding that a Ministerial Committee be named to hear their grievances, and insisting they would negotiate only with such a committee.

The Haifa Labor Council made a futile effort to induce the stevedores to end their slowdown, while Histadrut and Communications Ministry officials expressed opposition to any Ministerial committee. The situation reached a deadlock summed up by the demand of Histadrut that the workers resume normal work schedules and before their grievances would be investigated. The workers rejected that Histadrut demand.

EICHMANN'S BROTHER ASKS ISRAEL TO RETURN NAZI'S PERSONAL BELONGINGS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Robert Eichmann, brother of Adolf Eichmann, the Nazi war criminal who was executed here earlier this year for his role in the mass killing of 6,000,000 European Jews, today requested the Israeli authorities to return to Adolf's widow his brother's personal effects. In a letter to the Israel authorities, Dr. Eichmann listed Adolf's personal belongings as: one suit, one vest, one briefcase, letters, photos, and 20 Argentine pesos (24 cents) in cash.

Dr. Eichmann stressed the desire of Adolf's widow to have her late husband's belongings, and expressed the hope that there will be no "political ground" for declining the request.

\$10 MILLION COPPER PRODUCTION EXPANSION PROJECT PRESENTED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- A proposal to expand production at the Timna copper mines with a 30,000,000-pound (\$10,000,000) investment was presented today to the Technological Advisory Board meeting in Haifa.

Plans call for increasing production to 15,000 tons annually. During the past year, the mines produced more than 6,000 tons of metallic copper, an increase of seven percent over the previous year's output.

ISRAEL CABINET GROUP MULLS ESTABLISHMENT OF EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION

JERUSALEM, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The special ministerial committee appointed by the Cabinet to deal with the question of whether television should be introduced into Israel was reported today to be inclined to accept an offer by the Edmond James de Rothschild Memorial group to finance the installation of a pilot educational television network here. It is understood that such an installation would take about a year to set up.

PIONEER WOMEN LAUNCH \$600,000 PROJECT FOR RECLAMATION IN NEGEV AREA

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- A \$600,000 project for the reclamation of land in Israel's Negev was approved today at the opening session of the two-day New York meeting of the larger national board of Pioneer Women. Mrs. Sidney Leff, national president of Pioneer Women, said that the project, adopted through the Jewish National Fund, would include the planting of "shelter-belts" of afforestation and tree planting on the road and the settlements in the area stretching from Dimona and Kfar Yeruham to S'de Boker.

Bringing to a total of \$300,000, the amount transmitted by Pioneer Women since July 1 for its work in Israel, a special \$75,000 check was presented to Mrs. Lily Beyrack Cohen, director of the department for English-speaking countries in the Ihud Olami (World Federation of Labor Zionists), at a luncheon in her honor. Mrs. Cohen is Pioneer Women's special emissary from its sister organization in Israel, Moetzet Hapaolet.

ISRAEL DEFEATS ARABS AT TRAVEL AGENCY PARLEY, ELECTS VICE-PRESIDENT

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Against Arab opposition, Israel today won two victories: at the fourth annual conference of the International Union of Travel Agencies here. An Israeli, Bernard Weinberg was elected vice-president, despite solid opposition by the Arab bloc.

Next, the delegation from Lebanon proposed that the 1963 conference be held in Beirut. Israel protested against that proposal on the grounds that no Israeli would be able to attend sessions of the Union in the Lebanese capital. The conference then voted to hold the 1963 gathering at Budapest.

STANDING CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN GROUPS TO GET SCHRODER AWARD

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds announced today that the Standing Conference on European Jewish Community Services has been named recipient of its 1962 William J. Schroder Memorial Award. This will be the first time that the award has been presented to an organization outside of the United States.

The award is presented annually to Jewish community organizations or national and international agencies for "superior initiative and achievement in the advancement of social welfare." The presentation will be made at the CJFWF 31st General Assembly in Philadelphia, November 15-18.

The award-winning organization represents the culmination of the postwar work of the Joint Distribution Committee, whose services had moved from rescue and relief of the remnants of Hitler's genocide program against European Jews through reconstruction of individual Jewish community and to the re-establishment of Jewish community organizations. The major Jewish organizations of Switzerland, France, Britain, West Germany, Italy, Greece and Belgium are officially affiliated with the Standing Conference.

DIRKSEN NOT CONSULTED ON RACIST ELECTION APPEAL, CAMPAIGNER STATES

CHICAGO, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Senator Everett Dirksen, Republican leader seeking re-election in Illinois, was not consulted on an appeal to German-Americans to vote for him so as to return "our own man" to Washington, the secretary of the group responsible for the racial appeal said today.

A. M. Frey, secretary of the German-American Committee for Dirksen, told the Chicago Jewish Sentinel that the appeal had not been approved by Sen. Dirksen's campaign committee, nor by the Senator himself. "He was not consulted on the letter itself," Frey said. He said that the letter "may very well not" reflect the Senator's personal views.

Dirksen is being opposed by Rep. Sidney R. Yates, who is Jewish. A letter sent by Frey's group to members of 225 German-American societies in the Chicago area, urging Dirksen's re-election, absolved the Kaiser's Germany and Hitler's Third Reich of responsibility for starting two world wars. It described the Democratic party as anti-German and guilty of starting both conflicts.

NAVY OPENS PROBE ABOUT JEWISH SAILORS BARRED FROM BEIRUT SHORE LEAVE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- The Department of the Navy today made known that it has initiated "a full investigation" of reported Sixth Fleet regulations barring Jewish personnel from shore liberty privileges in the Arab port of Beirut, Lebanon. This was revealed to Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, by Captain F. M. Lloyd, Deputy Chief of Navy Information.

Captain Lloyd informed the Congressman that "we have asked the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Naval Forces in Europe, to provide complete information with regard to your recent communication concerning shore privileges for Jewish Naval personnel in Lebanon. We have been assured that no regulation exists which restricts the right of any group of U. S. Naval personnel from shore liberty in the Beirut area; however, a full investigation of any circumstances which might have caused complaint has been requested."

The Congressman's protest to the Navy followed persistent reports that the Sixth Fleet published orders for guidance of its ships, pertaining to restriction of Jewish personnel from shore privileges in Arab ports. It appeared that the Arab-inspected action was being haphazardly applied by the Navy, implemented in some cases, but ignored by captains of other ships. A question existed whether Washington had been officially advised on the steps taken by the Sixth Fleet to comply with Arab anti-Jewish blockade requirements.

RCSE HALPRIN ADVISES JEWS OUTSIDE ISRAEL TO USE HEBREW AS SECOND TONGUE

NEW YORK, Oct. 22. (JTA) -- Jewry outside Israel must make Hebrew its second language and must never "ignore the fact of Israel," Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, declared here today. Speaking at the Jewish Theological Seminary here as the opening participant of the institution's Israel Institute, she stated:

"No Jew who has any concern for Jewish survival can ignore the fact of Israel, can fail to give it support, can fail to recognize that, there, conditions exist for a great spiritual and cultural renaissance that do not obtain even in the large centers of the Diaspora. On the other hand, the Diaspora must--as indeed the Diaspora did throughout 2,000 years--find its own channels for expressing its cultural life. It needs to develop an informed educated laity. It must acquire Hebrew as a second language. It must seek to develop great institutions of learning and give scope for the emergence of great scholars."