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HOUSE OF LORDS STARTS DEBATE ON BILL AFFECTING SHECHITA IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- The House of Lords today debated a motion introduced by Lord Somers for a second reading of a slaughter of animals bill which would affect the free practice of shechita in England. The bill, if passed, would repeal certain sections of the Slaughter of Animals Act of 1958 which contained a proviso that the Act did not apply to the Jewish method of slaughter.

Lord Somers denied that there was any motive of anti-Semitism behind the bill. He said the bill would not trespass on the rights of conscientious Jews. At the same time he asserted that, in the Jewish method of slaughter, the animal was to a certain degree conscious prior to the slaughter. He stressed that the method of killing without rendering the animal unconscious had been abolished in Switzerland and other countries, and said, "the time has come for us to follow suit."

Opposing Lord Somers' motion for a second reading of the bill, Lord Jessel said that, if the measure became law, shechita would be illegal and upwards of 200,000 persons in England would be unable to eat meat or chicken. Stressing that it had not been proven that shechita was a cruel method of slaughter, Lord Jessel said that "the tremendous weight of authority was against Lord Somers' arguments. While he did not believe there were anti-Semitic motives behind the bill, Lord Jessel said the measure was "misguided, sloppy and founded on ignorant prejudice."

Government Opposes Bill; Says Shechita Has Not Been Proven Cruel

Also opposing a second reading of the bill, was Lord Oswald, Joint Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture. He said that it was the Government's view that unless much more convincing evidence became available on whether shechita was more cruel than other forms of slaughter "and this had been proven by experiments," it would be "wrong to impose such hardships on a racial group which we had so much reason to respect and who had been persecuted or imposed upon in so many countries but never in this." He said he "could not advise the House to vote for a second reading" on the bill.

Lord Cohen told the House that the bill was contrary to Jewish law and would affect "Jewish consciences." While he would not say that anti-Semitism inspired or activated Lord Somers, Lord Cohen pointed out that "there was anti-Semitism in the agitation against Jewish slaughter."

Lord Cohen said there was scientific evidence to support the conclusion that shechita was humane and would almost immediately render an animal unconscious. He suggested that, if there were any doubts about whether shechita was humane, the Government could invite a panel of experts who would report on the purely scientific aspects of the matter.

He said the passage of the bill would plunge into deep sorrow tens of thousands of loyal Jews in this country who, for over 3,000 years, had ordered their lives by uninterrupted tradition of what they regarded as Divine truth.

Among the supporters of Lord Somers' motion for a second reading was Lord Haddington, who described shechita as a "barbarous" method. Other supporters of the bill included Lady Summerskill and Lords Dowding and Huntingdon. The debate on the bill will continue.

CHILE REBUKES ARAB DELEGATE AT U.N. FOR 'SALUTING' TACUARA GROUP

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Ahmad Shukairy, head of the Saudi Arabian delegation here who, last Friday lauded the anti-Semitic Tacuara movement of Argentina and proposed that the United Nations "adopt" Tacuara, was sharply reprimanded here Monday by a Chilean diplomat who said that all Latin Americans reject such racism.

The attack was delivered, during the current debate of the Arab refugee issue, in the General Assembly's Special Political Committee by Don Ramon Huidobro, Chilean representative to that committee. Referring to Mr. Shukairy's Tacuara speech, in which the Saudi Arabian had also called upon all Latin Americans to support Tacuara, Don Ramon told the committee:

"I am sure his words do not represent the feelings of the many Arabs who came to Chile and live there as equal citizens. Hence I reject his words. How can he ask for such a thing? We are based on the principles of freedom. We believe in no racism. Under the Lima Charter, all Latin Americans are pledged to respect and cherish all religions."

ISRAEL SUPREME COURT STARTS HEARING ON VALIDITY OF INTERMARRIAGE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- The Israel Supreme Court began today a hearing on a case involving the validity of a marriage abroad between a citizen and a non-resident Gentile. The principle involved affects a growing number of couples in Israel who are now regarded as common-law spouses. The ruling is expected to have far-reaching consequences.

The test case developed from a petition by Yisroel Schlesinger after the Interior Ministry refused to give to the woman he married, a Belgian, Christian, an Israeli identity card other than one listing her maiden name and describing her as a spinster. Schlesinger asserted in his petition that his status is registered as that of a married person and he is so regarded for purposes of income taxes and national insurance.

Zvi Bar-Niv, the state attorney, contended that Israel cannot recognize the marriage of an Israeli citizen contracted abroad which he could not contract in Israel. He added that Schlesinger, who took his fiancée to Cyprus for the marriage, could obtain a permanent resident's visa for her.

Because the Supreme Court tribunal is made up of five justices for the case, there will be no appeal from the decision. The hearing was adjourned after the preliminary pleas.

ISRAEL'S ATTORNEY GENERAL DECIDES TO RESIGN; BEN-GURION INTERVENES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Attorney General Gideon Hausner has submitted his resignation to Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, it was disclosed here today. The reason behind the resignation is a further deterioration in the relationship between Justice Minister Dr. Dov Joseph and Mr. Hausner, over the latter's status.

Endeavors made to reconcile the divergent views of the two Government leaders, including the appointment of a special committee of jurists by the Cabinet, failed to settle the matter.

Prime Minister Ben-Gurion replying today to Mr. Hausner's letter of resignation asked the Attorney General to reconsider his decision. The Prime Minister expressed hope that a way could still be found to reconcile the views between Mr. Hausner and Dr. Joseph. It is understood that Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mr. Hausner will meet within a day or two but that Mr. Hausner is not inclined to withdraw his letter of resignation. Dr. Joseph left last night for Tanganyika to represent the Israel Government at the celebration of Independence Day there.

STUDY ON VOLUNTARY FUND-RAISING IN ISRAEL STARTED BY U. S. EXPERT

NEW YORK, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- A study of voluntary fund-raising in Israel has been initiated under the auspices of the Jewish Agency with the cooperation and assistance of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in New York, it was announced here today. The study is being conducted by William Avrunin, associate director of the Jewish Welfare Federation of Detroit.

The study, as projected by the Agency and the Council, has the following objectives: 1. To collect and assemble the facts about voluntary fund-raising as it now exists in Israel; 2. To help define the needs for voluntary support in the next several years; and 3. To analyze the potential for voluntary fund-raising in Israel.

Among the facts that the survey will seek to gather are: the extent of voluntary fund-raising for welfare, health, immigrant adjustment, education, cultural and related activities; the amounts raised in each category and the total for all; who is doing the voluntary fund-raising; the methods; the purposes; the problems.

In addition, the project will relate the findings to other resources for financing Israel philanthropic causes, including voluntary contributions outside of Israel, government aid and endowments, and such self-supporting activities as earnings, fees, and tuition. The study is also to collect data on income levels, and on factors which encourage giving. It is anticipated that the study will take six months.

UNSEASONAL HEAT WAVE STRIKES ISRAEL; AFFECTS WATER RESERVES

TEL AVIV, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- An unseasonal heat wave has struck Israel, water consumption throughout the country has increased while water reserves have been lowered, and authorities are concerned, although official meteorologists refuse to identify the situation as a drought.

Temperatures here have risen to as high as 84 degrees, and 87 has been registered at nearby Lydda Airport. Throughout the country, settlements and irrigation projects have had to employ heavy-pressure pumps to supply enough water.

The Mayor here has ordered that old wells be put into use--contrary to the orders of the Water Commissioner, who has decreed that water here be taken only from the Yarkon River feeder lines. "I know we may be fined for this," said the Mayor, "but I'd rather pay a fine than let our citizens suffer thirst."

BERLIN SENATE TO ACQUIRE JEWISH HOSPITAL; WILL PAY 5,000,000 MARKS

WEST BERLIN, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Terms of an agreement under which the West Berlin Jewish community will turn over the 279-bed Jewish hospital to the West Berlin Senate in return for payment of 5,000,000 marks (\$1,250,000) were announced here today.

The problem stemmed from the fact that most of the hospital beds are occupied by non-Jews and that the few surviving members of the Berlin Jewish community had never been able to raise funds for the hospital operation. This necessitated regular subventions from the Senate.

As discussions proceeded over a two-year period, some West Berlin Jewish leaders favored establishment of a foundation which would be taken over by the Senate on the basis of the payment of 1,000,000 marks to West Berlin Jewry. Others opposed the idea on grounds that the actual value of the property, which includes a synagogue and Jewish administrative buildings, was five times that figure.

Under the agreement, the West Berlin Senate will pay 5,000,000 marks to the West Berlin Jewish Community this month. Starting next January, a Jewish Hospital Foundation will direct the hospital program as a memorial to the Jewish victims of the Nazi regime. The 5,000,000 marks will be placed at the disposal of the West Berlin public housing program.

Five members of the Senate and two representatives of the Jewish community will serve on the board of trustees of the hospital foundation. The synagogue and administration buildings, and all other facilities on the site, except the hospital, will be available for use without charge to the Jewish community.

EX-NAZI SENTENCED TO HARD LABOR FOR MURDERING JEWS IN POLAND

HANOVER, West Germany, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Oskar Waltke, 56, a former SS sergeant, was sentenced today to eight years of hard labor in prison here on conviction of complicity in the murder of four Jews in Nazi-occupied Poland during the war. He had pleaded not guilty to charges of murder and complicity to murder Jews in the Lvov Ghetto from 1942 to 1944.

Hyman Weisenthal, a former Lvov architect who is now director of the Vienna Document Center and author of "I Hunted Eichmann," testified he had watched Waltke arrange transports from the ghetto to a nearby labor camp and that Waltke, now a Hanover businessman, was known to the ghetto prisoners as one of the cruelest of the SS men.

LEADING NON-JEWS IN ARGENTINA ADDRESS MEETING AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Assurances that "Gentiles and Jews" are solidified in this country in the fight against anti-Semitism and other movements preaching religious and racial hatred were voiced here today by some of Argentina's most prominent, non-Jewish political, military and intellectual leaders. The statements were made at the opening public meeting of the United Front Against Anti-Semitism, an organization formed here last summer as a result of repeated outbreaks of anti-Jewish activities in this country.

Oscar Alende, former Buenos Aires State Governor under the Frondizi regime, told the session: "The nationalist extremist groups will not be able to split the Argentine family, otherwise divided enough politically, over the racial issue." Carlos Alberto Erro, prominent author and president of the Argentine Writers Association, and Dr. Manuel Ordóñez, founder of the Christian Democratic Party, stressed that there is unity among Jews and non-Jews in this country around "democratic and peaceful ideals." "Anti-Semitism will not grow roots in Argentina," asserted Dr. Ordóñez.

Similar assurances were made by Dr. Anselmo Marini, former Parliamentary leader of the Union Civica Radical del Pueblo; Julio Cesar Cueto Rua, leader of the Conservative Party; Armando March, leader of the Democratic Syndicates; and Admiral Isaac Rojas, former vice-president of Argentina in General Aramburu's administration. The West German Ambassador here, Guenther Junker, attended the meeting.

EXHIBITION OF ANTI-SEMITIC AND NEO-NAZI PUBLICATIONS OPENS IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- An exhibition of anti-Semitic, neo-fascist and neo-Nazi publications, containing several hundred such items from 18 countries was opened here today. The exhibition is arranged by the World Jewish Congress.

Most of the publications on exhibit originated after World War II with special emphasis on the past decade. The exhibit also contains examples of extreme right-wing literature which were included not because such material can be classified as anti-Semitic or fascist but because it was considered potentially dangerous in its political extremism.

The publications come from Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, France, Germany, Holland, Turkey, Sweden, South Africa, Britain and the United States. There are also some samples of Hungarian neo-Nazi publications, published in exile. Included are books, pamphlets, newspapers, magazines, posters, bulletins and printed declarations distributed at various gatherings of neo-fascists and anti-Semites.

TRUMAN TO ADDRESS NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Former President Harry S. Truman will be a featured speaker at the 25th annual national conference of the United Jewish Appeal, to open here on Friday at the Americana Hotel.

Some 1,500 delegates from more than 3,000 communities throughout the country will be called upon to set the UJA's fund-raising goal for 1963 and to vote upon a resolution to adopt a multi-million dollar Special Fund to supplement the regular campaign funds. The additional revenue is sought in view of new refugee and immigrant emergencies in France and Israel. The three-day conference also will mark the opening of the Appeal's 25th Anniversary Year.

ITALIAN JEWISH LEADER TO ADDRESS J. D. C. ANNUAL MEETING IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Dr. Astorre Mayer, Italian Jewish leader, will be the principal speaker at the 48th annual meeting of the Joint Distribution Committee in New York this Thursday, it was announced today by JDC chairman Edward M. M. Warburg.

Dr. Mayer, who is president of the Milan Jewish community, is also chairman of The Standing Committee on European Jewish Community Services, composed of Jewish communal leaders of 14 European countries. Other speakers at the year-end conference will include Moses A. Leavitt, JDC executive vice-chairman, and Charles H. Jordan, director-general for overseas operations.

SAN FRANCISCO GROUP DECIDES TO FORM WEIZMANN INSTITUTE COMMITTEE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- A group of prominent citizens here decided to establish a committee of Friends of the Weizmann Institute of Science following an address here last night by Abba Eban, Israel Minister of Education, at which a number of Nobel Prize winners were presented with the State of Israel Commendation Award for 1962.

Mr. Eban, in addressing the 800 guests attending the dinner, said that Israel would always be small in population and territory. "Its main vocation is to develop an intense vitality of spirit," he emphasized. "History has proved the capacity of small States to exercise an influence on human destiny out of all proportion to their physical dimensions. It is only by emphasizing her intellectual and spiritual functions that Israel can amount to something in the scales of world history."

TWO SYNAGOGUES DESECRATED IN MINNEAPOLIS; POLICE SEEK PERPETRATORS

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- For the second successive year, a spate of Nazi-type synagogue desecrations has broken out here, with two houses of worship, both Orthodox, suffering defacements, police authorities announced here today.

Worshippers coming to services here at the Ahavath Achim-Beth Israel Synagogue found a caricature of Adolf Hitler in red paint on the white facade of the edifice. A two-foot-high swastika and some unintelligible writing had been scribbled around the Hitler likeness. Scrawls had also been painted on a rear door.

At Gemelus Chesed Synagogue, on the same street, worshippers leaving evening services found a swastika painted. Rabbi George S. Sektor, spiritual leader of the synagogue, said the desecration seemed to have occurred while services were under way. Chief of Police Calvin Hawkinson assured the Jewish community that every effort was being made to trace the perpetrators of the desecrations.

J. N. F. CELEBRATES 80TH BIRTHDAY OF MRS. ARCHIBALD SILVERMAN

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Mrs. Archibald Silverman, veteran Zionist and Jewish leader, was guest of honor at a dinner here last night given by the Jewish National Fund on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

A founder of the Israel Synagogue Building in 1946, Mrs. Silverman has been instrumental in aiding the construction of some 80 synagogues in Israel. She has been active for many years in the work of the Zionist Organization of America, the JNF, the American Jewish Congress, the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and the United Jewish Appeal.

25 ORTHODOX JEWS ESCORT REMAINS OF RABBI KOTLER TO ISRAEL FOR BURIAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 3. (JTA) -- Twenty-five Orthodox Jews were aboard an Israel-bound airplane today, as a guard of honor for the remains of the late Rabbi Aaron Kotler, world-famous scholar, who died here Thursday night and for whom funeral services were conducted on New York's lower East Side yesterday before massed crowds estimated by police at 25,000. The remains of the rabbi, who was 71, will be interred in Israel.

The services honoring the memory of the rabbi were conducted at an East Side synagogue facing a large square where several hundred policemen guarded the area and facilitated the vast, mourning crowd of pious Jews who venerated Rabbi Kotler. Among those inside the 500-capacity synagogue was Colonel Shlomo Goren, chief chaplain of the Israel Army. Mourners had come for the services from all over the United States.