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PARIS DECREE REAFFIRMS FRENCH CITIZENSHIP FOR ALGERIAN JEWS

PARIS, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- In a new decree published here today, the French Government officially re-confirmed the Cremieux Decree of 1870 under which all Algerian Jews whose ancestors had taken advantage of that older document are now "automatically French citizens with full rights."

The overwhelming majority of the Algerian Jewish refugees fall into that category under the Cremieux Decree as re-confirmed here today by the Ministry for Public Health and Population. According to today's reinterpretation of the decree, French nationality will not be lost even by those Algerian Jews who choose to become citizens of Algeria.

France has also decided, it became known today, to grant some assistance to those Algerian Frenchmen--which include Jews--who decide to emigrate and settle outside French territory. Such emigrants will be given \$10 a month while waiting for their emigration visas, to enable them to study the language of the country to which they intend to go.

The Government of France will also "participate" in paying transportation costs and will further give such emigrants small subsidies during the first few months in their new homes. It is believed, however, that few Algerian Jews will take advantage of these aids.

Many Algerian Jews in this country now were hard hit by a new decree issued by the Algerian Government in Algiers, forbidding the removal from that country of furniture and other private belongings "unless the owner is effectively in Algeria." That means that many of the refugees here, who abandoned all their possessions when they left Algeria abruptly last summer, will lose their movable properties. Several thousand Algerian Jewish families in France will be affected by this new ruling.

SYRIA RUSHES MORE TROOPS TO ISRAEL'S BORDER; U.N. CHIEF OPTIMISTIC

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Syria was reported today to have rushed more armor and troops to its positions near Lake Tiberias, apparently in response to Israeli warnings that continued Syrian attacks against the demilitarized zone would evoke a military response from Israel. Dispatches from Damascus continued to report that Syrian Army alert and mobilization orders remained in force.

Reports from northern Israel indicated today that the Syrians had been adding artillery to their positions on the heights overlooking Israeli settlements in the southeastern region of Lake Tiberias. Increased military movements also were indicated on other sections of the Israeli-Syrian front, the Syrians apparently responded to fears of an Israeli counter-action.

The increased movements of Syrian troops and equipment were noted as General Carl G. von Horn, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization, informed the Israeli Foreign Ministry today he was confident that a visit he made to Damascus Tuesday would result in easing of tensions in the border area.

General von Horn made the visit in response to warnings by Israeli officials that continued Syrian attacks on settlements in the demilitarized zone, and on Israeli fishermen on the lake, would not be permitted to continue indefinitely without an Israeli counter-action. Brigadier Abraham Yoffo, the Israeli commander in the area, said yesterday on the Military Broadcasting Station that, if Syrian attacks continued, the Israeli Army would not hesitate to use its weapons to protect life and work in the region.

While Foreign Ministry officials declined to reveal the text of the UNTSO chief's communication, it was understood he reported that the Syrians had promised him they would not fire on Israeli farmers in the demilitarized zone.

Israeli officials, commenting on General von Horn's reported assurance, said that, whatever Syrian promises might be, what was important was their behavior in the area. According to diplomatic sources, the United States Ambassador in Damascus also appealed to Syrian authorities to prevent deterioration of the border situation.

GOLDA MEIR TO ADDRESS U. N. ASSEMBLY TODAY ON ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 13. (JTA) -- After three full weeks of debate on the Arab refugee question, a high point of the discussions is expected to be reached tomorrow, when a full exposition of Israel's attitude will be presented here by Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister.

A leading member of the British Commonwealth--New Zealand--publicly "identified" itself here today with the denunciation of Arabic anti-Semitic attacks against Israel. O. P. Gabites, New Zealand's Consul-General in New York, acting as his country's representative in the General Assembly's Special Political Committee, touched on the issue of Arab accusations about alleged Israeli "Nazism" when he took the floor to participate in the Committee's debate of the Arab refugee problem.

Without repeating the terms in which Denmark had denounced the Arab Nazi accusations here earlier this week as "indecent," Mr. Gabites told the committee his Government "identified itself fully with Denmark's statement" on the issue. As a Government that has admitted as immigrants many refugees from Nazism, he said, "New Zealand knows what Nazism is."

On the principal issue under debate, concerning the Arab refugees, Mr. Gabites rejected the Moslem, pro-Arab resolution calling for a UN custodian over property allegedly left by the refugees when they fled Israel. He called this resolution "a partisan proposal that one side is quite unable to accept." By "one side," he meant Israel.

He pleaded with the Arabs "to drop their pretense that Israel doesn't exist" but also asked that Israel make itself acceptable to its neighboring Arab states. He suggested that Israel might help matters by admitting "a number" of refugees, so long as its security is not endangered by such token admissions.

Another facet of the Arabic attacks against Israel along distorted lines came up today when Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative, who has for nearly three weeks attempted to reply to every fabrication dug up by the Arabs, answered a point previously made by Tunisia's representative, Mohamed Badra. The latter had dragged in the case of a former Jew, converted to Catholicism, who had been denied by Israel's Supreme Court the right to obtain citizenship as a "Jew," but was not denied citizenship per se. Mr. Badra called that ruling an illustration of Israel's "discrimination."

To straighten the record, Mr. Comay went into "this complex case," pointing out that "there was no question of this man's right to remain in Israel and to become a citizen. He is welcome to do so. Israel's citizens include members of all faiths."

Iceland, Ivory Coast, Ask for Arab-Israeli Peace Negotiations

Two of today's speakers, representing, respectively, Iceland and the Ivory Coast, requested passage of the 21-member resolution presented here earlier this week, calling for direct peace talks between the Arab states and Israel. Iceland flatly rejected the United States stand on that resolution, which the Washington spokesman had called "unrealistic."

Kristjan Albertsson, of Iceland, maintained he "could not see what harm could be done by an appeal for direct negotiations, since peace could not be attained by any other means. Circumstances change. Never say never in politics."

Asserting that "the rights of the people of Israel as well as of the Palestine Arabs" have to be considered, he quoted a statement by Secretary-General U Thant in favor of negotiations in general. "U Thant has said," the Icelandic diplomat declared, "that, when the future of mankind was at stake, no country or interested group could afford to take a rigid stand or claim that duty it was right. No difficult problem could be solved to the complete satisfaction of all concerned, U Thant had said. Imperfect solutions must be found, this is an imperfect world."

Arsene A. Usher, of the Ivory Coast, made a strong plea for observance of the principle of negotiations, and urged the Arabs to help solve the refugee problem. He derided what he called "efforts to a solution" which rested on "combating Zionism" and on appointing a UN custodian in Israel. He upbraided the Arabs for "picking and choosing"

He upbraided the Arabs for "picking and choosing" among various previous Assembly resolutions which they liked or disliked and even picking portions of a long resolution while rejecting other parts of the same measure. He insisted that peace negotiations were the only way out of the dilemma, telling the Arabs they could proceed to negotiate inasmuch as they had already negotiated directly with Israel when the 1949 Armistice talks were held.

Pakistan, one of the three Moslem co-sponsors of the pro-Arab resolution calling for the appointment of a UN refugee property custodian inside Israel, asked the committee to approve that resolution--a move "viewed here as lost. The speaker for Pakistan, P. F. S. Ataullah, also warmly praised Dr. John H. Davis, Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, whose report to the committee this year has been denounced as outright anti-Israeli and pro-Arab.

Mr. Ataullah brought in a new slur against Jews, heretofore unthought of even by the Arabs. Denouncing the immigration of Jews to Israel, he told the committee that Zionists "had gathered to Palestine from all parts of the world on a mythical assumption that the bones of some ancient Hebrew patriarchs and kings and warriors lay buried in some obscure parts of the land." Thus, the Moslem dismissed all of Biblical history.

ESHKOL REPORTS TO KNESSET ON COMPANY FORMED TO DEVELOP ATOMIC ENERGY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Finance Minister Levi Eshkol told Israel's Parliament today--in response to sharp opposition party criticism--that the formation of a government company to develop and exploit atomic energy for peaceful purposes had been motivated by the need to relieve the government of the heavy burden of financing such development.

He made the statement in reply to charges that the company had been set up to bypass Parliamentary control. After proposing that the question be submitted to a committee, the critics withdrew motions for a general debate on the question. Incorporated at 50,000,000 pounds (\$16,666,666), the firm's founding shareholders include Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, Mr. Eshkol, and Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres as representatives of the government.

The Finance Minister also rejected allegations that the project was kept secret until the company's formation was announced on December 9. He recalled recommendations he had made to the Knesset last year to mobilize supplementary funds for security needs from sources other than taxation. He added that when prospective donors, both individuals and institutions, were canvassed for support of the project, they indicated they preferred subscribing to the project.

It was then decided, with approval of the state controller, he added, to form a limited company for atomic energy development. He said that the shares would not pay dividends and that the only founders were holders of shares, a majority of whom were representatives of the Government. They will control the company's policies, he said. All shareholders will sign a first waiver of rights to the Government and he assured the Knesset that the company's activities would come under control of Parliament.

The Herut, Mapam, Communist, Liberals and Agudat Israel challenged both the company's formulation and its "partisan aspect" as reflected in the personalities of the shareholders. The critics said the arrangement was tantamount to handing over total control of a "most sensitive instrument" to a "partisan group." So grave a matter, which might determine the fate of the nation, must be vested in a public authority and cannot become the exclusive domain of Government parties, they declared.

U.N. BODY ACCEPTS RECOMMENDATION ON PAYMENTS FOR EMERGENCY FORCE

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The General Assembly's Administrative and Budgetary Committee voted overwhelmingly to accept the advisory opinion rendered last summer by the International Court of Justice which held that all member states must share the costs of financing the operations of the United Nations Emergency Force which is stationed on the Egyptian-Israeli frontier in the Gaza area.

Israel voted with the majority of 75 for the resolution. There were 17 negative votes and 14 abstentions. The Committee also recommended that the Assembly set up a working group to study the criteria for sharing the costs of the UN peace-keeping operations. An earlier working group of 15 members was enlarged to 21 members.

On the main issue of acceptance or non-acceptance of the Court's advisory opinion, there was a hot fight by a number of members including the Russian and Arab blocs, backed in this instance by Belgium. This grouping tried to change the wording so that the Assembly would not "accept" the Court's opinion, but only "note" that it had been submitted. This move was defeated on a separate roll call in which again Israel voted for the word "accept."

BRITAIN TO PAY CLAIMANTS FOR PROPERTY NATIONALIZED IN EGYPT

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The British Government announced last night it would give full payment to about 90 per cent of claimants for losses in Egypt arising from the nationalization and confiscation of British property following the 1956 Suez operation against Egypt. The claimants include a substantial number of Jews.

To make the payments possible, the Government said in Parliament, it would pay into an Egyptian compensation fund about 5,500,000 pounds sterling (\$15,400,000), in addition to the amount already in that fund amounting to 29,500,000 pounds (\$82,600,000). The total to be used for the payment of such claims will therefore exceed 35,000,000 pounds sterling (\$98,000,000).

HADASSAH WORK ON LEPROSY IN ISRAEL PRAISED BY U.S. HEALTH EXPERT

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Although there are only 200 leprosy cases in Israel, the work done by Hadassah and Israel's Health Ministry here on behalf of those patients has resulted in "wide repercussions" in Asia and Africa, where that dread disease is a grave problem, Mary Switzer, American director of the Federal Office of Rehabilitation at Washington, declared here today.

The American official is here to attend the second conference of the Israel Rehabilitation Council. She is the first woman recipient of the coveted Albert Lasker Award for international work in rehabilitation of disabled persons, an honor given to her two years ago.

CATHOLIC CARDINAL IN FRANCE URGES BETTER RELATIONS WITH JEWS

PARIS, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- One of France's leading Catholic prelates urged today that Christians cleanse themselves of anti-Semitism and work for "the important concept of Jewish-Christian friendship."

The appeal was made by Cardinal Gerlier, Archbishop of Lyons, in an introduction written for a book by a priest, Jean Toulat, dealing with the Jewish problem. "The Ecumenical spirit and not less the Biblical revival must engage all Christians to revise the position of Israel's sins and lead them to discover in Judaism the roots from which all Christian cults stem," the Cardinal asserted.

Cardinal Gerlier, who was one of the leaders of the "liberal" movement in the first phase of the Ecumenical Council in Rome, recalled Paul's belief that a day would come when Israel and the Church would form "a single nation before God." He added that such "perspectives" have been "crushed by centuries of anti-Semitism."

Declaring that "it is not certain that all traces of anti-Semitism have disappeared" even in some who call themselves disciples of Christianity, he called for Jewish-Christian understanding and urged all Christians to further this "sincerely and wholeheartedly."

Jewish sources read the statement with satisfaction. Some observers suggested that coming just after the Cardinal's return from Rome, his statement might foreshadow a major move in support of his stand on Jewish-Christian relations.

GERMAN TEACHERS, PUPILS ATTEND TRIAL ON KILLING OF 40,000 KRAKOW JEWS

FLensburg, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A Jewish doctor, testifying in the trial of former SS Major Martin Fellenz on charges of killing 40,000 Jews in Nazi-occupied Krakow in Poland, said today that "only another Dante could describe what happened."

The audience before which he testified included school children and their teachers who filled the visitors benches. Initially German public interest in the trial was negligible but interest has been growing steadily and the children and their teachers are getting a first-hand acquaintance with the ultimate meaning of Nazi racial theories. Screams, shots, blood, dead bodies are the content of the facts recalled regularly by Jewish witnesses from Israel, the United States, Canada and Holland.

The 53-year-old Schleswig businessman is charged with having directed the removal of Jews from five Polish towns to nearby areas where they were immediately shot or to death camps near Lublin. Another 50 witnesses remain to be heard by the jury court of three judges and six jurors. They must determine whether Fellenz was responsible for the fatal deportations of the 40,000 Jews, merely the instrument of his superiors or only an observer.

EX-NAZI TESTIFIES ON KILLING JEWISH WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN CHELMNO

BCNN, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A 67-year-old former policeman in the Chelmno concentration camp in Nazi-occupied Poland testified today at the trial of 13 former Nazis here that it was mainly Jewish women and children who were the victims of the mass murder program at the camp. The defendants are charged with participating in the wartime killing of 180,000 Jews there.

Kurt Moebius of Aix La Chapelle, the former policeman, insisted the SS had always tried to leave the actual killings to the Nazi police at the camp and that he had done nothing but obey orders.

The prosecution entered today into the court record a secret letter dated May 1, 1942 from the sectional Gestapo leader to Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler, which read: "The special treatment in my region now is almost completed. More than 100,000 Jews have been liquidated. I suggest now that we kill 230,000 Poles suffering from tuberculosis."

PRESIDENT KENNEDY URGED TO SECURE U.S. RATIFICATION OF GENOCIDE PACT

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) - The American Jewish Congress called on President Kennedy to take the lead in securing long-delayed U.S. ratification of the United Nations Genocide Convention.

The action came in a telegram to the White House in connection with observation this week of the fourteenth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention by the United Nations General Assembly.

PARIS PARLEY ASKS U.S.S.R. TO REHABILITATE EXECUTED JEWISH WRITERS

PARIS, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A resolution calling upon the authorities of the Soviet Union to rehabilitate the names of Jewish writers executed during the anti-Jewish-intellectual purge of 1952, under the Stalin regime, was adopted here today by the Conference of Jewish Journalists and Educators. The parley was held under the auspices of the World Jewish Congress. The conference also called upon the Soviet Union to grant equal cultural and religious rights to Russian Jews, on a par with other minority groups.

BIRCH SOCIETY ANNOUNCES ASSOCIATION WITH ROCKWELL'S FINANCIAL BACKER

BOSTON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A Joe McCarthy Bookstore, named for the late Wisconsin Senator, will open for business here Monday under sponsorship of the right-wing John Birch Society and operated by Speros Lagoulis, close friend and financial supporter of George Rockwell, head of the American Nazi party, the Boston Herald reported yesterday.

Philip K. Langan, New England coordinator for the Birch society, was quoted on the plans for the first operating association of the extreme rightist group and the neo-Nazi party. Langan said that a brochure on the store, which will feature a stock of "American" books, periodicals and pamphlets, was being prepared and would be sent to Birch Society members soon.

The store will operate seven days a week, Langan said. Birch members have been urged to offer their services as part-time clerks and several persons who are not Birch members have already volunteered, he added, according to the Herald.

Lagoulis was fined \$25 in Boston Municipal Court in 1961 for using the name "Nathan Ginsburg" to register hotel rooms for Rockwell and an aide when they came to Boston in January 1961 to picket the movie "Exodus." On one occasion, Rockwell was arrested in Topfield while using a car registered in the name of Lagoulis' wife.

DEMOTION OF JEWISH WARDEN IN ALABAMA STATE PRISON EVOKES PROTESTS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The action of the Alabama State Board of Corrections in demoting a Jewish warden at a state prison, Martin I. Wiman, has created speculation that one of the factors in the decision is that the warden is Jewish, the Birmingham News asserted editorially.

The demotion was approved by a three to two decision and the Birmingham daily said in its editorial that "shock waves are being felt throughout the state--and right into the Governor's office."

The daily declared that the "major shocker" was the fact that a convict's testimony should carry so much weight in evaluating a professional penologist's administrative policies. It called Warden Wiman "one of the most highly regarded professionals in the Alabama prison system, to which Corrections Commissioner Frank Lee's vigorous defense of Wiman before the board attests."

The charges against the warden included allegations by Chaplain R. S. Watson that the warden was not a religious man, a judgment obviously based on difference in religious belief and practice between the two men. In testimony before the Corrections Board, Chaplain Watson admitted that there had been sharp differences between him and the warden, who denied all the charges.

MAIL IN FLORIDA USED FOR ANTI-JEWISH INCITEMENT; PROBE STARTED

CORAL GABLES, Fla., Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Postal authorities started an investigation today into mail received by a Coral Gables Jewish businessman containing violent anti-Jewish propaganda.

Samuel Blair said he received an envelope with a Miami postmark in which a dollar sign had been substituted for the first letter of his first name, followed by a hammer and sickle and a Star of David. Mr. Blair said he felt the "decorations" should have "caught some official's eye before it got to me." The envelope contained anti-Jewish propaganda material including a pamphlet signed by George Rockwell, founder of the American Nazi party.

GERMAN CONSULATE IN CHICAGO TO EASE FILING OF CLAIMS BY NAZI VICTIMS

CHICAGO, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A representative of the West German Government here today assured heads of the Jewish Nazi Victims of America that he will ask Bonn to facilitate the filing of indemnification and restitution claims by former Nazi victims living in this area of the Middle East.

Leaders of the organization, headed by the group's president, M. I. Tochatchevsky, including Felix Lasky, of New York, as well as representatives from Wisconsin and Indiana, met here with German Consul-General Gunther B. Mats. The Jewish leaders requested that physicians appointed in this city to inquire into the necessary medical history of claimants include some who understand Yiddish. Mr. Mats agreed with the justice of the claim.

PHOENIX JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADER NAMED JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Irwin Cantor, former Phoenix city attorney, has been named by Governor Paul Fannin to one of two judgeships in Maricopa County Superior Court. The new Superior Court judge was president of Temple Shalom for three years and is a member of B'nai B'rith. Since 1959, he has been one of the three Arizona members of the National Commission on Uniform Laws.

LIPSKY PRESENTED WITH THE 1962 JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AWARD

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Louis Lipsky, veteran Zionist leader, was presented with the 1962 Seminary Award of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America at ceremonies last night which were held in connection with the ninth annual Chaim Weizmann lecture of the Seminary Israel Institute at the Seminary.

The award was accepted for the Zionist leader by his son, Eleazar Lipsky. The award was given to Mr. Lipsky for distinguished service to the world community of Judaism. Eleazar Lipsky read the acceptance reply in his father's absence. The veteran Zionist leader said he particularly wanted to pay tribute to Dr. Solomon Schechter, founder of the Seminary, whom he described as a friend who had been deeply devoted to the Zionist cause.

Mr. Lipsky paid tribute to Dr. Weizmann, Israel's first President, as one under whom "the grand tradition of Zionist leadership was restored." "Chaim Weizmann was the builder of the Jewish Homeland, the man who laid the foundations of all the institutions which were to make statehood possible," Mr. Lipsky added. "The dream of his youth--a Jewish State, as the organic creation of a dedicated Jewish people--was being fulfilled in his own age. He had never really expected that to happen."

Mrs. Rose Halprin, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, paid tribute to Mr. Lipsky, declaring she did not agree with the view that he had sacrificed a promising literary career to devote himself to the Zionist cause. She said that although Mr. Lipsky might have missed writing a few books, history would write them for him in his name and achievements as a Zionist leader.

Delivering the Chaim Weizmann lecture, Ambassador Avraham Harman told the 200 guests that throughout his Zionist career, Dr. Weizmann had believed that a people had to prepare itself for independence and that a number of steps had to be traveled on the long road to national independence.

The Israeli envoy said that Dr. Weizmann had noted frequently, in the few years that remained to him after the rebirth of Israel, that the British Mandatory regime had left the Jews in Palestine with "organized chaos" but that the Jews were able to start operating a state machinery almost from scratch because they had prepared the instruments of statehood long before.

\$450,000 RAISED AT NEW YORK DINNER FOR WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The sum of \$450,000 was raised at the 17th annual dinner tonight of the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science which was attended by 1,500 persons.

The proceeds of the \$250-per-plate dinner and other special gifts will be used for budgetary support of the Weizmann Institutes research program in the natural sciences. The guests included ten Nobel Prize Laureates. They were Dr. Andre F. Courand, Dr. Vincent du Vigneaud, Dr. Robert Hofstadter, Dr. Fritz A. Lipmann, Dr. Rudolf L. Mossbauer, Dr. Severo Ochoa, Dr. Isidor I. Rabi, Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, Dr. William Shockley, and Dr. Selman A. Waksman.

The program tonight was developed in observance of the tenth anniversary of the death of Dr. Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first President, for whom the Institute is named. Dr. Weizmann's favorite musical compositions, Beethoven's Egmont Overture and Bloch's Sh'lomo Hebrew Rhapsody were performed by the Music for Westchester Symphony Orchestra directed by Siegfried Landau, with Leonard Rose as cello soloist.

A dramatic presentation highlighted major aspects in Dr. Weizmann's career as statesman and scientist. Meyer W. Weisgal, executive head of the Institute gave the prologue to the presentation.

95 STUDENTS OF NEW YORK PUBLIC SCHOOLS WIN PRIZES IN HEBREW CONTEST

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Prizes in the 20th annual city-wide Hebrew Language Contest were awarded today to 95 public junior and senior high school students at exercises today at the New York City Board of Education headquarters. The prizes included four scholarships of \$100 each to be applied to fees for the 1963 Israel Summer Seminar.

More than 2,000 students, all studying Hebrew, took part in the competition, representing 62 schools. The contest is sponsored by the Hebrew Culture Council of the Jewish Education Committee of New York, in cooperation with the junior and senior high school divisions of the Board of Education and the Hebrew Division of Hunter College.

PROMINENT BRAZILIAN JEWISH ARCHITECTS RECEIVE SAO PAULO STATE PRIZE

SAO PAULO, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Wladimir Kliass, a prominent Jewish architect, together with Mrs. Kliass, a specialist in garden architecture, were awarded first prize today at the 27th Salon of Arts of the State of Sao Paulo.