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KNESSET BODY FORMS 'PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY' ON NUCLEAR ENERGY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The Foreign Affairs Committee of Israel's Parliament established today a committee of coalition and opposition members to serve as a "special Parliamentary authority" on matters of nuclear research for peaceful purposes.

Creation of the Kneset committee represented a settlement of vigorous complaints by opposition parties against the Government over formation of a company to develop and exploit atomic energy for peaceful uses. The dispute erupted in charges in the Kneset last week and a defense by Finance Minister Levi Eshkol.

The Finance Minister rejected allegations that the project was designed to bypass Parliamentary control and that it had been kept secret until the company's formation was announced on December 9. He said the company had been created to relieve the Government of the heavy burden of financing such development and he assured the critics that the company's activities would come under Parliamentary control.

The announcement of the formation of the Kneset committee was taken as an indication that the objective was to ensure Parliamentary control of all phases of the development of nuclear energy.

BRITAIN CHARGED WITH BAD FAITH ON HANDLING COMPENSATION FROM EGYPT

LONDON, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- A former British Ambassador to Cairo bitterly attacked the British Government last night in the House of Commons, charging bad faith in top government's handling of compensation to British subjects including many Jews--for lost British assets in Egypt following the 1956 Suez campaign.

Lord Killearn made his charges during the second reading of the foreign compensation bill to enable the Government to carry out a final compensation settlement. Asserting that Britain "ran high" in Britain on the issue, he recalled that 8,000 British subjects had been driven out of Egypt.

He said the British Prime Minister had given undertakings for "complete restitution as an alternative complete compensation" and that the then Foreign Secretary, Selwyn Lloyd, has given an "implicit pledge" that 93,000,000 pounds (\$260,400,000) in Egyptian credits in London would be security for such compensation.

Lord Killearn charged that there had been several attempts to "run away from these pledges" and asked: "When is a pledge not a pledge?" He said the victims of the Suez confiscations should not be made to repay loans made to them because they had to spend the loans to live.

An estimate of British property frozen in Egypt was given as 20,000,000 pounds (\$6,000,000) against which the Government compensation plan provides 2,500,000 pounds (\$750,000) plus arrangements for a committee to examine cases of claims of hardship. Despite Lord Killearn's protests, the bill was read a second time and passed through all stages.

ITALIAN PREMIER ASSURES BEN-GURION ON SUPPORT IN EUROMART TALKS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Giuseppe Saragat, Italian Social Democrat leader, assured Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion today of Italy's support for Israel's effort to initiate trade ties with the European Common Market nations.

The visiting Socialist leader transmitted to the Prime Minister a message from Italian Premier Fanfani expressing Italy's understanding of the Euromart's overriding importance to Israel and the assurance that the Italian Government in principle favored the working out of a satisfactory arrangement with Euromart.

Saragat, who is secretary general of the Italian Social Democrat party, told correspondents his party favored the expansion of Israeli ties with Italy and he stressed Italy's desire to maintain friendly relations with both Israel and the Arab states. In addition to meeting with Mr. Ben-Gurion, the visiting leader conferred with a number of Cabinet members and high Foreign Office officials.

YOSSELE SCHUMACHER TELLS COURT HOW UNCLE TOOK HIM TO HIDING PLACE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Yossele Schumacher testified today in the trial of Shalom Shtarkes, the uncle who is charged with complicity in the boy's two-year disappearance and hiding, that the defendant took him to his first hiding place in Israel--a yeshiva in Rishon L'Zion in the Tel Aviv area.

The crowded courtroom was cleared when the boy, whose disappearance led to a search on three continents, took the stand. This was done out of consideration for the child, but the text of his testimony was later released to the press.

Yossele told the court that, while he was living with his grandfather, Nachman Shtarkes, he was told that his parents planned to return with him to Russia, where he would live with Gentiles and be like a Gentile. His parents had turned him and his sister over to the grandfather, shortly after they came to Israel, while they were seeking to establish a home. The grandfather returned the girl at the parents' request but held Yossele, contending the parents would not give him an adequately traditional Jewish education.

At the yeshiva, the boy testified, he was warned that police were searching for him and he was forbidden to walk on the main road. Later he was taken in a car from the yeshiva to Kommemiut, an Agudat Israel village, by his uncle, he testified.

Says He Followed His Uncle Willingly to Hiding Place

Yossele said he went willingly because he had been persuaded his parents meant to take him back to Russia. During all this time, he said, he did not see his parents. The youthful witness was not questioned by the prosecution about interim events of his long disappearance. He was the only witness to identify the defendant as the person who arranged his transfer to Kommemiut.

Rachel Kutt, who actually lodged Yoselle in Kommemiut, told the court that Chalom Shtarkes was definitely not the person who brought the boy to the Orthodox village.

The boy's mother also testified, declaring that she met with evasion when she sought the boy from his grandfather, who spent more than a year in prison for his refusal to co-operate with the authorities in locating the missing boy. She testified that the grandfather, in refusing to return the boy, said "you will see him again when you are worthy."

The boy, who was smuggled out of Israel, was tracked down by United States Secret Service operatives at the home of a Brooklyn rabbi last July, and restored to his parents. His uncle went to London where, he was arrested on an Israeli extradition warrant and returned to Israel for trial.

J. R. S. C. MEETS IN NEW YORK; DISTRIBUTED \$40,000,000 FOR NAZI VICTIMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The annual meeting of the Jewish Restitution Successor Organization, held here last night, highlighted the fact that it had distributed nearly \$40,000,000 for worldwide programs conducted for the benefit of Jewish victims of Nazi persecution, since the start of operations in Germany in 1948.

Maurice M. Boukstein was elected president of the JRSO for the coming year. Other officers elected included Monroe Goldwater, chairman of the executive committee; Jacob Blaustein, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Dr. Isaac Lewin, Dr. Nehemiah Robinson, Hermann Simon, and Edward M. M. Warburg, vice-presidents; David Glickman and Shad Polier, co-treasurers; Saul Kagan, secretary.

NAZI CHIEF CHARGED WITH KILLING 100,000 PERSONS ARRESTED IN SPAIN

FRANKFURT, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Fritz Bauer, Hesse chief public prosecutor, announced today the arrest in Barcelona a few days ago of Reinhold Paul Vorberg on charges of responsibility in the mass murder of 100,000 persons in the Nazi euthanasia program.

Dr. Bauer said that Vorberg, who was a department head in Hitler's Chancellery, was responsible for planning and preparing the murders of mentally affected victims as well as sick concentration camp inmates.

He said Vorberg falsified his name, age and birthplace after the Hitler regime collapsed, and disappeared in south Germany. From 1952 until a year ago he worked for a firm in Bonn. Last year, apparently as a result of a warning, Vorberg fled from Germany. He was arrested in Barcelona on a warrant issued by the Frankfurt court.

GERMANS REFUSE TO PAY FINE FOR SAILOR SHOUTING 'HEIL HITLER' IN ISRAEL

HAIFA, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The company representing the West German shipping firm employing Manfred Gottlicher, 18, indicated today it would not pay the fine of 2,000 pounds (\$667) imposed on the sailor for insulting the State of Israel and shouting "Heil Hitler" in Haifa. The sailor also was sentenced to four months in prison. The fine was levied as an alternative to an additional six months' imprisonment, which he will have to serve since the fine will not be paid.

TORTURE OF MINSK JEWS BEFORE EXECUTION DESCRIBED AT GERMAN TRIAL

COBLENZ, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The prosecution in the trial of 12 former Nazis charged with the wartime slaughter of some 3,000 Jews in Nazi-occupied Minsk introduced a report today challenging the claim of a former German chief prosecutor in Minsk that he had learned of the killings only in evening chats with colleagues.

The witness was Willi Foge, 56, now a public prosecutor in Kaiserlautern. The report was one made by one of Foge's subordinates in Minsk. Foge had claimed that the SS and the SD had their own jurisdiction in the area during the time he was in charge of the criminal court of the German civil administration there. As such, he told the court, he was not permitted to prosecute political cases, such as those of Jews destined for liquidation about which, officially, he said, he had no knowledge.

The report of his wartime subordinate said that before prisoners under Foge's jurisdiction were taken from the Minsk prison to be killed, those with gold teeth had the teeth removed without anesthetics, causing disorders in the prison. Foge admitted today in court that he could not keep order in a Nazi prison at Minsk because of the screams of the Jewish prisoners as SS men tore the gold teeth from their mouths prior to execution.

Foge said that although he was the senior German law officer in Minsk, he was powerless to prevent the executions. He said the SS men regularly cleared the jails of prisoners under his jurisdiction and executed them. "If I had tried to do anything about it, I would have landed in a concentration camp myself," he told the court.

He admitted meeting one of the defendants, former SS elite officer Georg Heuser, in Kaiserlautern, after the war. Heuser was at that time criminal police chief of the State of Rhineland Palatinate. He is charged on more than 30,000 counts of murder during the massacre of Jews in Minsk. Asked why he had not reported Heuser to the authorities, Foge said that although he recognized Heuser he thought he was a pre-war acquaintance from Berlin and did not connect him with Minsk.

EX-NAZI DESCRIBES IN COURT THE GASSING OF JEWS IN CHELMNO CAMP

BONN, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- One of the 13 former Nazi stormtroopers and security police officers charged with complicity in the murder of 180,000 Jews in the Chelmo camp in Nazi-occupied Poland said today in the trial that "all this was nonsensical but what could we unimportant people do against an order?"

Ernst Burmeister, 63, was charged in the indictment with supervising in 1944 the herding of Jews into poison gas vans at Chelmo. Before the jury court here, he described today in detail the various stages of preparing the vans and the subsequent burning of masses of corpses.

He also recalled how relatives of intended murder victims were deceived with postcards written by some of the Jews in Chelmo which read: "We are well, we are working in Germany." These were later dispatched from points in Germany. Throughout his testimony, Burmeister referred to S.S. Colonel Bothman as the person in command at Chelmo. Bothman committed suicide in a British internment camp in 1946.

KLUTZNICK QUILTS U.S. MISSION AT U.N.; KENNEDY EXPRESSES REGRET

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The resignation of Philip M. Klutznick from his Ambassadorial post as a member of the United States delegation to the United Nations for the last two years will take effect Friday, it was revealed here today through the disclosure of an exchange of letters between Mr. Klutznick and President Kennedy.

In his letter to the President, Mr. Klutznick recalled that he had informed Mr. Kennedy last fall that he would have to retire from the delegation "for personal and business reasons." Mr. Klutznick, former national president of B'nai B'rith and ex-general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, has been serving chiefly as the American representative to the UN Economic and Social Council.

Replying to Mr. Klutznick, President Kennedy wrote "I am disappointed to see you leave the Mission." He expressed "warm appreciation" for Mr. Klutznick's services, and accepted the resignation "with regret."

Mr. Klutznick made it clear in his letter to the President that he would remain a member of the UN Mission here until the present session of the Assembly is concluded. The Assembly will close Friday. It is understood that Mr. Klutznick will return to his permanent home in a Chicago suburb.

JEWS TO REPLACE NON-JEWS ON CHRISTMAS IN LONDON HOSPITAL SERVICE

LONDON, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- An estimated 1,000 Jews will go into hospitals on Christmas day to take over the duties of a similar number of Christians so that the latter can spend the holiday with their families. One of the first Jews to volunteer was F.A. Lincoln, an attorney who initiated the idea three years ago.

THREE ACTIVE JEWISH LEADERS ELECTED TO MANITOBA PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY

WINNIPEG, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Three active Jewish communal leaders were elected to the Manitoba Provincial Assembly. Saul Cherniack, a 45-year-old attorney and national vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, was elected for Winnipeg-St. Johns; Morris A. Gray, a veteran labor Zionist, was elected for Winnipeg-Inkster; and Maitland Steinkopf was elected for Winnipeg-River Heights. This is the first time the Manitoba legislature will have three Jewish members.

JEWISH EXPERT NAMED CONSULTANT TO U. S. MISSIONS IN LATIN AMERICA

MIAMI, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Jack D. Gordon, president of Washington Federal Savings and Loan Association, has been named by the United States Department of State as a home financing consultant for State Department missions in Latin America.

He has carried out missions for the State Department in Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Ethiopia. He has helped those countries set up national savings and loan programs to expand home ownership. He was invited last September by the United Nations to attend a UN seminar on Latin American housing which was held in Copenhagen.

COORDINATION URGED AMONG FOUR ORTHODOX RABBINICAL GROUPS IN U.S.

BELLE HARBOR, N. Y., Dec. 19. (JTA) -- A call for the establishment of a permanent committee to coordinate the activities of the four Orthodox rabbinical organizations now in existence in this country was issued here today at the annual convention of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada.

The call was issued by Rabbi Judah Altuski, of The Bronx, who told the parley that the various branches of organized Orthodoxy in America must "discuss the future, and create a common platform for all earnest and well-intentioned Orthodox rabbis."

In another address, Rabbi Shlomo David Shapiro, of Brooklyn, called upon the rabbis to come out clearly in favor of federal aid to parochial schools and in favor of the type of prayer in public schools which was banned by the United States Supreme Court decision of last June.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY TO OFFER GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS FOR STUDY OF HEBREW

NEW YORK, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- Graduate fellowships for the study of the Hebrew language and for the study of Hebrew culture and education will be offered at New York University for the 1963-64 academic year, it was announced here today by the university. Available to college graduates, the fellowships are offered under the National Defense Education Act and will enable recipients to work for the master of arts degree in philosophy, and doctor of education degrees. All fellowships provide free tuition at New York University.

Fellowships in the Hebrew language have been designed for students interested in pursuing college teaching careers or entering fields of government service for which a command of Hebrew is required. They provide \$2,250 per year, plus \$600 annually for each dependent, and may be renewed for a second and third year. Fellowships for the study of Hebrew culture and education are granted for three years, with amounts of \$2,000 for the first year, \$2,200 for the second, and \$2,400 for the third, plus an allowance of \$400 annually for each dependent.

DROPSIE COLLEGE ANNOUNCES FELLOWSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- The Dropsie College today announced for the academic year 1963-1964, fellowships ranging to \$1,000. These are available to qualified graduate students who are candidates for advanced degrees in Hebrew and interrelated Semitic disciplines, education, and in the language and area studies of the modern and contemporary Middle East.

The curriculum offered by the College includes Biblical Literature, Rabbinic Literature, Hebrew Language and Literature, Semitic Languages, Islamic Studies, History, Philosophy, Assyriology, Comparative Religion, Education and the language and area studies of the modern Middle East. Applications should be submitted before March 15. Students may also apply for fellowships in Modern Arabic and Hebrew under Title VI of the National Defense Education Act. These applications must be submitted before January 31, 1963.

MEMORIAL FOR JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS TO BE ERECTED IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19. (JTA) -- A long-planned memorial for the 6,000,000 Jewish martyrs who died at the hands of the Nazis in Europe during World War II is getting underway and will be erected in Philadelphia in 1963, it was announced here today. First planned by the Association of Jewish New Americans in Philadelphia, the memorial will be erected at the entrance to the new Gratz College building here. It is being sponsored by the Committee for the Monument in Memory of the Six Million Martyrs.

The monument will stand 18 feet tall and will be designed and executed by the internationally known sculptor Nathan Rappaport. Mr. Rappaport also created the huge monument to the Warsaw Ghetto in Poland and a monument in Israel in memory of Mordecai Anielewicz, the great leader of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. The Association of Jewish New Americans is made up of over 350 families who came to the United States as refugees from Nazism.