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SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN LVOV CLOSE DOWN THE LAST SYNAGOGUE IN CITY

LONDON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The only synagogue in Lvov, capital of Western Ukraine, the Soviet Union, has been closed down, leaving the 30,000 Jews in that city of nearly half-million population without a single house of worship, according to a report published here today by the Sunday Telegraph.

The shutdown, according to the newspaper, was the culmination of a year-long campaign carried on by the Communist press and by authorities at Lvov, topped by a demand the Lvov Pravda, organ of the local Communist Party, which stated: "The time has come finally to close the synagogue, which has become a shelter for idlers, speculators, parasites and moneygrabbers."

Last spring, the Sunday Telegraph reported, articles appeared in the controlled press Lvov, linking the synagogue with "economic crimes." Pointing out that the local authorities were making of the Lvov Jews "a scapegoat in the campaign against economic offenses," the newspaper reported that letters from "honest workers" and from "disillusioned believers" were printed in the Lvov press as part of the drive to discredit the synagogue.

Later, several members of the synagogue's board of directors were arrested and charged with "profiteering and hooliganism." Finally, the local Pravda printed a slant to the effect that the "synagogue's saints are dividing the profits" allegedly resulting from their economic crimes. The demand for absolute closure of the house of worship ended the campaign.

BEN-GURION REPORTS TO CABINET ON GOLDA MEIR'S TALK WITH KENNEDY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion today reported to Cabinet here on the talk which Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, had last week with President Kennedy at his "Winter White House" in Palm Beach, Florida.

Mrs. Meir is due to arrive here tonight from the United States. Upon her return to Jerusalem, the Cabinet will be convoked for a special meeting to hear from her a first-hand account of her conversation with President Kennedy and details of the subjects discussed.

Mrs. Meir left New York's International Airport for home last night after spending most of the fall and early winter months at the United Nations, attending the debate on the refugee problem. Her last formal visit in New York was made to pay a farewell call on United Nations Secretary-General U Thant Friday. State Department officials in Washington indicated the possibility that the subject of rockets might have been discussed with Mrs. Meir with President Kennedy.)

MIDDLE EAST ARMS RACE FOUND DEVELOPING TO ISRAEL'S DISADVANTAGE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, said today that a complete reappraisal of United States policy on future arms aid to Israel will be required because the Middle East arms race was developing to Israel's disadvantage.

Senator Javits, speaking at a meeting of the Jerusalem Journalists Association, also said that the recent United States agreement to sell Hawk anti-aircraft missiles to Israel was only the beginning, and that "further developments" along these lines could be expected during 1963. In the address, the Senator's only public appearance during his current visit, he also asserted that Israel's security was of the "utmost importance" to the world, and that Israel's preservation has always been and remains a cornerstone of United States policy.

Prior to his talk here, the Senator conferred for three hours with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion at the latter's vacation retreat at Sde Boker. Senator Javits also told the journalists that Israelis should not criticize United States aid to Arab countries. He said Israelis should realize United States responsibilities as a world power and also that the Arab standards of living was in Israel's interest.

Emphasizing United States principle of bipartisan foreign policy, the Senator said he commended President Kennedy's decision to recognize the new regime in Yemen which, he

added, was dictated by wider considerations and needs. He also emphasized the need for a revision of United States approaches to Israel.

The U. S. Senator crossed the Mandelbaum Gate into the part of Jerusalem held by the Jordanians, Friday, and visited the Wailing Wall. Today, the Jordanian press complained against the permission granted by their government for a visit by "the Zionist Senator."

The Senator and his family left for home today after a weekend during which they celebrated yesterday the Bar Mitzvah of young Joshua Javits with great eclat. The boy had been presented by Israel's President Izhak Ben-Zvi with a set of 13 gold medallions, marking Israel's 13th anniversary a year ago. Mr. Ben-Zvi expressed the hope that more American boys would celebrate their Bar Mitzvah in Jerusalem.

ISRAEL TO INTENSIFY ITS CAMPAIGN FOR SECURING LINK TO EUOMART

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30, (JTA) -- Israel's ambassadors in Western Europe will launch a widespread campaign among the nations of the European Common Market to gain public support for Israeli efforts to secure a suitable link with the European Economic Community which would protect her economic interests in trade with Western Europe, it was reported here today following a series of consultations between the Israeli envoys and Government officials here.

Following her return here from the United States, Foreign Minister Golda Meir is scheduled to confer with the ambassadors who have already met during the past 10 days with Ministers and officials of the Finance, Commerce, Development and Agriculture ministries.

The Israeli envoys are expected to shift from a policy of quiet diplomacy to an all-out offensive in preparation for a second round of negotiations with Euromart officials due to get underway at the end of January. The new talks are expected to be crucial in view of the wide gap between Israel's interests and those of the six Common Market nations.

Press reports here today indicated that, while the Euromart representatives have not yet made clear their attitude, it is already certain that they reject Finance Minister Levi Eshkol's proposals for a "wide and dynamic" agreement which would be almost tantamount to Israel's incorporation into the structure of the Common Market.

During the new round of talks efforts will be made by the Israeli representatives to widen the agenda in spite of a tendency by the EEC Council of Ministers to limit the subjects of the negotiations.

Frankly describing the situation as "serious," officials here express little hope for more than some form of interim agreement which would retain Israeli export quotas to Europe of citrus fruit and byproducts and certain Dead Sea minerals. Other Israeli products, however, may not benefit from the agreement.

ISRAEL CABINET ACCEPTS ROTHSCHILD OFFER TO FINANCE TV EDUCATION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 30. (JTA) - Against the reported opposition of Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, the Cabinet, at its regular weekly session here today, accepted the offer of the Rothschild Trust to finance an educational television project in Israel. Abba Eban, Minister of Education and Culture, was instructed by the Government to present the issue to the Knesset, Parliament, later this week.

Under the terms of the Cabinet's mandate, the educational television project will be conducted experimentally for a period of two to three years, during which the Ministry of Education will have exclusive jurisdiction over programming and instruction to be transmitted by TV. The construction and maintenance costs will be borne by the Rothschild Trust.

After two to three years, the Government is to reconsider the entire issue. If by that time, it is decided to continue educational-TV broadcasting here, the television set-up will become part of the Government's responsibility, similar to the Government ownership of the present radio and postal services.

The project is expected to have tough opposition when it comes before the Knesset. However, in view of the collective responsibility rule in the Government, which prohibits members of the coalition from opposing a Government motion supported by a Cabinet majority, the project is expected to receive parliamentary approval.

BRITISH UNION OF TEACHERS ADVANCES CHARGES AGAINST ANTI-SEMITES

LONDON, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Colin Jordan, imprisoned leader of the fascist British Union movement, will appear before the "professional conduct committee" of the British Union of Teachers Tuesday, to answer charges of unprofessional conduct outside the classroom where he taught at Coventry.

Jordan is serving a nine-month prison term for violating the Public Order Act through the conduct of anti-Semitic demonstrations. He is a member of the British Teachers Union. If found guilty by his union's committee, he could appeal the decision.

CHRISTMAS TREE BAN IN SHARON SCHOOLS LEADS TO COMMUNITY CONFLICT

SHARON, Pa., Dec. 30. (JTA) -- A committee of nine Sharon parents, school officials and representatives of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish communities will be named to study the issue of Christmas trees in Sharon public schools as the outgrowth of a divisive community battle on the question which led to abuses and threats of violence and bodily harm.

The struggle began when principals of three Sharon schools banned Christmas trees earlier this month, an act that touched off widespread protests and a petition for a public meeting to protest the decision and to seek to persuade the Sharon School Committee to reverse a directive under which the principals had acted. The School Committee refused earlier to hold a meeting for that purpose.

At the public meeting, attended by 800 aroused residents, the Rev. Daniel C. Tuttle, pastor of the Sharon First Baptist Church, proposed a resolution calling on the meeting chairman, William Eastman, to name the committee to study the issue and present a report by October 15, 1963. The resolution had been adopted unanimously by the Sharon Interfaith Council of which Rabbi Shemai Kanter of Temple Israel and Rabbi Henry Bamburger of Temple Sinai are members. The assemblage adopted the resolution.

The committee is to be made up of three of the six members of the School Committee, three parents named by the Parent-Teachers Association, and one representative of each of the three religious faiths. Two Jewish speakers clashed at the meeting. Mrs. Carl Poley, asserting she spoke as a Jew, said that many Jews wanted to see Christmas trees in public schools. Manuel Katz, a Sharon Selectman, differed strongly, offering a lengthy statement on the American principle of church-state separation which he said applied to the situation in Sharon, a Community of 1,800.

James Leonard urged those present to respect the views of others "under the glare of television," a reference to the fact that the dispute attracted the interest of national networks who covered the meeting. He recalled that Jews and Christians had always worked in harmony in Sharon and urged all persons present to reject appeals to prejudice.

JEWS IN NEW JERSEY TO BE PERMITTED TO COVER THEIR HEADS IN COURTS

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Governor Richard J. Hughes of New Jersey announced here this weekend that steps have been taken to permit Orthodox Jews who wish to cover their heads to do so while appearing in any court in this State.

The Governor's announcement was in response to protests against an occurrence in a municipal court at Secaucus, N. J., recently, where the judge ordered a Jew to remove his skull-cap. Such incidents, stated Gov. Hughes, "are, no doubt, due to a lack of knowledge of the court official involved of the religious significance of the covering of heads."

Governor Hughes asserted he was calling the matter to the attention of New Jersey's Chief Justice Weintraub "so that steps may be taken to avoid this sometimes innocent but nevertheless embarrassing interference in this religious principle."

JEWISH DAILY FORWARD CELEBRATES 65TH ANNIVERSARY; GREETED BY KENNEDY

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- President Kennedy and Israel's President Izhak Ben-Zvi led an illustrious array of political personalities and heads of Jewish and non-Jewish organizations congratulating the Jewish Daily Forward, world's largest Yiddish newspaper published here, on the occasion of its 65th anniversary. The newspaper itself celebrated the 65 years of its existence by publishing today a 120-page issue that reflects the growth of American Jewry over a three-generation span since the Forward was founded.

Others who sent special messages of greetings included Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion of Israel and Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York, Mayor Robert F. Wagner of New York City and the leaders of the Jewish Agency for Israel, the American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith, the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America and many other labor, civic, Zionist and communal organizations throughout the United States, Israel and the rest of the free world. The messages were addressed to Dr. Lazar Fogelman, editor-in-chief of the Forward, and to Adolph Held, general manager.

President Kennedy's message noted: "From its earliest days, the Forward has played a vitally important role in the lives of its readers--both by presenting them with important local, national and international issues, and by helping many generations of foreign-born Jewish-Americans to become productive, concerned citizens while maintaining the cultural and religious traditions of their homelands. The dedication of the Jewish Daily Forward to the causes of justice and social, economic and political freedom for all our citizens merits the special commendation and gratitude of us all."

President Ben-Zvi's message declared: "Your newspaper, which accompanied the Jewish immigrant on his life's path, starting with his first steps in the New World, may take pride in his significant achievements--whether in the communal organizations of

broad masses of Jewish workers, in the retention of his Yiddish language, in the guardianship of the treasures of Jewish culture, or in his dedicated struggle for a better life for the working masses in a regime of freedom and genuine peace among the nations of the world. Above all, one must praise you and value your aid and unstinting help to the Histadrut, the organized Jewish labor movement in the State of Israel."

The 120-page issue published today carries a number of articles devoted to its founders, especially to its first editor Abraham Cahan and to his successor Harry Rogoff who recently retired from his post as editor-in-chief but is still contributing political and literary articles to the newspaper. Other articles, by more than 40 writers, deal with various aspects of American Jewish life in the past and present.

LABOR ZIONIST ORDER, FARBAND, TO CELEBRATE ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- The 50th anniversary of the chartering of Farband-Labor Zionist Order will be celebrated at a three-day National Planning Conference at the Waldorf Astoria hotel here at which plans will be mapped for observing the organization's Anniversary Year throughout the country, it was announced here today by Meyer L. Brown, national president.

The conference will open on January 4 with a meeting of 100 board members of the Farband. They will represent more than 40,000 members of the organization in some 120 communities. A Charter Day luncheon, which will be a part of the conference, will be attended by more than 1,000 guests. The luncheon will be addressed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, and Meyer Feldman, Special Deputy Counsel to President Kennedy.

During its 50 years, Farband has developed a comprehensive cooperative insurance program and other fraternal services for the benefit of its members and their families. It conducts a network of Jewish day schools and afternoon schools, summer camps for both adults and children, and a widespread program of activities to enhance for American Jews the cultural and spiritual heritage of the Jewish people. Farband is a sponsor of the Jewish Teachers Seminary and People's University of New York, which will mark its 45th anniversary in March.

In addition, Farband engages in a variety of activities within the American Jewish community. It also has an extensive program of aid to Israel. The latter has included the creation by Farband, in cooperation with Histadrut, the Israel Labor Federation, of more than 100 dispensaries, clinics, cultural and youth centers, and other institutions throughout Israel. In cooperation with the Jewish National Fund, it has also sponsored several settlements and other projects in Israel.

The annual meeting of the Farband board of directors acts as the policy-making body of the organization between national conventions, which are held every four years. The 20th national convention, which will culminate the organization's 50th Anniversary Year, will be held in New York during the last week in 1963, Mr. Brown said.

TREGUBOFF 'LOANED' BY SAN FRANCISCO FEDERATION TO J.P.A. IN LONDON

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Sanford M. Treguboff, executive vice-president of the Jewish Welfare Federation here, has been "loaned" to the Joint Palestine Appeal of England, to help the British organization's 1963 campaign, it was announced here by Walter D. Heller, Federation president.

Mr. Treguboff will spend the two months in London to act in an advisory capacity to the JPA there. The "loan" had been requested by the British organization. "It is a genuine compliment to the Federation and to Mr. Treguboff," said Mr. Heller, "for an organization of the stature of the JPA of England to request his help."

Mr. Treguboff was recently cited at the annual meeting of the Federation here for his 30 years of "distinguished and devoted" service to the community.

MCDONALD, PRESIDENT OF STEELWORKERS UNION, WINS 1963 HISTADRUT AWARD

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- David J. McDonald, president of the United Steelworkers Union of America, was named recipient of the 1963 Histadrut Humanitarian Award, according to an announcement made here today by the National Committee for Labor Israel.

The award will be presented to Mr. McDonald at a dinner on March 16, in Philadelphia. Past recipients of the award were former President Harry S. Truman, Justice William O. Douglas, the late Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Averell Harriman, George Meany, Walter P. Reuther, David Dubinsky, Jacob S. Potofsky and Justice Arthur J. Goldberg.

PROFESSOR EBENSTEIN, FOUNDER OF ISRAEL MOZART ORCHESTRA, DIES IN VIENNA

VIENNA, Dec. 30. (JTA) -- Professor Julius Ebenstein, teacher of the Vienna Municipal Conservatory's class in violin, died here today after suffering a heart attack. He was 62. Prof. Ebenstein, who fled Austria when it was annexed by Nazi Germany, founded the Israel Mozart Orchestra and wrote the first book on Mozart to be published in Hebrew.