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HADASSAH TO TRANSFER HEALTH SERVICES IN JERUSALEM; NOTIFIES STAFF

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Deputy Minister of Health Yitzhak Rafael and Jerusalem Mayor Mordechai Ish-Shalom cabled today to the national headquarters of Hadassah in New York protesting against a statement issued by the Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel which has served notice that it will dismiss the staffs of its city health services.

The notice was served after the Ministry and the municipality had refused to take over the financial responsibility of those services, as proposed by Hadassah.

The dispute concerns the responsibility for providing an annual budget of 1,000,000 pounds (\$333,333) for Hadassah's city health services, which the organization plans to relinquish next April 1. Today, the Hadassah Medical Organization sent dismissal notices, effective April 1, to 160 members of the medical and administrative staffs of clinics, welfare and school hygiene and dental services.

The Ministry of Health termed the action "absolutely unwarranted and one-sided." The Ministry reiterated its own counter-proposal, whereby Hadassah would relinquish responsibility for those services in April of 1964, instead of this coming April. The Ministry had proposed also that, for five years after April 1, 1964, Hadassah would provide half of the maintenance costs of the services.

Dr. Kalman Mann, director of the Hadassah Medical Organization here, said that the Ministry's proposal had been forwarded to headquarters in New York, where it had been rejected. Dr. Mann emphasized that Hadassah's policy is to utilize its limited funds in pioneering "growth point" projects. He said that when there was no real municipality or Health Ministry, Hadassah was willing to undertake responsibility for the city's health services. Now, however, he held, "the situation is different."

According to Dr. Mann, Hadassah is ready to contribute half of the maintenance costs of the services for the first year and one-third for the second and third years.

The Jerusalem municipality has declined to assume any financial responsibility on the contention that its treasury policy does not permit it to raise taxes. The Ministry of Health is opposed to taking over local services, although it is willing to help. It appeared today that the Israeli Treasury will have to take over the financial responsibility if the local health services are to be continued.

Hadassah Protests 'Misleading Statements' Issued in Israel

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, national president of Hadassah, today issued a statement here protesting against the assertions made by Israel's Health Ministry and Jerusalem Municipality in connection with the projected transfer of Hadassah's city health services in Jerusalem to the municipality there. Mrs. Kramarsky termed these assertions "misleading." Her statement said:

"Hadassah strongly protests misleading public statements by the Government Health Ministry and the Jerusalem Municipality regarding Hadassah's intention to transfer community health services to the Jerusalem Municipality.

"Hadassah has been negotiating for years with the Ministry of Health and with the Mayor of Jerusalem regarding the orderly transfer of the Jerusalem Community health centers. We met with Mayor Ish-Chalom in November 1961 and with Deputy Minister of Health Yitzhak Raphael in June 1962 and we believed that we had reached an understanding for the orderly transfer of the Jerusalem centers in which Hadassah would participate in the maintenance of the centers for the first few years on a gradually decreasing basis.

"In view of this understanding and our long-standing tradition of 50 years of transferring well established services to local authorities, we are shocked beyond words at the public statements by the Ministry of Health and the Jerusalem Municipality which imply sudden and new action by Hadassah and ignore the negotiations conducted with them over period of three years."

KNESSET STARTS DEBATE ON EDUCATIONAL TV PROJECT; RESERVATIONS NOTED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Education Minister Abba Eban today urged the Knesset, Israel's parliament, to approve the Cabinet proposal to accept an offer by the Rothschild Group to finance the establishment and test operation of an educational television network for Israel. According to the proposal, the Government would decide whether to take over complete responsibility for the project at the end of the trial period of two to three years.

In an address opening debate on the issue, Mr. Eban stressed that the Knesset was not being asked to take a stand now on a general television network. He said he could not understand any objections to educational television. He assured the Knesset that the Education Ministry would bear exclusive responsibility for the content and form of the programs.

The debate in the House revealed deep reservations over the project even among those ready to support the scheme as speakers seemed to agree that, while the item on the agenda was educational television, the real issue was general television which many believed would inevitably follow.

It is understood that Achdut Avoda and the National Religious Party would seek Cabinet permission to vote independently on the question without being bound by the coalition clause requiring collective responsibility on Cabinet proposals. The debate is expected to be concluded next week.

(A television "propaganda war" between the Arab states and Israel was predicted by Arab TV officials as a result of Israel's plan to establish an educational TV network there, it was reported here today from Beirut. The report said that both sides are expected to use this medium for "propaganda offensives" onto each other's screens. Cairo, which has the region's best television facilities, and Beirut, where there are two independent commercial stations, will be able to reach Israel's screens, while Israel's projected television network is expected to be received clearly in most Arab states.)

ANGLIC-JEWISH DELEGATION FINDS RELIGION DEEPLY ROOTED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- A delegation of Anglo-Jewish leaders currently on a two-week study tour of Israel said here today that they were impressed at the deep sense of religious education and culture encountered in Israel even at the remotest settlement and desert outposts.

A spokesman for the delegation, which is touring Israel under the auspices of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Jewish Agency's organization department, told a press conference today that extreme religious elements abroad who report widespread non-observance in Israel should be severely criticized.

Among those participating in the press conference were Sir Barnett Janner, member of Parliament and president of the Board of Deputies; Alderman Abraham Moss, senior vice-president; Solomon Triff, vice-president; Adolph Brotman, secretary; and Harry Landy, treasurer.

As representatives of a traditional community which feels strongly on matters of religious observance, the delegation members said, they found the allegations of religious non-observance in Israel untrue. Organizations represented in the delegation are Mizrahi Women, WIZO, the B'nai B'rith Women's League, the Macca bi Association, the Anglo-Jewish Association, the Union of Jewish Women and the Joint Palestine Appeal.

ISRAEL'S GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT REPORTED INCREASED 11 PER CENT IN 1962

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Israel's gross national product increased by more than 11 per cent in 1962, according to figures released here today by the Government's Central Bureau of Statistics. In view of a population rise during the year of four and one-half per cent, however, the per capita increase in the gross national product was about seven per cent. Personal consumption also increased at the same rate.

The figures showed that the purchase of durable goods such as automobiles and refrigerators increased by 26 per cent while general food consumption rose eight per cent. Industrial production recorded a 15 per cent rise, construction 18 per cent and agriculture 11 per cent.

Investments, according to the figures, increased by 11 per cent. During the year, the Government Investment Center gave approved status to 315 enterprises with total capitalization of \$173,000,000 and 85,000,000 pounds (\$28,300,000). This compares with 453 approved enterprises in 1961 with total capitalization of \$158,000,000 and 156,000,000 pounds (\$52,000,000). Approved enterprises are given tax concessions and other special benefits.

(An economic outlook for 1963 for Israel somewhat less bright than it was for 1962 was reported today in a survey compiled by the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company's Department of Economics, based on reports from abroad. Major problems, according to the forecast, would continue to be inflation and balancing international payments.)

NAZI CHARGED WITH MASS-MURDERS OF JEWS IN CZENSTOCHOV. IS RELEASED

BONN, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Georg Schlosser, a former police inspector, jailed since 1958 on charges of committing mass murders during World War II, was today released from prison in Bamberg. Schlosser stands accused of mass murders in the Czenstochow Ghetto in 1942-1943. However, some of the witnesses needed for his scheduled trial have been too ill to appear in court. The man was, therefore, freed.

The Lower Bavarian Government today notified the town council of Ansbach that it must cancel a pension previously granted to H. Haneu, former Mayor of the town. According to Lower Bavarian officials, Haneu had been appointed Mayor of Ansbach, in 1934, "only because of his close association with the Nazi Party." However, the Ansbach council had granted him a full pension which it must now revoke or find the pension suspended by state officials.

Dr. Franz Lucas, chief gynecologist at the Elmshorn Municipal Hospital in Kiel, was dismissed from his post today after the Frankfurt Chief Public Prosecutor initiated proceedings against him on charges of having participated in the selection of ill and invalid inmates of concentration camps who were killed in gas chambers. Dr. Lucas served as a physician in the notorious Auschwitz, Ravensbrueck, Sachsenhausen, Mauthausen and Stutthof concentration camps.

BRITISH ANTI-SEMITIC EVADES INQUIRY OF TEACHERS UNION ON HIS CONDUCT

LONDON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Colin Jordan, the imprisoned leader of the fascist British Union movement, remained in prison yesterday instead of facing charges of unprofessional conduct before a committee of the British Union of Teachers.

Jordan, who has served nearly three months of a nine-month sentence for his activities as head of the Spearhead group of the British Nazi movement, had previously said he wanted to appear before the professional conduct committee of the Teachers Union to answer charges of unprofessional conduct outside the classroom. Arrangements had been made for him to be brought before the committee, but Jordan then changed his mind.

The committee, meanwhile, met as planned and decided to defer the case until Jordan was "free to attend." Jordan was fired from his teaching post at a Coventry school but he is still a member of the Teachers Union.

CHILE SEEMS TO SEEK NAZIS WHO MURDERED JEWISH NURSE; CASE LINKED TO DR. MENGELE

SANTIAGO, Chile, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Chile's leading newspaper, Mercurio, reported today that police in Aisen, in southern Chile, were seeking members of a secret Nazi organization believed responsible for the unsolved murder of a Jewish nurse, Nora Eldoc.

Miss Eldoc was found slain in April 1961 in a mountain area near Bariloche bordering the Patagonian section of Argentina not far from the Chilean border. There were reports that she had been murdered because she had discovered the whereabouts of Dr. Josef Mengele, the "selection doctor" at the Auschwitz murder camp. Dr. Mengele, who had the assignment of selecting camp inmates to be killed, has been sought since the end of World War II and is believed to be in hiding in South America.

According to the Mercurio report, Chilean police have evidence that the murder was committed by a former Nazi. The Mercurio correspondent also suggested that Walter H. Rauff, a German immigrant who was arrested here several weeks ago at the request of West German authorities, may be implicated in Miss Eldoc's murder. Rauff, 56, has been accused of complicity in the wartime murder of 90,000 Jews. A former Gestapo member, he has been under arrest pending a ruling on the West German extradition request. The Chilean Supreme Court is expected to rule soon on the extradition bid.

NASSER'S AGENTS REPORTED PENETRATING MILITARY GROUPS IN LATIN AMERICA

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Agents of President Gamal Abdul Nasser of Egypt are active throughout Latin America, particularly in military circles, Mark Turkow, Latin American representative of the World Jewish Congress, asserted here today.

In a series of articles written for Di Yiddische Zeitung, largest Jewish daily newspaper in Latin America, Mr. Turkow stressed the influence of the military groups in the recent abortive subversions attempted in Peru and Argentina. He also emphasized the intense activity developed by the military attaches in Egyptian embassies in various Latin American capitals.

The Egyptian agents, Mr. Turkow points out, openly calling themselves "Nasserists," are promoting an ideology similar to Nasser's revolution in Egypt as a movement nationalistic in essence and revolutionary in the social field and as a reaction against "imperialist" and "Castroist" influences.

ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION TO START REDEMPTION OF BONDS IN 1963

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) - The first year of the redemption of Israel bonds will be ushered in at a special 1963 planning conference of the board of governors of the Israel Bond Organization, it was announced today by Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the board. The conference will be held on the weekend of January 12 and 13 at the Savoy-Hilton Hotel here. More than 250 key Jewish leaders of the United States and Canada will participate.

The first Israel Independence Savings Bonds, sold in 1951, will become payable starting May 1, 1963, Dr. Silver pointed out. "This is impressive evidence," he stated, "of the historic progress which Israel has made on the road to economic independence with the aid of the funds provided through Israel bonds. There is also a special historic significance in the fact that the redemption of these bonds will begin almost at the same time that Israel celebrates its 15th anniversary as an independent nation."

The conference will discuss Israel's development needs in 1963 and its plans for economic growth, with special emphasis on the Negev, which is the most decisive area for the country's future. A report on Israel's economic program for the coming year will be presented to the conference by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, who is returning early next week from conferences with Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and other government leaders on the 1963 campaign.

ISRAEL ECONOMIC CORPORATION TO PAY DIVIDEND FOR 1962 IN COMMON STOCK

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- A dividend for 1962 of five per cent per share of \$25 par value common stock, payable in common stock on February 28, 1963, to stockholders of record on December 31, 1962, was declared here today by the board of directors of PEC Israel Economic Corporation. The dividend for 1962 equals the one paid for last year, though the previous dividend was paid in cash.

Joseph Meyerhoff, president of PEC, in a statement to stockholders, pointed out that earnings of the company in 1962 have kept pace with those of 1961, which "is in itself an important achievement in view of the Israel pound devaluation last February. Earning prospects for the years immediately ahead are encouraging.

"PEC's retention of its entire 1962 net earnings provides additional capital for further constructive and income-producing investments," Mr. Meyerhoff said. "Commitments for new investments during 1963 already amount to approximately \$2,150,000 and additional projects are under investigation. We expect that these new investments will further enhance PEC's earning potential."

During the past five years PEC has increased its capital from \$8,700,000 to more than \$17,000,000. Common stock of PEC outstanding (prior to the distribution of the stock dividend) now totals some 688,000 shares held by approximately 12,000 stockholders throughout the United States. The company is presently selling an issue of 81,825 shares of common stock at \$25 per share.

BUFFALO JEWISH STUDENT ACHIEVES HIGHEST SCHOLASTIC RATING IN 50 YEARS

BUFFALO, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Suzanne Elcom, a student at Kenmore West Senior High School, has achieved the highest, three-year grade average of any other student in the school's 50-year history, it was announced by the principal of the school, Raymond S. Frazier.

Miss Bloom's average was 98.3. It is "the highest scholastic rating of any student during the past half-century," said Mr. Frazier. Miss Bloom was elected valedictorian of her class. In addition to her school work and extra-curricular work at the high school, Miss Bloom is also active in youth work at Temple Emman-El, and tutors younger students in Hebrew.

TWO YESHIVA STUDENTS PERISH IN DORMITORY DESTROYED BY FIRE

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Two young yeshiva students lost their lives last night and two others were injured when a fire destroyed one of the four dormitories at the famed Telzer Yeshiva in Wickliffe, a Cleveland suburb. The dead boys, both of the Cleveland area, were Jacob Junef, 12 and Abraham Solomon Glick, 14. Wolf Sabo, 14, of Los Angeles, and Abraham Satz of Buffalo, N. Y., were treated at a local hospital for burns and released.

The fire, which started at 4:30 a. m., quickly spread throughout the dormitory and drove nearly 100 boys in their underclothes into the bitter cold outside. They were immediately taken into warm houses and given first aid to prevent chilling. Bulldozers had to be used to level three stone fireplaces and chimneys before firemen could sift the ruins for the bodies of the two boys who perished in the flames.