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GERMAN MINISTER OF INTERIOR SEES ANTI-SEMITISM POSING NO THREAT NOW

BCNN, March 7. (JTA) -- West Germany's extremist, right-wing groups, many of them preaching "radicalism and anti-Semitism" and urging plans for dictatorship and world domination, pose no threat to "the existence of our liberal and democratic order," Minister of the Interior Herman Hoeschel declared here today.

Dr. Hoeschel made his comments as a result of a new Ministry report showing that, while membership in the right-wing groups has decreased since 1961 by 8,000, the number of such organizations has grown from 86 to 112. Circulation of the publications issued by the groups, the report showed, has increased from 160,000 to 192,000. However, the data showed, the extremists have not a single daily newspaper in the country, and only about a third of their members paid up their dues in 1962.

Nevertheless, the report added, the vigilance of officials would not lessen. The Ministry affirmed that all threats and molestations of "our Jewish fellow-citizens" were not only noted but also pursued both by police and the courts.

British Labor Party Pledges Continuing Fight Against Fascism

LCNDON, March 7. (JTA) -- A Labor Party pledge to continue its fight "against a re-emergence of Fascism" in Britain was contained today in a letter from George Brown, deputy leader of the party, to the Poale Zion Executive.

"One development which has caused the Labor Party serious concern, particularly in the past year, is the growth of Fascist and other racist propaganda," the British leader declared. He noted that this development had been condemned by the national executive committee of the party at its recent Brighton conference. He also wrote that the party had urged introduction of legislation to ban both public incitement of racial hatred and the practice of racial discrimination in public places.

B'NAI B'RITH HEAD SEES POSSIBLE CHANGE IN USSR RESTRICTIONS ON JEWS

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- A "glimmer of encouragement" that Soviet state-inspired restrictions against Jewish community life may be eased in the USSR was expressed here today by B'nai B'rith president Labd A. Katz at the annual meeting of the B'nai B'rith International Council. Mr. Katz, who is the Council chairman, listed a recent series of "small but possibly significant developments" within the USSR that "suggest Soviet authorities are seriously disturbed by the extent of Western criticism over the discriminatory status of Soviet Jews."

Among these, Mr. Katz said, were (1) the Khrushchev letter to Bertrand Russell denying any anti-Semitic implications in the wave of "economic trials"; (2) "contradictory Soviet responses" to a recent B'nai B'rith report of "blood libel" in Uzbekistan, and (3) appearance of the first Yiddish theatre group since 1948, when Stalin demolished almost every vestige of Jewish education and culture in the country.

"Publication of the Khrushchev letter in Izvestia is the first time in more than two decades that the Soviet people have been given to understand by the highest-ruling Party and State authorities that anti-Semitism is officially frowned on," Mr. Katz said. "In the past, Soviet denials have been limited to the foreign press."

Since at least 60 percent of the 121 known death sentences for economic crimes were imposed against Jews in 58 trials in 36 Soviet cities reported as of last month, "there can be little doubt that anti-Semitism was a factor in the trials," Mr. Katz said.

Buffalo Rabbis Urge Soviet Clergymen to Help Improve Lot of Russian Jews

BUFFALO, N.Y., March 7. (JTA) -- A delegation representing the Buffalo Board of Rabbis yesterday appealed to a visiting group of Russian clergymen to use their "good offices to improve conditions for Jewish religious living in the Soviet Union." The Soviet clergymen here, part of a larger group visiting this country as guests of the National Council of Churches, included Archpriest Vitaly Borovoy, professor of theology at the University of Leningrad; Bishop Denisenko Philaret; and the Rev. A.N. Stoyan. All are dignitaries of the Russian Orthodox Church.

The rabbis welcomed the visit by the Soviet clergymen to this country and expressed the hope that the Soviet Government would "extend the same courtesy to rabbis in Russia to visit their Jewish brethren in the United States."

The Soviet clergymen attributed the lack of religious facilities among Soviet Jews to the fact that the younger Jews there were assimilated and failed to demand improvement. They said that certain restrictions imposed by the Soviet Government applied to all religions, not only to Jews. They said that Soviet Government refusal to bake matzos in state bakeries last year was due to Government opposition to any religious practice carried out by the State. They said, however, that all groups were equal before the law.

The delegation representing the Buffalo Board of Rabbis included: Rabbi Justin Hofmann, president; and Rabbis Isaac Klein, Milton Feierstein, Alvin Marcus, Martin Goldberg and Daniel Kerman.

ISRAELI PARLIAMENT APPROVES EXPERIMENT IN EDUCATIONAL-TV AFTER FIGHT

JERUSALEM, March 7. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliament endorsed today Government plans for an experimental educational television system by a vote of 55 to 43. Approval of the bill, voting on which was postponed five times because the Government could not muster a Knesset majority, was made possible only by Cabinet insistence on the collective responsibility rule, which obligates all coalition member parties to support a proposal.

The Herut, Liberal, Mapam, Agudat Israel and Communist parties all voted against the measure. The vote followed conclusion of debate by Education Minister Abba Eban in which he announced that educational television would be provided also to the state-supported religious schools which maintain a separate curriculum. He urged the House not to link the question with general television, pro or con, and to confine itself to the instructional aspect of the bill which, he said, was vitally needed to promote Israel's educational facilities.

Asserting that educational TV would be a particular boon in Israel's rural areas, Mr. Eban paid tribute to the Rothschild Memorial Trust which has agreed to finance the experimental program. He said the Rothschilds were prepared to contribute technical know-how, scientific experience and a budget. He added that the system would be tested experimentally for two or three years and then the Government and the Knesset would reconsider the experiment.

Aside from coalition discipline, the proposal won support in recent days when it became known that Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, who was originally among the foes of the idea, had changed his mind and thrown his weight behind passage. The Premier veered toward Mr. Eban's view that such television was particularly needed to reduce the gap between the standards of urban students compared with newcomers to rural schools which cannot command the same level of teachers or facilities as the city schools.

It was learned that the Rothschild Memorial Trust, headed by Lord Nathaniel Mayer Victor Rothschild of Cambridge, famous British scientist, will provide \$2,000,000 for this country's educational-TV project.

EL AL STRIKE CONTINUES; ISRAELI PROFESSIONALS WANT HIGHER WAGES

TEL AVIV, March 7. (JTA)-- The Histadrut, Israel's Labor Federation, rejected today demands of striking crews of El Al Airlines that all planes be grounded as a condition for an end to the walkout. The crewmen walked out of negotiations for a new contract at midnight Tuesday. The El Al management meanwhile made arrangements to transfer passengers booked for El Al flights through an improvised schedule with the help of foreign airlines.

Treasury officials were understood to view the strike with gravity, and some were quoted as saying the walkout might bring about the breakdown of Israel's national airline.

As the El Al crisis deepened, new wage troubles were building up for Israel's economic managers. Engineers and other professionals on salaried jobs in government and other non-governmental organizations demanded "wage adjustments." Salary agreements with such professionals expire March 31. They have indicated they will seek payment of higher cost-of-living allowances and an increase in other allowances in view of Israel's devaluation a year ago.

Academic staffs of universities and the Haifa Institute of Technology, members of the Medical Association, the secondary school teachers and the Chemical Association all are joining in presenting demands which, they contend, do not conflict with the Government's decision to hold the line on salaries this year.

ISRAELI STUDENTS AGREE ON CONTACT WITH GERMANS; HEBREW U. OPPOSED

JERUSALEM, March 7. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University Student Union confirmed today in a resolution its opposition to cooperation with German students. The issue arose at a meeting of the Israeli Students Association.

After a stormy session of the latter group, the delegates by a vote of 31 to 28 adopted a resolution accepting the principle of contact with German students under certain conditions. The Hebrew University delegation walked out of the meeting in protest, an action which was approved by the Hebrew University Student Union at its meeting today.

(In Bonn, it was reported today that there are now 11 Israel-German student associations at various universities in West Germany. The groups aim at fostering personal relations between Germans and Israelis.)

YALE STUDY SHOWS PROTESTANT TEXTS VARY WIDELY ON VIEWS TOWARD JEWS

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- A report on the problems of prejudice in Protestant religious education in the United States, made by the Yale University Divinity School, showed today that 43 percent of the school lessons of one Protestant denomination contained variations on the theme that the Jews crucified Christ.

The findings were contained in "Faith and Prejudice," by Dr. Bernard E. Olson, as part of a seven-year study carried out at the divinity school to determine how Catholics, Jews and Negroes are portrayed in Protestant literature. The Yale project is one of three stimulated by the American Jewish Committee.

"Faith and Prejudice" shows that Protestant materials display a wide range of treatment of those subjects which are most telling in their effect on Jews. One denomination cautioned its students that feelings of hate and acts of violence against the Jew "have a long history; their roots are deep and widespread." Citing the crucifixion tale, the denomination said that the Jews have been accused of "having killed the Son of God. Such an accusing attitude toward the Jewish people is surely not a fitting part of the Christian gospel." While many denominations carry variations of the same attitude, "refutation of the charge is also found in all curricula but one," the study found.

Some textbooks, the study found, refer to Jews and Judaism without distinguishing between Biblical times and the present day. Thus, statements made about Jews in the First Century tend to be carried into the present and applied to all Jews, the report said.

A press conference was held here today at the Yale Club in connection with the publication of the study. Dr. John Slawson, executive vice-president of the American Jewish Committee, joined with national Protestant leaders in acclaiming Dr. Olson's study as a major contribution to inter-religious understanding.

EDITORS AT NCCJ PARLEY DIFFER ON INFLUENCE OF AMERICAN JEWISH PRESS

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- Sharp differences of opinion were evidenced here today over the influence of the Jewish press in America at a conference of religious editors convened by the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

In a discussion evaluating the religious press, Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, editor of The Reconstructionist magazine, expressed the view that the Jewish press exerted little influence and that, rather, it "reflects and perhaps more accurately reports, the prevailing views of denominational groups and Jewish organizations." Dr. Eisenstein also said that "rarely can it be said that the press influences the denominations and the organizations."

Philip Slomovitz, editor of the Detroit Jewish News, took issue with Dr. Eisenstein and maintained that considerable influence over Jewish communal activities is being exerted by the Jewish press. He said that the two surviving daily Yiddish newspapers still exert a great influence in many communities, and emphasized that the emerging English-Jewish press has become a most vital factor in Jewish life in America.

Joseph Weissberg, editor of the Boston Jewish Advocate, referred to the Sabbatarian issue in Massachusetts as an indication of influence exerted by the religious press in America.

Rabbi Joseph Klein, editor of the Journal of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, told the meeting that, despite the highly varied nature of the Jewish press in the United States on religion in public education and numerous other specific issues, there was such a thing as a Jewish community point of view. "Nebulous though it seems to be," he said, "the Jewish press definitely reflects this point of view."

The three-day conference, which is co-sponsored by the American Jewish Press Association, will conclude tomorrow. Six of the 32 participants represent Jewish periodicals.

N. Y. U. SETS UP ANNUAL \$1,000 AWARD FOR BEST WORK IN HEBREW TONGUE

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- The New York University Institute of Hebrew Studies today announced the establishment of a \$1,000 annual award for the best book written in Hebrew dealing with the Hebrew language literature or culture. To be known as the Irving and Bertha Neuman Prize, the award was financed by the I. and B. Neuman Foundation. Irving Neuman had been a New York builder and realtor for more than 30 years.

Professor Abraham I. Katsh, director of the Institute, will head a four-man committee that will judge all entries. Any scholar in the United States or Israel will be eligible for the award.

Hebrew Educators Oppose Limitation of Classes to Two Hours Daily

BUFFALO, March 7. (JTA) -- The National Federation of Hebrew Teachers and Principals has called upon Jewish communities throughout the country to maintain the traditional practice of conducting afternoon Hebrew classes for four hours daily. In a resolution adopted at the conclusion of their national conference here, the educators deplored the fact that some communities had restricted Hebrew classes to two hours a day.

U. J. A. MIDWEST LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE OPENS CHICAGO SESSIONS TODAY

CHICAGO, March 7. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders from 12 Midwest states will begin a three-day conference here tomorrow to inaugurate the 25th consecutive annual campaign in this region of the United Jewish Appeal. Albert B. Adelman, of Milwaukee, is general chairman of the conference--the U. J. A. Midwest Leadership Institute--which will be attended by 600 men and women from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, North and South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Those who will report on overseas developments will include: Joseph Meyerhoff, UJA general chairman; Dr. Avram Biran of Jerusalem, director of Israel's Department of Archaeology; Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman; Mrs. I. D. Fink, chairman of the UJA national Women's Division; Gottlieb Hammer, executive vice-chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Inc., and Henry Levy, director of Latin American operations for the Joint Distribution Committee.

LEAGUE URGES GREATER AID TO ISRAEL ON IMMIGRATION AND ABSORPTION

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- Samuel H. Daroff, president of the American Jewish League for Israel, told the League's board of directors that there was a great need to increase aid to Israel, to help Israel cope with its huge immigration and absorption problems. He described as vital the role which Zionism must play in Jewish communities outside of Israel.

Dr. Natan Lerner of Argentina, who is now in charge of the Latin American desk of the World Jewish Congress, described problems facing Argentine Jewry. Sir Barnett Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, described to the board's luncheon session the work of the Board of Deputies. Judge Louis E. Levinthal reported on issues to come before the Zionist Actions Committee when it meets in Jerusalem later this month.

HADASSAH TO JOIN IN \$250,000 ELEANOR ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- Hadassah today announced its participation in the establishment by Youth Aliyah of a \$250,000 Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Scholarship Foundation. The foundation will benefit wards of the international child rescue movement with special aptitudes to advance their education in Israel in the arts and sciences, as well as Youth Aliyah graduates unable, for lack of funds, to pursue their specialties. The first Hadassah grant, a music scholarship, will be awarded this year on October 11, the late Mrs. Roosevelt's birthday.

CANADIAN COURT RULES JEWISH MARRIAGE WITHOUT LICENSE VALID

TORONTO, March 7. (JTA) -- A Toronto judge validated today a 1958 marriage performed without a civil marriage license by a part-time cantor. The case involved the marriage of a divorced Polish-born woman and a 68-year-old rabbi. They had been introduced 14 days earlier by a marriage broker. The rabbi, David Friedman, died in 1960, leaving an estate estimated at between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

The widow, Mrs. Myrel Friedman, sought an Ontario Supreme Court declaration that the marriage was valid under Ontario law, so that she could apply for the widow's share of the estate, \$50,000 plus two-thirds of the remainder. K.M. Smookler, administrator of the estate, was the defendant.

Justice W. F. Spence ruled that the woman and the rabbi entered the marriage in good faith and intended to comply with Ontario law. He said he found that the ceremony had been conducted in accordance with Jewish rites. Noting that there was no civil license, he said he had examined testimony from an authority on orthodox Jewish practices to the effect that such marriages were not rare among Jews.

NAZI WHC KILLED JEWISH YOUTH NEAR WASHINGTON IS FOUND SANE

WASHINGTON, March 7. (JTA) -- John C. Vinson, 18, disciple of an American Nazi movement, who is accused of slaying a Jewish youth, has been found sane after mental observation at the Southwestern State Hospital in Virginia, and returned to Fairfax County to stand trial on a murder charge.

Vinson is charged with shooting Lewis M. Goldfein, last September, outside the Goldfein home in a Virginia suburb of the District of Columbia.

NEW ISRAEL-ARAB YOUTH CENTER DEDICATED AT HAIFA, NAMED AFTER PALINSKY

HAIFA, March 7. (JTA) -- A new Israel-Arab cultural community and youth center named for the late Barnett Palinsky, a New York businessman, was dedicated here today in the presence of Mayor Abba Khoushy and other prominent personalities. The center was financed by the Palinsky family, which had donated \$50,000 for the purpose. Some 160 Jews and Arab youth are already registered in the center.