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NEW YORK NEGRO NEWSPAPER CRITICIZED FOR 'TWISTING' DATA ON JEWS

NEW YORK, March 13, (JTA) -- The New York Amsterdam News, a leading Negro weekly newspaper, was severely criticized here today by Jewish organizations--as well as by the Protestant Council of the City of New York--for a report in its current issue alleging that "a highly confidential study" had established that "Jews control New York City's top jobs." The Amsterdam News also asserted that the study demonstrated that Jews "hold 53 percent of top positions" in city government, though they constitute only 26.4 percent of the city's population.

The newspaper did not indicate who conducted the "secret" survey but implied that it was done by Protestants. Protestant leaders who read the study told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Negro newspaper "twisted" the data and gave it a distorted interpretation. The Urban League of Greater New York, a Negro organization, also criticized the Amsterdam News report.

The Amsterdam News reported that the survey had "far reaching racial implications" since it had been indicated that about 85 percent of the city's Protestants are Negroes. According to the Amsterdam News version, one of the survey's conclusions was that "Jews tend to get jobs far in excess of their percentage of the population" and that Jews "are overrepresented in 31 categories and underrepresented in five categories" in city positions. "The Amsterdam News report said that the "results and conclusions" were based on a study of "the 2,444 top city positions, with a total of 2,161 persons reporting their religious affiliation."

Among "specific results" cited by the Amsterdam News as arising from the study were that "in the city and borough administrative offices, of 656 persons who reported a religious affiliation, 310 were Catholic, 271 were Jewish and only 75 Protestant."

The field of education, according to the Negro weekly's version of the study, "had the greatest disparity, where of 821 religious affiliations reported, 606 were Jewish, 161 Catholic and 54 Protestant." The judiciary, the weekly asserted, "both appointive and elective, showed that "of 541 reporting their religion, 279 are Catholic, 214 Jewish and 48 are Protestant."

Among elected state legislators, the Amsterdam News said, "of 135 with religious preference reported, 64 are Catholic, 60 Jewish and only 11 Protestant. On an overall total of the 2,161 persons in top city posts, 1,154 are Jewish, 818 Catholic and 189 Protestant."

Jewish Organizations Deplore Inferences in the Negro Report

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith said in a statement: "We deplore the way in which the story was written, distorting the meaning and intent of the alleged study. ADL's New York Board is making representations to the publisher of the New York Amsterdam News."

The American Jewish Committee declared in a statement that it knew nothing about "the statistical accuracy of the survey" because "we have neither the means nor the desire to ascertain" the religious affiliations of job-holders.

"However, not wanting to debate the accuracy of the findings of the survey, we deplore the unfair inferences of favoritism implicit in the story in the Amsterdam News--inferences unworthy of that newspaper's editor, since we understand they are not to be found in the survey which was the source of the story."

The AJCommittee added: "We imagine that Catholics, Protestants and Jews alike should be equally motivated to seek to serve the total population of New York City, in every department of its government. The call to public service is, or should be, a lofty one, though in many instances it may entail financial sacrifice. The unselfish devoted contributions made by the late Stanley M. Isaacs to New York City for many years, should be an example to all."

The executive committee of the American Jewish Congress called a meeting for tomorrow night to consider the Amsterdam News report.

Protestant Council Takes Issue with 'Amsterdam News' Report

NEW YORK, March 13, (JTA) -- The Protestant Council of the City of New York issued today a statement "profoundly" regretting the implications contained in the report published by the Amsterdam News on a study by the Council of the religious discrimination of New

York City officials. The statement, issued by Rev. Dr. Dan M. Potter, the Council's executive secretary, reads:

"The Protestant Council has always stood firmly for equal and open opportunities for all people based on merit and without regard to their religious or ethnic background. This position has been vigorously implemented by our ongoing social action program in behalf of fair employment practices and equal housing opportunities.

"We profoundly regret the implications contained in a story in the Amsterdam News on March 9, 1963, with reference to a Protestant Council study of the religious distribution of New York City officeholders. This story distorts the purpose of the study, which is not to criticize any group but to encourage more active Protestant responsibility in civic and government vocations. Such unfortunate journalism increases tension and misunderstanding and serves to weaken the cause of democracy and interfaith cooperation.

"Two specific items in the news account were not accurate. One stated, 'Protestant leaders planned to release the survey; the implications were of such a nature that they decided not to release the study at this time but rather to keep it confidential.' The fact is, the study was of such a tentative and inconclusive nature that the Protestant leaders never intended to publish it.

"The other item stated: 'About 85 percent of the city's Protestants are Negroes.' This statement is not factually related to the study or to any authority of the Protestant Council. Actually, according to the most recent studies of the Council's department of church planning and research, the non-white Protestant population of the City of New York is approximately 40.6 percent of the total Protestant population.

"Regardless of this unnecessary roadblock, the Protestant Council will continue its study and research. When properly evaluated and crystallized, such studies are made public as a contribution to greater self-understanding in our community."

ALGERIAN PARLIAMENT ADOPTS NEW NATIONALITY LAW DETRIMENTAL TO JEWS

PARIS, March 13. (JTA) -- The Algerian Parliament adopted last night a new nationality law which was described by legal experts here as "discriminatory against non-Moslem residents" of Algeria, who include some 15,000 Jews.

The experts also asserted that the new law was "contrary to the spirit and letter of the Franco-Algerian Evian agreement" by which Algeria won independence from France after many years as a French colony.

During the long and stormy debate in the Algerian National Assembly which preceded the vote, a number of Arab deputies openly called for a "Moslem Algeria" and others demanded the departure of the remaining 170,000 Europeans in Algeria. The new law automatically classifies the 15,000 Jews with the European community.

Other deputies called the new law, adopted by 85 to 33 votes, "shamefully xenophobic." It was proposed by Premier Ahmed Ben Bella's Government and it stipulated that henceforth two categories of Algerian citizens would exist, those who before independence were ruled by Moslem civil courts and those who would have Algerian nationality "by acquisition."

15,000 Jews Will Have to Seek Algerian Nationality

The Evian Agreement, which the new law violates, clearly stipulated that all Europeans born in Algeria and who resided there a number of years would automatically acquire Algerian nationality if they so wished. The new law also provides that certain Europeans can be deprived of their Algerian nationality if they already have it.

Since the 15,000 Algerian Jews are automatically listed with the European community under the new law, they will have to acquire Algerian nationality under that law.

Thirteen European deputies took part in the vote last night. Fifteen of them, including former members of the FLN, the pre-independence Algerian national movement, voted against the law. Most of the FLN leaders who took part in the Evian negotiations--including Krim Bel Kacem, who lost out to Ben Bella in the struggle for the Premiership--voted against it. They said they did so to protest against "this acute violation of the Evian agreement."

It was generally believed that one reason for passage was the desire of the Ben Bella Government to prevent the return to Algeria of former European residents. Most observers also indicated a belief that the passing of the law marks another stepping-stone to Algeria's becoming a "Moslem Arab state" as envisaged by Ben Bella.

SOVIET ENVOY TO INVESTIGATE MCSCOW BAN ON IMPORTATION OF MATZOTHS

JERUSALEM, March 13. (JTA) -- Mikhail Bodrov, the Soviet Ambassador to Israel, said today he would look into the matter of the refusal of Soviet authorities to allow import of matzoths for Soviet Jews for Passover.

The envoy made the statement in reply to a question under unique circumstances--while he was wearing a skullcap during a two-hour visit to the Heichal Shlomo, the home of Israel's Chief Rabbi late. He was received by Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim.

BCNN SEES DELAY IN PRESENTING COMPENSATION BILLS TO GERMAN PARLIAMENT

BCNN, March 13. (JTA) -- The Information Office of the West German Finance Ministry said today that it was unlikely that bills to complete both the restitution and compensation laws of West Germany would be submitted to Parliament before the summer recess.

The expected legislation, which has long been pressed for by Jewish claims organizations, would eliminate some barriers preventing payments to victims of Nazism, particularly the 1953 cutoff date. This element of the laws barred payments to claimants who were in Iron Curtain countries at that time.

The Information Office statement, as published in Die Welt, a daily newspaper, said that the Finance Ministry hoped that the proposed revision of the restitution laws would be given to the Parliament before the summer recess but that it was doubtful that the revision legislation on compensation would be ready at the same time. The statement also added that the Federal Government did not as yet know the additional costs which the revisions will require.

AUSTRIAN RULING OPENS WAY FOR JEWS TO CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY

VIENNA, March 13. (JTA) -- A West German court ruling that the "former German Reich" must pay compensation for jewelry seized from an Austrian Jewish family by the Gestapo was seen here today as opening the way for recovery by many Austrian Jewish families for such seizures.

Such seizures took place by the thousands after the incorporation of Austria into Germany by the Hitler regime. It was expected that a general arrangement would follow soon giving Austrian Jews the opportunity to receive compensation from West Germany for such loss valuables.

WITNESS AT NAZI TRIAL ARRESTED; CHARGED WITH KILLING OF JEWS

COBLENZ, March 13. (JTA) -- A witness in the trial of 12 former Nazis in the war-time murder of 35,000 Jews in the Minsk ghetto in Nazi-occupied Russia was himself charged with such killings and arrested here today for trial.

The witness was Reinhard Breder of Winkel, a 52-year-old economic adviser and former deputy SD commander at Minsk. He was confronted at the jury court trial of Georg Heuser and 11 other Nazis with a Soviet "Brown Book" recently submitted to the court.

According to the documents in the Soviet publication, Breder was responsible for the killing of some 2,000 Jews at Sluzk. Breder denied the charge, saying there never was "an execution pit under my command." He also said he was elsewhere at the time and was admonished by the Court President, A. Randebruck, to tell the truth.

After the testimony, Breder was arrested at the request of the Wiesbaden public prosecutor's office. The former SD officer, against whom proceedings have been pending, was taken to Coblenz prison from the jury court room. On March 18, Breder will be confronted with another witness, who will be brought to the prison.

Several public prosecutors in West German courts recently held a meeting here to study the documents in the Soviet Brown Book.

Meanwhile, the court ruled today that it is not necessary to call to the witness stand a high official of the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation who was himself been accused of having been a Nazi collaborator.

The defense had asked permission to put on the stand this official, Dr. Friedrich Karl Vialon. The court ruled that the questions to have been asked of him by the defense "are not of vital importance to the trial."

Earlier this year, Dr. Vialon, who had been an official in the Nazi administration of the Eastern Territories, was slated for appointment as State Secretary of the Finance Ministry. After protests against his choice for the post, the position was given to another appointee. While he is now on the top staff of the Ministry of Economic Cooperation, he is said to be an expert on problems of indemnification of victims of Nazism.

ISRAEL DELEGATION GOES TO EUROPE TO PRESS FOR LINK WITH COMMON MARKET

JERUSALEM, March 13. (JTA) -- A 12-man delegation of the Israel Foreign Policy Association left today for a two-week mission to Europe to explain the importance of Israel's achieving some kind of a trade tie with the six nations of the European Common Market.

The Israelis will talk to officials in West Germany, Holland and Luxembourg. They went to Europe at the invitation of the Europe Union, which maintains headquarters in Bonn and deals with matters of European economic and political cooperation.

TANGANYIKA ANNOUNCES \$2,800,000 LOAN FROM ISRAEL FOR LARGE PROJECTS

DAR-ES-SALAAM, Tanganyika, March 13. (JTA) -- Paul Bomani, Tanganyika Finance Minister, returned from Israel today and announced details of plans for expenditure of a \$2,800,000 credit negotiated with Israel last week. He said that, under the agreement, Israel will provide machinery and funds for an irrigation project, for a government housing project and for a luxury tourist hotel overlooking the Dar-Es-Salaam harbor.

BOSTON JEWISH APPEAL RAISES \$1,380,000 IN ADVANCE OF 1963 DRIVE

BOSTON, March 13. (JTA) -- The Combined Jewish Appeal of Greater Boston reported today that nearly \$1,380,000 had been pledged in advance of the 1963 campaign, a record amount for that stage of the drive.

Bernard D. Grossman, general chairman, called the pledges a "tremendous amount" and said the total was "substantially more than that pledged at the same event in 1962." More than 600 persons attended the campaign opening dinner which paid tribute to past campaign chairmen and to the 25th anniversary of the United Jewish Appeal.

Edward M. M. Warburg, honorary chairman of the UJA and chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, was the guest speaker. Irving W. Raab was dinner chairman. The CJA raised more than \$5,000,000 in 1962.

SAN FRANCISCO FEDERATION GETS \$900,000 IN ADVANCE GIFTS FOR 1963

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13. (JTA) -- Advance gifts to the 1963 Jewish Federation campaign of 1963, which is seeking \$2,500,000, topped the \$900,000 mark, it was reported at the drive kickoff dinner. The \$2,500,000 goal is about 30 percent more than was raised in 1962, according to Marshall H. Kuhn and John H. Steinhart, the co-chairmen for the drive.

The two officials noted that, in addition to the emergency overseas needs created by a continuing heavy influx of Jewish migrants into Israel and the mass transfer of North African Jews to France, local agencies of the Jewish community also were faced with growing demands by a steadily growing local Jewish population.

\$3,206,000 RAISED AT JOINT PALESTINE APPEAL DINNER IN LONDON

LONDON, March 13. (JTA) -- A total of 1,145,000 pounds (\$3,206,000) was raised at the annual dinner of the Joint Palestine Appeal here last night.

J. Edward Sieff, who presided, reported that more than 2,000,000 pounds (\$5,600,000) was raised in 1962 and that the dinner pledges represented the first time that the 2,000,000-pound total had been exceeded. He expressed the hope that the total would top the 3,000,000-pound (\$8,400,000) mark this year.

The principal speaker was Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, the American Zionist leader. Other speakers included Israel Ambassador Arthur Lourie, Hyam Morrison, joint treasurer of the JPA, Rosser Chin, president of the British Jewish National Fund, and Sir Barnett Jenner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

MONTREAL ELECTS PASCAL AS CHAIRMAN OF JOINT JEWISH DRIVE FOR 1963

MONTREAL, March 13. (JTA) -- Cecil Pascal was elected to serve as general chairman for the 1963 Joint Campaign for Combined Jewish Appeal, United Israel Appeal and the Rescue and Survival Fund. He succeeds Jacob M. Lowy. The Joint Campaign is the annual major welfare campaign conducted by the Jewish community for local, national and overseas causes. The official dates of this year's campaign have been set for November 4 to 18.

The new campaign chairman has been active in community affairs for many years. In accepting the appointment, Mr. Pascal pledged to lead his campaign team in doing "our utmost to raise a sum of money sufficient to meet the minimum budgetary requirements of all the local and beneficiary agencies of the Combined Jewish Appeal as well as to provide a greatly increased amount for critical overseas needs."

ROCHESTER MAYOR PRESENTS CITY'S GOLDEN KEY TO ISRAEL CONSUL

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 13. (JTA) -- Haim Zohar, Israeli Consul in New York, was presented the Golden Key to the City of Rochester, at ceremonies here in the office of Mayor Henry Gillette. Mr. Zohar was here as principal speaker at the annual dinner of the Hillel Day School. Representatives of the school and of the local affiliates of the American Zionist Council attended the ceremonies in Mayor Gillette's office.

ISRAEL WINS GOLD MEDAL IN GUATEMALA FOR ITS PAVILION AT INTERNATIONAL FAIR

GUATEMALA CITY, March 13. (JTA) -- Israel won a gold medal and a special citation today for its pavilion at the second international exposition in Guatemala.

The medal was handed by President Ydigoras to Joshua Shai, the Israel Ambassador. Some 500,000 persons visited the Israel stand which was also visited by officials of major Guatemalan firms and directors of the Chamber of Commerce. The business visitors, expressing admiration for the examples of Israel industrial ability, expressed belief that this would lead to greater trade between the two countries.

WILLIAM K. DORFMAN, VETERAN ZIONIST LEADER, DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 59

NEW YORK, March 13. (JTA) -- William K. Dorfman, a veteran Zionist and Jewish communal leader, died here yesterday at the age of 59. He was national chairman for Israel investments of the Zionist Organization of America. Born in New York City, Mr. Dorfman was active in ZOA work for 30 years. He served for 10 years as chairman of the ZOA Finance Committee.