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PRESIDENT BEN-ZVI'S CONDITION 'DETERIORATING'; DOCTORS EXPRESS CONCERN

JERUSALEM, April 22. (JTA) -- President Izhak Ben-Zvi's condition was termed "deteriorating to an alarming extent" at the end of the day in the medical bulletin issued by the physicians attending him at his home. Concern was expressed over his continuing weakened condition, and drugs have been administered to him to ease his sharp pains.

The Chief Rabbinate today issued a call for special prayers for the President to be held throughout the country. Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and other members of the Israel Cabinet were among those who visited his residence during the day inquiring about his condition.

Cables of good wishes continue to arrive at the President's home from all parts of the world. Most of the foreign diplomatic missions are in constant touch with the President's residence. The Belgian Ambassador called to convey the personal wishes of King Badouin and the Queen Mother of Belgium.

U.S. AND BRITAIN REPORTED PLANNING PREVENTION OF ARAB-ISRAEL WAR

LONDON, April 22. (JTA) -- The United States and Britain will intervene with military action to halt any war that may break out between Israel and an Arab country, as a result of the rapid growth of power in the hands of Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser, the Daily Express reported here today in a front-page article.

As detailed by the newspaper, the plans envisage the use of the United States Sixth Fleet, now in the Mediterranean, and the employment of British forces from bases in Cyprus and Aden, to interpose themselves between the Arabs and Israelis. The Anglo-American forces, according to the paper, would form between the opposing sides until an "effective barrier" could be erected by the United Nations. The Daily Express said the plans for British-American intervention were drawn up, due to the dangerous situation in Jordan.

Dispatches from Cairo, received here today, reported that the Egyptian press "can hardly contain its pleasures" in reporting the current pro-Nasser demonstrations in Jordan. The influential Cairo newspaper "Al Gumhouria" was reported as declaring today: "We could hardly blame the Palestinians who fired the shots (in Jordan). For only by bullets will Palestine be liberated. The demonstrators wanted to show their pleasure at the establishment of the Arab Federation (of Egypt, Iraq and Syria), which is a first step toward the elimination of Israel. It will not be long before we hear bombs exploding inside Israel."

PROVISIONS AIMING TO CHECK EGYPT DROPPED FROM FOREIGN AID BILL

WASHINGTON, April 22. (JTA) -- The Administration's new Foreign Aid bill, as requested by the President and introduced in the Senate by Chairman J.W. Fulbright, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, would delete clauses denouncing religious bias, boycotts, and blockades as practiced by the Arab states. It would also eliminate expressions in the present law against aiding countries like the United Arab Republic, which use their own funds to buy Soviet arms, it was learned here today.

These clauses were voted last year by Congress to furnish guidelines to Congressional thinking. They were not mandatory parts of the law, because they were subject to the discretion of the Executive Department. The State Department opposed the clauses as offensive to the Arabs, and failed to implement them.

The Administration bill would delete the portion of the current Act for International Development, which states: "The Congress further declares that any distinction made by foreign nations between American citizens because of race, color, or religion in the granting of, or the exercise of, personal or other rights available to American citizens is repugnant to our principles."

Also eliminated would be the clause, aimed at the United Arab Republic, stating: "It is the sense of Congress that, in the administration of these funds, great attention and consideration should be given to those countries which share the view of the United States on the world crisis and which do not, as a result of United States assistance, divert their own economic resources to military or propaganda efforts, supported by the Soviet Union or Communist China, and directed against the United States or against other countries receiving aid under this Act."

AUSTRIA STARTS INVESTIGATION INTO CASE OF RAJAKOVIC; CALLS WITNESSES

VIENNA, April 22. (JTA) -- Investigation was started here today into the case of former SS officer Erich Rajakovic, former aide to the late Adolf Eichmann, who is accused of participation in the mass murder of about 110,000 Jews, transported under his jurisdiction from The Netherlands to the gas chambers in the East. A schedule of interrogations, it was announced today, has been drawn up by Magistrate Forstner, the judicial officer in charge of the probe.

Three magistrates are on their way here from Holland to aid the investigation. The Dutch Government, which had previously indicated it might ask for the ex-Nazi's extradition, has now decided not to seek to have him returned to Holland but, instead, to aid the full probe under way here. Authorities in Munich have also indicated their willingness to aid the Austrian investigation with documentary material concerning his wartime activities.

One witness interviewed by the magistrate today is a woman who had been an inmate at the Ravensbruck concentration camp. The woman came here to testify from Milan, where she lives now. Rajakovic was living in Milan until two weeks ago, when he fled in the face of a newspaper expose which revealed his Nazi past. The woman told Magistrate Forstner that Rajakovic had engaged in "selection" of Jews slated for deportation, separating the "healthy" from the "ill." Those he deemed sick were destined for the gas chambers.

Another phase of the probe concerns a detailed check of Rajakovic's activities between 1938 and 1945. Rajakovic still insists that he was not guilty of participating in mass-murder deportations. He claims he participated only in plans for sending Jews to Madagascar. The plan to settle Jews in Madagascar had been acknowledged by the late Adolf Eichmann as one of his ideas.

However, documentary proof of Rajakovic's direct involvement in the transportation of Jews to death camps was received here today from the Jewish Documentation Center in Paris. One of the documents is a copy of a telegram sent by Rajakovic from his headquarters at The Hague, on August 19, 1942. The telegram, addressed to SS leaders in Berlin, Paris and Brussels read as follows:

"Re: Deportation of Jews from Belgium. Considering the present situation, we cannot expect the denaturalization regulations for Jews of Dutch nationality will become effective in the near future. The evacuation has been extended also to Jews of Dutch citizenship, and will be continued unless other obstacles develop, although the order is not yet effective. Therefore, we here would not hesitate (to advise) that also Jews of Dutch nationality in the district under your command should also be evacuated."

ANTI-JEWISH DISCRIMINATION IN RUSSIA CONDEMNED AT MAPAM CONVENTION

TEL AVIV, April 22. (JTA) -- A leader of the leftist Mapam denounced current anti-Semitism in Russia and declared that death sentences for economic offenses were unworthy of a Socialist regime.

Jacob Hazan, a leader of the party, made the denunciation at the annual convention of the party. He said that while Mapam was spiritually united with the Socialist world, it did not, however, identify itself with any specific Socialist country.

The speaker told the delegates that he foresaw a long period for the Mapam of fighting its way alone with no hope of an early union with the other two labor parties, Achdut Avodah and Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's Mapai. He called the proposal of another Mapam leader for a three-party unification as "dead before it was born."

DELEGATES OF NEW YORK FRATERNAL GROUPS HOLD CONVENTION IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, April 22. (JTA) -- The Council of Jewish Organizations, the landsmanschaften division of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, voted here today, at the conclusion of a convention marking the UJA's 25th anniversary, to "double this year's contributions to the UJA" and make those contributions "commensurate with the needs." The parley was the first ever held by the Council in Israel.

Previously, the convention announced plans for the establishment of 200 projects in Israel in the next five years. These projects, similar to 200 others already inaugurated by the Council, will comprise centers for new immigrants, such as synagogues, libraries, homes for the aged and mother-child clinics. They will be named after European communities destroyed during the Nazi holocaust, serving as memorials to those communities.

The resolution calling for doubling the total contributions declared that the centers will be highly important for integration of new immigrants in Israel and for rehabilitation of newcomers. Among the speakers at the conference were the president of the Council, Ossip Wolinsky; S.Z. Shragai, head of the Jewish Agency's immigration department; and Yosef Almogi, Minister of Housing and Development in Israel.

CRITICAL PERIOD FOR ALGERIAN REFUGEES IN FRANCE FORESEEN BY ORT

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- The next three months are expected to be "an intensely critical period" for Algerian Jewish refugees in France, according to a report made last night by Dr. William Haber, president of the American ORT Federation, to his organization's executive committee, meeting at Hotel Commodore.

"The vast majority of the 110,000 Jews who left Algeria in last year's human flash flood, did so between May and July," Dr. Haber noted. "Government aid, which is limited to one year, will begin to terminate for tens of thousands in the coming months, with the prospect that the social and relief services of the community may well be inundated by the sheer massiveness of the human needs to be met.

"The big need after housing is jobs, and this will reach an acute stage when government assistance to the refugees comes to an end," Dr. Haber warned. "France's booming economy needs workers and the government is making a special effort to place refugees, but for tens of thousands of former shopkeepers, salesmen and similar categories, the acquisition of suitable skills is the essential prerequisite to employment."

The committee approved an upward revision of its budgetary allocation to the French ORT vocational training programs to help in coping with the anticipated additional thousands of applicants who are expected to turn to the trade schools and other ORT facilities for job instruction. American ORT Federation receives funds in part from the Joint Distribution Committee, out of United Jewish Appeal campaign income, and in part from its membership activities.

YIVO OPENS EXHIBIT OF PICTURES SHOWING NAZI CRUELTY IN WARSAW GHETTO

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- A dramatic and moving exhibit of pictures and documents depicting the cruelty in the Nazi occupation of the Warsaw Ghetto and the resistance of the Jews in the uprising, went on display yesterday at the national headquarters here of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research.

Speaking at the special ceremonies, Senator Jacob K. Javits of New York emphasized that the historic significance of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising transcended "the bounds of a single heroic act," adding that "it has become a milestone in Jewish history and in the annals of recorded heroism."

At the same time, Philip M. Klutznick, former ranking member of the United States delegation to the United Nations and general chairman of the Sponsors Committee of the exhibition, who presided, asserted that the exhibit "can only hallow the memory of those glorious martyrs who went to their eternal reward with the conviction in their hearts that the Jew is a man of honor and that the Jewish people is an eternal one."

Mr. Klutznick emphasized that the exhibit's only purpose was to "graphically display this magnificent posture so that their memory will ever burn brightly in the souls of future generations." He cited the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, stressing that the Institute had its wellsprings in Poland and was developed by "the men who ultimately stood up against the Nazi tyrant." He pointed out that "the YIVO archives and library represent the lifeblood of a generation of Jewish scholars and students whose total identification is with the cultural life of their people."

YIVO is the only secular Jewish research institute in the world outside of Israel. Founded in Vilna in 1925 -- and subsequently removed to New York, in 1940, to escape the German holocaust -- YIVO is dedicated to the scholarly exploration of all phases of Jewish life: Historical, sociological, economic, literary and linguistic.

Jews in Moscow Observe Anniversary of Warsaw Ghetto Revolt

LONDON, April 22. (JTA) -- With tearful, emotion-packed rites, 1,500 Moscow Jews last night observed the 20th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising at special services in the Soviet capital's Central Synagogue, Moscow dispatches here reported today. The services were conducted by Moscow's Chief Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin. Among those attending was Yosef Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to the Soviet Union.

The fact that 1,500 Jews, including about 500 women, attended the special services was deemed noteworthy, since the usual Sunday night prayers at the synagogue draw, as a rule, no more than 50 or 60 men. The only advance notice of the scheduled observance was an announcement by Rabbi Levin at last Saturday's regular Sabbath service.

Anniversary of Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Observed in Paris

PARIS, April 22. (JTA) -- Several thousand persons massed yesterday in front of the memorial to the Unknown Jewish Martyr here, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. Members of the French Government brought greetings on behalf of France, while survivors of the Ghetto fighting recalled the terrible days of the uprising.

Israel Ambassador Walter Eytan described the ceremonies which took place in Jerusalem and greeted the survivors as well as the directors of the memorial to the Unknown Jewish Martyr. A leading Paris cantor chanted the El Molei Rachamim prayer while thousands in the audience recited the kaddish in the presence of Paris Grand Rabbi Jacob Kaplan.

LACK OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL FOR JEWISH COMMUNAL SERVICES REPORTED

OTTAWA, April 22. (JTA) -- Jewish communal services are "scraping the manpower barrel" for qualified personnel, Dr. Max F. Baer, director of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization said here today. He emphasized that not enough of the Jewish community's most promising young persons "are being attracted to careers in the Jewish community."

Addressing an installation of officers' meeting for five B'nai B'rith lodges and chapters, Dr. Baer said "there is more mediocrity apparent in applications for positions in Jewish agencies today than in any time in the past." While Jewish young men and women are more likely to devote leisure hours to Jewish causes than their parents, they prefer to express their professional talents and interests elsewhere," he stated. "We have failed to imbue our Jewish youth with the kind of zeal for a dedication to Jewish life that becomes a decisive factor in choosing a career," he declared. He cited these two factors as contributing to the growing shortage in trained personnel:

1. A relatively feeble recruitment effort by Jewish agencies which is largely obscured by the "unprecedented glamorization" given to such fields as science and secular education;
2. The financial aid for training in Jewish communal professions are often outbid by scholarship and fellowship offers of public agencies, private foundations and universities.

"What is required is greater alertness and more systematic effort in identifying Jewish professional leadership, a liberalization of training subsidies and greater ingenuity in motivating promising Jewish youngsters," he pointed out.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL BOOK FAIR OPENS IN ISRAEL; 25 NATIONS PARTICIPATE

JERUSALEM, April 22. (JTA) -- More than 20,000 books from 25 nations are on display at Israel's first international book fair which opened here today. Several thousand Israelis flocked to the exhibition, the first of its kind in the Middle East.

The fair was opened by Jerusalem Mayor Mordechai Ish-Shalom, who, after welcoming the visitors, read a message from President Izhak Ben-Zvi which was prepared before the President fell critically ill on Friday. The exhibit is arranged in national sections comprising works in ten languages including German. It will remain open for one week.

Interior Minister Moshe Haim Shapiro, who greeted the fair on behalf of the Government, expressed regret that there were no entries from Arab countries at the fair, which, he said, represents the best efforts of literate mankind. He called on Arab men of letters to join their Jewish colleagues to achieve a rapprochement between both peoples.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY'S \$4,400,000 CENTER NAMED FOR JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST

BOSTON, April 22. (JTA) -- Special honors were conferred here yesterday upon George Sherman, noted Jewish philanthropist, as, for the first time, a public event was conducted by Boston University at the recently opened George Sherman Union at the university.

The \$4,400,000 campus social and cultural center was named in Mr. Sherman's honor, said Harold C. Case, president of the university, since the gift is one of the largest private benefactions in the history of the university. Mr. Sherman, as guest of honor, conferred awards on a number of other university benefactors, including individuals, foundations, trusts and corporations.

BROOKLYN JEWISH HOSPITAL STARTS BUILDING NEW \$3,000,000 SURGICAL WING

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- Prominent city and state leaders participated in groundbreaking ceremonies held yesterday for a new, \$3,000,000 surgical wing of the Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital, in Brooklyn. Among the participants were Senator Kenneth B. Keating; Representative Edna F. Kelly; City Comptroller Abraham D. Beame; Assemblyman Stanley Steingut; and Brooklyn Borough President Abe Stark.

This new addition to the hospital's facilities will be a four-story structure and will contain four operating rooms, complete with medicine's newest facilities for all phases of surgery, including tumor and neurological conditions; plus eight recovery rooms for post operative patients; an expanded X-ray department to include a cobalt unit and 50 semi-private beds. It is the largest voluntary non-sectarian institution in the country for the care and treatment of the chronic sick.

DR. WILHELM FILDERMAN, PROMINENT RUMANIAN JEWISH LEADER, DEAD; WAS 79

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Wilhelm Filderman, one of the most prominent leaders of Rumanian Jewry until the advent of the Nazi regime there, died in Paris, aged 79, according to a dispatch received here today. Born in Bucharest, and a well-known attorney, he represented Rumanian Jewry during the Versailles Peace Conference that followed World War I.

In 1927, he was elected to the Rumanian Parliament. He was the author of several books tracing the history of anti-Semitism in his country and attacking that phenomenon. Considered the most influential leader of Rumanian Jewry, he was sent by the pro-Nazi government in Rumania to a concentration camp in Transnistria. After the war, he came to the United States, where he resided for a short time prior to taking up permanent residence in France.