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ALGERIAN PREMIER JOINS NASSER IN CALL FOR 'LIBERATION OF PALESTINE'

PARIS, May 9. (JTA) -- Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser and Algerian Prime Minister Ahmed Ben Bella issued a joint communique in Algiers last night, pledging the two countries to "liberate" Palestine from the hands of "imperialism" and "colonialism." The statement, released just before the Egyptian ruler had completed his five-day state visit to the capital of Algeria, called also for the recovery of "all the rights of the Palestinian Arab Republic."

It was noted here that the wording of that part of the communique dealing with "Palestine" was similar to the clauses against Israel adopted last month in Cairo, when Egypt, Iraq and Syria agreed to form a new United Arab Republic Federation.

The French Foreign Ministry today minimized the significance of the Egyptian-Algerian communique, which, it was agreed, read like a "declaration of war" against Israel. French sources contended that the fact that the only unity reached between Algeria and Egypt in connection with Nasser's visit was "the vocal unity of an anti-Israel declaration" demonstrated that the two countries were still "far apart" and did not represent a serious danger.

The mass circulation French paper, L'Aurore, assailed the communique in an editorial and urged President de Gaulle "not even to consider visiting Algeria while a friendly country, Israel, is openly attacked." Under the signature of editor-in-chief Robert Bony, the newspaper called on the President's office to "immediately" deny that any such visit was even being planned.

France Welcomes Kennedy's Statement on Security for Israel

The French Foreign Office, although minimizing the possible dangers to Israel of the Arab unity drive, has at the same time warmly welcomed President Kennedy's press conference declaration yesterday that the United States would protect Israel's security. It called the statement "a most welcome repetition of a known truth which must not be forgotten, however."

Zeev Shek, the Israeli Minister in Paris, handed to the French Foreign Ministry today a copy of Israel's complaint to the United Nations Security Council, warning of Arab plans to attack Israel. Mr. Shek also gave the Foreign Ministry a copy of Prime Minister David Ben Gurion's speech in Parliament on foreign policy and the Middle East. The Israeli Prime Minister said in that address that there was no question but that the Arab countries were planning such an attack.

Mr. Shek's meeting with officials of the French Foreign Ministry's North African and Levantine departments was described as "most cordial." It also covered a review of Col. Nasser's visit this week to Algeria. It was generally believed that the Israeli approach to the French Foreign Office was prompted by Israel's wish to convey to France the seriousness with which Israel regards the new developments.

Jewish Delegation Discusses Mid-East Situation in State Department

WASHINGTON, May 9. (JTA) -- A delegation of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations called yesterday on W. Averell Harriman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, at the State Department. The discussion touched upon the current tense situation in the Middle East, with particular emphasis on American-Israel relations.

High officials of the State Department participated in the deliberations, which lasted two hours and 25 minutes. Leaving the State Department, members of the delegation refused to comment on the specific topics discussed, pointing out that these conversations were of an "ongoing" nature, and would continue.

U.N. Sends Representative to Jordan to Watch Situation

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 9. (JTA) -- Pier Pasquale Spinelli, who acts as the United Nations "presence" in Jordan, has gone from Geneva to Amman, Jordan's capital, and will be there "a couple of weeks," the United Nations reported here today. Mr. Spinelli's fulltime assignment is as chief of the United Nations European office, which has its headquarters in Geneva.

No reason for Mr. Spinelli's visit to Jordan at this time was stated by the UN, which called the trip "routine." However, it was known that Mr. Spinelli had been requested by Secretary General U Thant to go back to Jordan to observe and report on the political situation, as a result of pro-Nasserist demonstrations there.

ELECTION OF ZALMAN SHAZAR BY KNESSET AS ISRAEL PRESIDENT IS ASSURED

TEL AVIV, May 9. (JTA) -- The election by the Israel Parliament of veteran Zionist Zalman Shazar as President of Israel to succeed the late Izhak Ben-Zvi became a virtual certainty today after the National Religious party decided by a majority vote to support his candidacy.

The decision came after a dramatic vote by the Religious party members of 12 for and five against. A last minute approach by the Herut party for a different candidate to keep all major Government posts from being under Mapai control was rejected by the Religious party.

Even the Poale Agudat Israel party decided last night to support Shazar but the party will not second his nomination, agreeing simply to join in an affirmative vote. If these decisions are implemented in the balloting, Shazar would have a majority of nearly 80 votes in Parliament.

Leaders of the Liberal party meanwhile discussed with Herut leaders the possibility of submitting the name of Dr. Peretz Bernstein, a Liberal leader, as a candidate after Dr. Pinchas Rosen, Liberal and former Justice Minister, declined to run because no other party would support his candidacy. Dr. Bernstein said he might run for the post if Herut would support him. Herut officials said they were considering that question.

ISRAEL'S PRESS DEFAMATION BILL REVISED; MAJOR OBJECTIONS REMOVED

JERUSALEM, May 9. (JTA) -- All major objections to the widely criticized press defamation bill were removed in a revised version submitted today to Israel's Parliament.

Originally placed before the Knesset in February 1962, the bill evoked sharp criticism. It was withdrawn by the Cabinet which referred it to a Ministerial Law Committee. The amended measure eliminates as punishable libels committed in overseas publications written by correspondents stationed in Israel. It also has dropped a clause which would have authorized Israeli courts to ban publication of judgments in defamation cases.

The new version also provides that accurate reporting of public proceedings constitutes a good defense even if defamatory, a situation hitherto subject to prosecution. Also eliminated were provisions that the printer of a newspaper is liable for defamatory articles and that courts may shut down newspapers guilty of libel.

YESHIVA STUDENTS FINED IN ISRAEL FOR DAMAGES TO CHRISTIAN MISSION

JERUSALEM, May 9. (JTA) -- Nine Yeshiva students were fined 150 pounds (\$50) each today for participation in the disturbances which led last January 3 to damage of the Finnish Christian mission in Jerusalem. The yeshiva students were protesting Christian missionary activities in Israel. A tenth student, charged with organizing the demonstrations, was fined 300 pounds (\$100).

The defendants initially pleaded not guilty to charges of assault, criminal trespassing and damage to property. They reversed their pleas when police dropped those charges, with the consent of the plaintiff. They were convicted only on the charge of disturbances.

The magistrate accepted the defense contention that the defendants were motivated by "spiritual intentions" to demonstrate against Christian missionary activities but that they had not intended to create a breach of the peace.

The defense attorney told the court that the defendants were among some 150 demonstrators who entered the mission courtyard and broke windows and assaulted the director. The attorney said the demonstrators had been "outraged" by the fact that the mission Chanukah party, a menorah and a Christmas tree had been featured side by side.

MARRANOS RETURN TO JUDAISM IN ISRAEL; UNDERGO CIRCUMCISION CEREMONY

TEL AVIV, May 9. (JTA) -- Two members of a Marrano community on a Spanish island returned to Judaism yesterday in a unique double ritual circumcision ceremony at Ramat Gan Hospital, the first father and son circumcision in Israel.

The participants were Daniel Belshazar Crispi, 52, and Raphael Crispi, 18, who came to Israel from Palma de Majorca to study Judaism. They promised to return to the island and bring all other members of the community back to the Jewish people. They are now studying at Bnai Hadarom Yeshiva.

"We are happy to return to Jewishness after many generations during which our fathers and forefathers lived as Marranos," they said after the ritual circumcision.

GERMANY URGED IN PARLIAMENT TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH ISRAEL

BONN, May 9. (JTA) -- Professor Carlo Schmid, Social Democratic member of the Bundestag, lower House of Parliament here, and a vice-president of the body, told Parliament today that West Germany should establish diplomatic relations with Israel. "It is wrong," he said, "not to establish diplomatic relations with Israel for fear of the Arab states."

TRIAL OF TWO ALLEGED ISRAELI 'PLOTTERS' SET BY SWITZERLAND FOR JUNE 10

BASLE, Switzerland, May 9. (JTA) -- Josef Ben-Gal, an Israeli, and Dr. Otto Jukelik, Austrian scientist, both accused of having threatened the family of a German scientist at work on the Egyptian program for development of nonconventional weapons for use against Israel, will go on trial here on June 10, Swiss authorities announced today.

They were arrested as "Israeli plotters" two months ago for allegedly threatening Miss Heidi Goerke, daughter of Prof. Goerke, in an alleged effort to persuade the latter to quit the Egyptian weapons work. The woman and her father are in Cairo now.

According to officials here, the crime of which the two men are accused carries a penalty, upon conviction, of three years' imprisonment.

UNESCO CHARGED WITH DISTRIBUTING FALSE INFORMATION ON JEWS IN RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, May 9. (JTA) -- Lucius D. Battle, Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, has charged the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization with distributing a booklet misrepresenting the status of Jews in the Soviet Union, and cited false statements in the UNESCO publication. Mr. Battle's testimony was revealed today by the publication of hearings by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's Subcommittee on International Organization Affairs.

Attacking the accuracy of the booklet, "Equality of Rights Between Races and Nationalities in the USSR," the State Department official pointed out that it had been distributed to many American libraries by UNESCO. He cited the UNESCO publication's assertion on the "rights and liberties" of Jews and emphasized that only recently, the Soviet regime banned the baking of Passover matzo in Moscow.

The UNESCO booklet said that "account has to be taken of a natural process which has greatly developed during the last 20 years, the voluntary assimilation of the Jewish population." But the fact is, said Mr. Battle, "in the USSR census of 1959, 2,268,000 registered as Jews." He stressed that "the idea of assimilation is in conflict with the requirement that each Jew must be so designated in the internal passport."

He pointed out that although UNESCO states that "the vast majority of Jews of the new generation have freely adopted the language and culture of other peoples of the USSR," the fact is that since the second World War no Soviet schools have taught Yiddish. In 1933, he said, there were 800 such schools, with more than 120,000 students.

U. S. RABBIS URGED TO SEARCH FOR CHRISTIANS WHO SAVED JEWS FROM NAZIS

GREENFIELD PARK, N. Y., May 9. (JTA) -- Members of the Rabbinical Assembly were called upon today to aid in a search for the unsung heroes of the Nazi era--the Christians who saved Jews from death, defying danger and even the threat of death to themselves and their families to follow the call of conscience.

The appeal to the 400 members of the rabbinical body, assembled here for its 63rd annual convention, was made jointly by Rabbi Harold Schulweis, founder and director of the Institute for the Righteous Acts, and Dr. Perry London, professor of psychology at Stanford University, who will direct research for the institute. The Institute for the Righteous Acts, a documentation and study center on the rescuers of Jews in the Nazi era, was established last September in Oakland, Cal. It has a threefold purpose:

1. To discover and document episodes of heroic rescue behavior during the Nazi period;
2. To make a study of the motivation--economic, social, political and religious--which went into the making of the altruistic personalities revealed by these acts;
3. To utilize this information for the character education of young people today.

Nobody knows how many people were involved in this rescue behavior, Rabbi Schulweis explained, but "we do know that there was and always is an alternative to passive complicity with evil." The Institute is seeking case histories of human beings who "could find ample rationale to avert their eyes and plead innocence, but who could not live the life," he said.

ANTI-SEMITIC LEAFLETS WIDELY DISSEMINATED IN BRAZILIAN CITY

RIC DE JANEIRO, May 9. (JTA) -- Police authorities at Belo Horizonte, capital of the Province of Minas Gerais, announced today they were investigating the origin of anti-Semitic leaflets that have flooded the city.

The material, using anti-Semitic slogans, alleges that Jews are attempting to gain control of the Brazilian economy, naming several members of the Federal Government, whom it labels "Jews," as collaborators in the plans. Brazilians are called upon to boycott Jewish business enterprises and to refuse to pay debts to Jews. There are about 500 Jewish families in Belo Horizonte.

MUNICIPAL ORPHANAGE IN POLAND NAMED AFTER JEWISH MARTYR KILLED BY NAZIS

LONDON, May 9. (JTA) -- The municipal orphanage of the city of Wroclaw, Poland, was today named for Dr. Janusz Korczak, the Jewish physician who looked after the children in the Warsaw ghetto during the Second World War, and perished with them, it was reported here today from Warsaw.

ONTARIO COURT SEES NO DISCRIMINATION IN UPHOLDING CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES

TORONTO, May 9. (JTA) -- A labor union dedicated to the application of Christian principles in collective bargaining cannot be held to discriminate against any person's creed, Chief Justice James C. McRuer, of the High Court of Ontario, ruled today.

The decision came in a ruling on an appeal from a decision by the Ontario Labor Relations Board, which had refused to certify a local affiliated with the Christian Labor Association of Canada. The Board's refusal was based on the fact that members of the local would have to pledge to "uphold Christian principles" in collective bargaining.

Finding the Board's ruling "erroneous," Chief Justice McRuer stated in his opinion that a "requirement to uphold Christian ethical or social principles, as taught in the Bible" does not in itself constitute discrimination on the grounds of race, creed or color.

BEN-GURION EXPLAINS ISRAEL'S NON-PARTICIPATION IN NEW YORK'S FAIR

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- Israel's Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion explained today, in a letter to New York Mayor Robert F. Wagner, that Israel had decided definitely against participating in the New York World's Fair, because of a lack of money due to the burdens of defense expenditures, immigrant absorption and education.

The explanation was made in a letter replying to one previously sent to Mr. Ben-Gurion by Mr. Wagner. The Mayor had urged the Israeli Premier to reconsider a previous decision to omit participation in the 1964 Fair. In his response, Mr. Ben-Gurion referred to the current heavy fiscal demands on his Government, and said he found it "regrettable" that Israel could not participate. Mr. Ben-Gurion pointed out that the funds involved would have amounted to \$3,000,000. He stated:

"I am also told that we cannot conceivably reduce the estimate for our pavilion without injuring the level of its presentation of our country and we took the decision rather not to have a pavilion at all than to have an inadequate one. We investigated other areas of financing and these, too, were not desirable or practicable. I must repeat, regrettably--and it is indeed regrettable, for New York occupies a special place for many of us and for myself personally--that we shall have to forego the benefits of participating in the World's Fair."

THREE YOUTHS WIN BIBLE CONTEST; WILL RECEIVE FREE TRIPS TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- Three youngsters from different parts of the country were declared the winners of the fourth national Bible Contest held under auspices of the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency. The winners, who will receive a free trip to Israel, are: Devra Beck of Denver, Col.; Jerrold May of Minneapolis, Minn.; and Zelda Kahan of Far Rockaway, N.Y.

Among those who addressed the exercises in which 36 finalists took part were Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency; Dr. Samuel Blumenfeld, director of the Agency's Department of Education and Culture; and Dr. Judah Pilch, chairman of the Bible Contest Committee.

DR. VON KARMAN, LEADING PHYSICIST, DIED; WAS SON OF JEWISH PHILOSOPHER

BONN, May 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Theodore von Karman, one of the world's leading physicists and topmost aeronautical engineer, the son of a Jewish philosophy professor in Hungary, died last night at Aachen, near here. He was 81. His father, Prof. Maurice von Karman, of Budapest, a member of the Hungarian Government Ministry of Education in 1907, inspired Hungarian Jewish communities to establish their own high schools.

Theodore von Karman became a United States citizen in 1936 and, through his work on jet propulsion and rocketry, became known as "the father of the supersonic age." He was awarded the first U.S. National Medal of Science by President Kennedy last February. He returned to Germany after the war and established one of Europe's most celebrated research centers, at Aachen. He was a member of the NATO Advisory Council.

PROF. VALENTIN, SWEDISH EDUCATOR AND LEADING ZIONIST, DIES IN STOCKHOLM

STOCKHOLM, May 9. (JTA) -- Professor Hugo Valentin, prominent Swedish educator and author and a leading Zionist, died here last night just before he was scheduled to take part in a radio program featuring a discussion of Israel and the Arabs. He was 74 years of age. An honorary president and former chairman of the Swedish Zionist Federation, Dr. Valentin was the author of a number of books on Jewish history, anti-Semitism and Zionism.

ISRAEL ROSENBERG, JEWISH PLAYWRIGHT, DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 68

NEW YORK, May 9. (JTA) -- Funeral services attended by leading Jewish theatrical and literary personalities were held today for Israel Rosenberg, well-known Yiddish playwright, who died this week, aged 68. Born in Lublin, Poland, he came to Canada in 1917, settling in the United States subsequently. Many of his plays were produced in various Jewish centers around the world.