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KING OF NEPAL ARRIVES WITH QUEEN IN ISRAEL; DEFIES ARAB EFFORTS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- King Mahendra of Nepal arrived here this morning for a week-long state visit with his Queen, Nepalese Premier Tulsī Giri and four senior Nepalese army officers. The royal guests were met at the airport by President Zalman Shazar, Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Cabinet Ministers, members of the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, members of the diplomatic corps, and a group of Nepalese students studying in Israel.

Four Super Mystere Israeli Air Force jets flew past in a salute formation, as the King stepped from the plane and was greeted with a 21-gun salute.

The visitors immediately left for Jerusalem, where schoolchildren lined the streets to greet the King's arrival. The King and his entourage were then given an official reception by Acting Mayor Rabbi M. Porush and the members of the Jerusalem Municipal Council.

Tonight, the King was the guest of honor at a state dinner given by President Shazar. The itinerary of the royal guests includes a visit Wednesday to Sde Boker for a meeting with former Premier David Ben-Gurion; an overnight stay at Beersheba's Desert Inn; and a reception by the Nepalese Students Union in Israel. More than 60 Nepalese students are training in this country in various fields. On Thursday, the King will be the guest of the Israeli Army, at a special Air Force display.

Arab efforts to forestall the visit have continued since last year, when representatives of the Arab states boycotted an Indian government reception given to King Mahendra during the monarch's official visit to India. The visit here was seen as reaffirming Nepal's determination to pursue its policy of close friendship with Israel. It is expected to culminate with a joint statement of friendship and cooperation to be issued by the heads of state of the two countries.

BRITISH LABOR PARTY LEADER CONDEMNS SYRIAN ATTACKS ON ISRAEL

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The World Congress of the Socialist International, which opened here today, was urged by Harold Wilson, leader of the British Labor Party, to condemn the recent renewal of anti-Israel attacks by Israel's Arab neighbors. He called also for the establishment of a nuclear-free zone in the Middle East, warning, however, that such a pact would be a "mockery" unless the shipment of conventional arms into the area were stopped by "other powers, creating a dangerous imbalance of conventional capacity."

Mr. Wilson's proposal of a nuclear-free zone in the Middle East, with a guarantee against a simultaneous influx of conventional arms, was endorsed by Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, leader of the Israeli delegation to the congress; and by Paul-Henri Spaak, Foreign Minister of Belgium.

Delivering the first major address of the congress, Mr. Wilson told the Socialist International: "We must condemn the recent outburst of violence on the frontiers between Israel and her neighbors. We endorse the condemnation (of Syria) expressed by eight members of the United Nations Security Council last week. We condemn also the new statements of aggressive intent issued by the Governments of Iraq, Syria and the United Arab Republic. While we want to establish friendly relations with these states and their leaders--this cannot be done at the expense of Israel."

"Even if political agreement between the Arab states and Israel is far off," continued the leader of Britain's Labor Party, "the great powers should assist in stopping the present frightening race in armaments in the area. We must view with great alarm the development of nuclear power in the area. We have condemned the hiring of West European rocket engineers in Egypt. But there should be a nuclear-free zone covering the whole area, provided it is not made a mockery by shipment of conventional arms from other powers."

Sharett Welcomes Arms Restrictions in Middle East; Lauds Kennedy

Mr. Sharett told the Congress that he welcomes Mr. Wilson's proposal for denuclearization of the Middle East accompanied by limitations on conventional arms in the region. Agreements for elimination of nuclear arms without simultaneous limitations on conventional arms, he said, "would greatly increase the uncertainties, by lulling world opinion into a sense of false security, leaving aggressive states free to accumulate deadly weapons."

Mr. Sharett paid warm tribute to President Kennedy's "imaginative, dynamic peace policy."

SOVIET CLOSES LAST SYNAGOGUE IN MINSK; BURIES NON-JEWS IN JEWISH CEMETERY

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Soviet authorities in Minsk, capital of Byelorussia, have closed down the last synagogue in that city, and have also desecrated a Jewish cemetery by permitting the burial there of non-Jewish remains, according to information received here from the Soviet Union today.

The synagogue was ordered closed in June, and is now being torn down to make way for a new apartment house. Minsk, once a great Jewish religious and cultural center, will thus be without a Jewish house of worship for this year's High Holy Days. There are still about 50,000 Jews living in Minsk.

Last month, after authorities in Moscow had declared the old Jewish cemetery in that city closed to further burials, a similar order was issued in Minsk. There, a new cemetery was opened, and Jews were allowed to consecrate the grounds. Since then, however, it was learned today, the consecration was nullified.

NAZI CAMP COMMANDER GOES ON TRIAL; KILLED JEWS WITH OWN HANDS

GRAZ, Austria, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Stefan Rojko, former commander of the Theresienstadt concentration camp in Czechoslovakia, went on trial here today on charges of having murdered "with his own hands" 82 Jews and other inmates and of having participated along with two former SS officers, in the murder of another 102 inmates.

He is also accused of having ordered various inmates to murder another 10 Jews. Twelve witnesses are scheduled to testify at the trial which is expected to last three weeks.

At the site of the notorious concentration camp, meanwhile, Jews from all parts of Czechoslovakia took part today in the traditional pilgrimage to Theresienstadt where a special section of the general monument to victims of Nazi atrocities is dedicated to the Jews who perished at the camp. Representatives of the Council of Jewish Communities in Czechoslovakia and from individual Jewish communities in Bohemia and Moravia, placed wreaths on the memorial.

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWS REAFFIRM LOYALTY OF COMMUNITY TO GOVERNMENT

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The South African Jewish Board of Deputies today issued a statement here reaffirming the loyalty and patriotism of the Jewish community in this country and disclaiming responsibility for recent acts by individual Jews charged with subversive activities in opposition to the Government's apartheid policy.

The Board's statement was in response to questions raised by Dagbreek, the country's largest Afrikaans newspaper, over the recent arrest of Arthur Goldreich, a prominent artist and architect, and Harold Wolpe, an attorney, who were detained by police along with a number of other whites and non-whites charged with heading an anti-apartheid subversive group.

"The facts demonstrate overwhelmingly," the Board declared, "that the Jewish community of South Africa is an established, loyal and patriotic section of the population. The actions of individuals of any section are their own responsibility and no section of the community can or should be asked to accept responsibility. If individuals transgress the law, they expose themselves to the penalty of the law. The Jewish community condemns the breaking of the law, in whatever section of the population it might occur," the statement concluded.

FORD FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES GRANT FOR BRINGING GERMAN EDUCATORS TO U. S.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The Ford Foundation today informed the American Jewish Committee here that it has granted \$50,000 for the project of bringing German educators to the United States to study American methods of civic and social education.

The program of education for democracy for West German youth was initiated by the American Jewish Committee in 1959 following extensive conferences with Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and other West German Government and educational leaders. Cooperating in the program has been the Institute of Social Research in Frankfurt and the Institute of International Education in the United States. Dr. Max Horkheimer, eminent social scientist and educator, is director of the Institute in Germany, and represents the American Jewish Committee.

Through the Ford Foundation grant, it will be possible for the teams of West German educators to come to this country twice, instead of once, a year in order to study American educational methods. This is part of a stepped up program under the initiative of the American Jewish Committee, of extending civic and social education throughout the West German school system.

Since the program was first initiated four years ago, five groups of German educators have visited the United States--each group for a period of two months--and traveled through various regions of the country to learn at first hand American educational methods.

154,342 PUPILS ATTENDED JEWISH SCHOOLS IN NEW YORK LAST YEAR

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- On the eve of the opening of the Jewish school year, the Jewish Education Committee here reported today that a total of 154,342 pupils attended Jewish schools of all types in New York during 1962-1963. This figure marks a new high in Jewish school enrollment, according to Louis L. Ruffman, JEC associate director. Commenting on the findings of the annual JEC census, Mr. Ruffman noted that:

1. The only type of schools to increase in all areas and at all levels is the all-day school. In the five boroughs, all-day schools account for 35 per cent of elementary school enrollment, and 71 per cent of high school enrollment, and for only four per cent in suburban schools on both levels.

2. One-day-a week schools absorb 53 per cent in the suburbs and only 16 per cent in the five boroughs.

3. Almost twice as many boys as girls are receiving a Jewish education.

4. In Greater New York, the largest number of pupils, 44.3 percent are in Orthodox schools, followed by the Conservative group (26.9 percent), and in 22.6 per cent the Reform religious schools. However, the order is reversed in the suburbs where 45.4 per cent of the pupils attend Reform religious schools against 10.5 per cent in the five boroughs, 40 per cent attend Conservative schools against 20.5 per cent in the five boroughs, and 11 per cent attend Orthodox schools against 62 per cent in the five boroughs.

"These data," said Mr. Ruffman, "point to two interesting developments characterizing Jewish education in New York City. First, it is much more intensive in the boroughs than in the suburban counties and in the country as a whole. Second, there is a much greater proportion of high school pupils in the all-day schools than in other types of schools. This indicates that the more intensive the education offered the better is the record of continuation."

Data Gathered from 709 Schools; Survey Shows Pupil Retention

A sign of pupil retention has also been revealed by the current census, according to Mr. Ruffman. Pointing to this is the fact that all-day and one-day-a-week schools show a fairly even distribution among the several grades of elementary school. In the afternoon Hebrew school, the proportional distribution of enrollment in the several grades shows that a larger proportion of pupils is continuing in the upper grades than was the case a decade ago. "The weekday afternoon schools definitely retain their pupils for a considerably longer period than was the case a decade ago," Mr. Ruffman said.

Additional highlights of Mr. Ruffman's report indicate that:

1. Total enrollment showed an increase of only 370 over the previous year, or only one-fourth of one per cent as compared with a constant rate of increase of a little over one per cent over the previous three years.

2. The great majority of pupils (120,382, or 84 per cent) are in elementary grades. There are just over 16,884 (11 per cent) in high school grades, and 7,176 (five percent) in pre-school classes.

3. The largest number of students 60,008 (44 per cent) is enrolled in weekday afternoon schools; 43,301 or 29 per cent attend all-day schools; 33,825 or 22 per cent attend the one-day-a-week school.

Data was gathered from a total of 709 separate Jewish schools in Greater New York, as against 718 last year. The decrease of nine schools is due to the fact that 32 schools previously listed were discontinued, seven were merged, and 30 new schools were added to the list.

JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN SCHOLARS JOIN IN PREPARING ALL-FAITH BIBLE

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Five Jewish scholars have joined with 20 Christians, Catholic and Protestant, in an effort to coordinate a new, all-faith Bible that will be acceptable alike to Protestants, Catholics and Jews, it was announced here today by Anchor Books, a division of the publishing house of Doubleday & Co.

The plan is to compile a Protestant-Catholic version of the New Testament, bringing together the official, accepted texts of the two faiths; and another combined version of the Old Testament that would be acceptable alike to Jews and to all Christians. Thus far, the publishers said, the Old Testament version of the interfaith Bible has been started with a newly coordinated Book of Genesis.

The five Jewish scholars at work on the project are Professor Yigael Yadin and Professor David Flusser, of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem; Professor Ephraim Avigdor Speiser and Dr. Moshe Greenberg, of the University of Pennsylvania; and Professor H. L. Ginsberg, of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

ANCIENT LIBRARY DISCOVERED IN CONDEMNED STRUCTURE IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- A valuable library of Judaica comprising about 1,500 volumes was discovered here recently during a routine inspection of a condemned structure in the run down Nachlat Shiva Quarter, earmarked for demolition.

The library was assembled more than a century ago by Rabbi David ben Shimon of Egypt, who died here many years ago, and was inherited by his son who became chief rabbi of Egypt and took them with him to Cairo. Subsequently the books were taken to Morocco and later sent back to Jerusalem to the Yeshiva of Rabbi Amram Abu Rabbiah in the Old City.

During the Mandatory period, when that Yeshiva building was closed by the British authorities as unsafe, the books were turned over to the Committee of the Moroccan Community. In the interim, however, many of the books became badly damaged due to their having been stacked in damp closets where vermin devoured many of their pages.

Through the assistance of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee here, the library has been recently installed in the Porath Yoseph Yeshiva which will restore it and place it in a special reading room. This Yeshiva was forced to abandon its 30,000-volume library when it evacuated its former quarters in the Old City in 1948.

Among the rare books in the Ben Shimon collection is a hand-written commentary on the Kabbalah by Jonah Hegirondi, a book on Jewish thought entitled "Ahavat Clam" by Shlomo Algazi published in 1647 in Constantinople, "Binah le'Etim" by Azaria Figo, published in Lemberg, Poland in 1527, and responsa by Joseph Caro, printed in Mantua, Spain in 1790.

YIDDISH STATE THEATER IN BUCHAREST CELEBRATES 15TH ANNIVERSARY

LONDON, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Rumania's Yiddish State Theater, in the capital city of Bucharest, celebrated this weekend its 15th anniversary, according to reports received here today.

The company boasts a repertory of works by contemporary Jewish playwrights in Rumania, Israel and other countries as well as Jewish classics and plays from the Rumanian, Russian, American and British stage, performed in Yiddish translation.

CORNERSTONE FOR SOHEM ALEICHEM MUSEUM WILL BE LAID IN TEL AVIV

JERUSALEM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- The cornerstone for a Sohem Aleichem House, to serve as a museum to perpetuate the memory of the great Yiddish humorist, will be laid in November on a plot in Tel Aviv donated by the municipality, it was announced here today.

Supporters in the United States have contributed \$130,000 for the project. The plan was announced at a founding meeting for the project held today at the home of President Zalman Shazar, who was named honorary president.

BERNARD REDER, WORLD-FAMOUS JEWISH SCULPTOR, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for Bernard Reder, world-famous Jewish sculptor, who died here last night at the age of 66.

Born in Czernowitz, which was then under Austrian rule, he started drawing at the age of 4. It was not until after World War II, during which he had served as a draftee in the Austrian Army, that he started serious artistic study, pursuing his work first in Prague, then back in Czernowitz, where he carved cemetery monuments, later in Paris. In 1930, a gallery in Paris exhibited his "The Torso," a female nude, subsequently acquired by the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

He came to the United States in 1943, after fleeing one European country after another ahead of the advancing Hitler forces. In 1961, the Whitney Museum here devoted three floors to the largest one-man show it had ever conducted. Leading art critics in this country and abroad were fulsome for many years in their praise of Mr. Reder's work, and some of his sculptures are in the permanent collections of most prominent museums in this country and in Europe.

Mr. Reder became an American citizen in 1948. Among his many awards in recognition of his artistry were a \$10,000 grant from the Ford Foundation, and one of \$2,000 from the National Institute of Arts and Letters.

John Canaday, art critic of the New York Times, praised the "ebullience" of Mr. Reder's bronzes and some of his other works for what he called examples of "the joy of energy affirming the worthwhileness of life." Of another of Mr. Reder's works, the critic wrote it exhibited "a next to incredible demonstration of carving."

DR. BERTHOLD STOKVIS, NOTED JEWISH PSYCHIATRIST, DIES IN HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Berthold Stokvis, world-famous Jewish psychiatrist and nerve specialist, died here today at the age of 57. He was a leading authority on hypnosis. Born in Amsterdam, Dr. Stokvis was on the faculty of Leyden State University and was president of the Society of Psychic Mass Hygiene and honorary secretary general of the International Society of Orthopedagogics. He was the author of numerous works on psychology and hypnosis.