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### GOLDMANN REPORTS ON DETERIORATION OF JEWISH SITUATION IN RUSSIA

PARIS, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The condition of Soviet Jewry has slowly but steadily deteriorated during the last two years, according to an interim report issued here today by the Conference on the Situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union. The report was transmitted by Dr. Nahum Goldmann to members of the Conference of which Daniel Mayer, French Jewish leader, is chairman.

The report revealed that, according to official Soviet sources, 354 synagogues have been closed in Russia during the past seven years. The total of synagogues fell from 450 in 1956, according to the Soviet Union's report to the United Nations Subcommittee on the Prevention of Discrimination, to only 96, according to 1963 figures from official Soviet sources.

The 17-page report declared that "one cannot fail to note a slow but steady deterioration in the position of Soviet Jewry, not only on the collective, national and religious planes, but also individually."

Discussing the "large number" of Russian Jews condemned to death as a result of trials for "economic offenses," the report declared that "in some of the more adversely affected communities there is deep-seated anxiety and apprehension" among Jews as a result of that development.

The report expressed the hope that as "de-Stalinization makes further progress, the Jewish problem too will achieve a solution." However, conference participants were urged in the report to resume their work because "circumstances are pressing and the difficulties faced by Soviet Jewry do not permit indefinite delay."

### 80 Jews Condemned to Death in Two Years for 'Economic Crimes'

The report cited figures published in the Soviet press showing that between July 1, 1961 and July 1, 1963, at least 140 persons were condemned to death for economic offenses in Russia and that about 60 per cent of these, or some 80 people, at least, were Jews. "This proportion is especially disquieting when one remembers that the Jews represent only about 1.5 per cent of the total population," the report noted. "In the Ukraine, where Jews constitute two per cent of the population, they account for 80 to 90 per cent of those condemned to death" in such trials.

The report emphasized that the Soviet press was "only too willing to harp" on those trials in which the accused are Jews, "laying heavy indirect stress on the 'fatal connection' which is supposed to exist between offenses committed and the national or religious identity of the offenders." Such articles help to back up the current anti-religion campaign, especially in its anti-Semitic aspects."

The report asserted that the entire Yiddish literary output from 1948 to 1963 amounted to a total of five books by deceased writers, one anthology, the newspaper, the Biro-bidjan Stern, and the bi-monthly Sovietish Heimland.

In a message accompanying the report, Dr. Goldmann said that "considering the large number of Jews still very attached to their national heritage, this state of affairs can only be explained by the fact that the Soviet authorities themselves must be vigorously opposed to any revival of Jewish culture in the USSR."

The report said that not only had there been no improvement during the past two years in the sphere of Jewish religious life but further deterioration. Synagogues are still being closed regularly and during 1962, the report stated, synagogues were closed at Sverdlovsk, Zhitomir, Kazan, Grozny, Zhmerinka, Chernovitz, Belaya-Tzerkov, Kaunas, Lvov and Piatigorsk. Most of these towns now have no synagogue at all, the report declared.

Dr. Goldmann cited reports of cases in which Russian Jews "were imprisoned and condemned to solitary confinement with hard labor for baking and distributing matzoth by improvised means" since the state bakeries quit baking matzoth two years ago.

The report warned that publication of articles in the Soviet press describing synagogues as "centers of illicit trading" breeds anti-Semitism among the masses "and it is inevitable that this causes some excesses." Dr. Goldmann then referred to a previously publicized anti-Semitic incident at Dhagestan on August 9, 1961, when Jews were accused of ritual murder. He asserted that this was not an isolated case, and that similar charges were made at Uzbekistan in 1962, in Georgia and in 1963 in Vilna.

# HOUSE HEARS PLEA FOR U. S. ACTION ON MISTREATMENT OF SOVIET JEWRY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Congressman Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, in a statement on the Floor of the House of Representatives today called upon the Congress to act favorably on his resolution, introduced earlier this year, to have the U. S. Mission to the United Nations seek adoption by the United Nations of a resolution condemning manifestations of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union.

"It is singularly appropriate at this time, in view of the approach of the Jewish High Holidays, to call attention to the fact that although the Soviet Union has agreed they will not pollute the air with their super-bombs, and loudly publicize their desire for peaceful co-existence with the peoples of the world, there continues within the Soviet Union itself practiced persecution of its Jewish population," the New York Congressman said.

"Apparently," he continued, "this country has been successful in persuading Mr. Khrushchev and his cohorts that it is uncivilized to explode poisonous ingredients in the atmosphere--we have been unable to convince him that the subtle harassment of Soviet Jewry is similarly uncivilized and closely parallels the initial actions of Germany's Hitler against the Jews."

He also listed some of the evidences of persecution presently taking place within the Soviet Union: the closing of synagogues; the insufficiency of prayer shawls and prayer books and other artifacts essential to the observance of all Jewish holidays; the closing of the last synagogue and the Jewish cemetery in Minsk, the capital of Byelorussia; the conviction of Moscow Jews on the charge of selling matzohs; the refusal of the Soviet Union to allow the Israeli investigators to examine captured Nazi records to obtain information on Nazi Adolf Eichmann; the execution of Jews for alleged economic crimes; and the use of the Soviet controlled press to inflame the populace against their Jewish neighbors.

## NAZI LEADER IN CHILE SENTENCED TO JAIL FOR ANTI-JEWISH BOMBING

SANTIAGO, Chile, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Franz Pfeiffer Richter, the leader of the Chilean National Socialist Party which was revived this week after having remained officially dormant for nearly 25 years, was sentenced to three years in jail yesterday for anti-Jewish bombings in 1958.

Richter, a 27-year-old law student born in Chile of German parents, said yesterday that this newly reorganized movement was anti-Semitic and followed the same rules set by Hitler. His announcement apparently spurred legal proceedings on an old charge against him of being behind the explosion of some bombs in Santiago's synagogues five years ago.

## ISRAEL CHIEF RABBI CONDEMNS ZEALOT'S ATTACKS ON MISSIONARY SCHOOLS

JERUSALEM, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The issue of the demonstrations last Tuesday by Israeli yeshiva students in front of missionary schools in Jerusalem, Haifa and Jaffa will be discussed by the Cabinet next Sunday at its weekly meeting, it was reported here today. The Cabinet will discuss steps to ensure that the incidents would not be repeated.

Disapproval of the incidents was voiced today by Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim who said that although the problem of missionary activity in Israel gave him "no rest," he categorically rejected the type of demonstration carried out by the students on Tuesday. He said "this was not the way to combat the plague of missions and the disreputable manner in which the missionaries carry out their activities."

(In New York, the American Jewish Committee issued a statement today which "strongly supports the swift action of the Israeli Government in dealing with the irresponsible youths" who participated in the attacks on the missionary schools. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Central Conference of American Rabbis--Reform bodies--as well as the United Synagogue of America, central body of Conservative synagogues, issued statements condemning the assaults. The Labor Zionist movement here, in a statement issued, applauded the energetic action taken by the Israel Government against the ultra-Orthodox "fanatics.")

Dr. Meir Mendez, who heads the Department of Christian Communities of the Ministry for Religious Affairs, today called on the French St. Joseph's Convent and the Finnish school here, and conveyed the Government's apologies over the demonstrations. The heads of both institutions expressed their appreciation for the prompt police and Government action in the matter. The Israel press today sharply condemned the demonstrators.

## KING OF JORDAN WANTS 'HONORABLE SOLUTION' OF ARAB-ISRAEL PROBLEM

PARIS, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- King Hussein of Jordan, currently on an informal visit to Paris, told a press conference yesterday that "an honorable solution to the Palestine problem might be found" but he added, "I see no possible solution in the near future."

He said the "basic solution" depended on "quite a reorganization" of the Arab world which would "lift the danger which Israel represents for us." During the visit, the Jordanian monarch met with President Charles de Gaulle who told the King that "France is on her side readily disposed for this close cooperation."

#### U. J. A. NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The role of the young leader in Jewish affairs will be explored by 500 young Jewish leaders from 75 communities throughout the country attending a three-day United Jewish Appeal Young Leadership Conference opening tomorrow at the New York Hilton Hotel here.

The conference over which Alan Sagner of Newark, N. J., chairman of the Young Leadership Cabinet, will preside, will hear addresses from two outstanding statesmen: U. S. Senator Hubert H. Humphrey and Israel's Ambassador to the U. S. Avraham Harman. The program of the three-day parley has been planned to give the participants a first hand report of the activities of the United Jewish Appeal, the latest information on the political situation in the Middle East, and a factual analysis of the operation of the constituent agencies of the UJA - the Jewish Agency and the Joint Distribution Committee, the New York Association for New Americans, and United Hias Service.

The areas of operation which will be discussed will be Israel, which for the third successive year is receiving a record number of Jewish immigrants, the effects of the mass migration of North African Jews into France, migration of Jews to other countries, and the changing nature of Jewish overseas needs as a result of the demographic changes in Europe and North Africa wrought by these mass migrations. The program will begin tomorrow with a review of the political situation in the Middle East.

The Conference will be the first since the UJA incorporated the Young Leadership Council earlier this year into its regular campaign structure. The group involves upwards of 6,500 young business, executive and professional men who have been taking increasingly active roles in the various philanthropic religious, educational, health and welfare programs and agencies in their communities. A National Young Leadership Cabinet of 74 members acts as the executive committee for the Council and conducts the over-all program.

#### NATIONAL PARLEY OF ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION OPENS TODAY IN WASHINGTON

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- A national planning conference to draft a program for wider economic development in Israel will begin its deliberations tomorrow at Washington, D. C. under the auspices of the Israel Bond Organization, it was announced by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president.

More than 500 Jewish leaders from various parts of the United States and Canada will meet for three days to consider the economic progress Israel has made during the past decade with American investment aid and to blueprint increased support for major development projects in unsettled and underpopulated areas of the country.

Josef Almogi, Israel's Minister of Development and Housing, arrived today to place before the Washington conference Israel's development requirements in preparing large sections of the Negev desert in the south and the Central Galilee region in the north for the establishment of new agricultural and industrial communities. Another principal speaker will be Israel's Ambassador Avraham Harman.

The conference will initiate campaign activities for the sale of Israel Bonds in the remaining months of 1963. It will also discuss long-range plans for enlisting the participation of individual American investors in Israel's economic growth in the coming years through the Israel Bond Organization, Dr. Schwartz said. Referring to the fact that the Treasury of Israel is at present redeeming its first twelve year savings bonds, Dr. Schwartz said that the repayment of matured Israel bonds has greatly increased confidence in Israel's economic future.

#### U. S. AMBASSADOR ATTENDS DEDICATION OF VILLAS IN ISRAELI RESORT

TEL AVIV, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The dedication of 54 villas in Israel's newest luxury resort on the Caesarea beach was attended today by American Ambassador Walworth Barbour, Teddy Kollek, director-general of the Prime Minister's office and officials of Israel's Finance Ministry and Investment Authority.

One third of the villas, each costing between \$25,000 and \$35,000, have already been sold, mainly to overseas buyers who want the villas for summer or winter homes. The next stage in the project, being built by the Caesarea Resort Corporation, will be 32 additional units.

#### AMERICAN ARCHEOLOGICAL EXPEDITION TO START EXCAVATIONS IN ISRAEL

PRINCETON, N. J., Sept. 12. (JTA) -- An American archeological expedition will undertake next summer the excavation of Hebron, in Jordanian occupied Palestine, the last major Biblical site in the Holy Land still unexplored, it was announced here today. The burial place of the three Patriarchs -- Abraham, Isaac and Jacob -- is located near the ancient city 25 miles south of Jerusalem which also served subsequently as the first capital of King David.

The expedition, which will be under the direction of Professor Philip C. Hammond of the Princeton Theological Seminary, will also include archeologists from the University of Southern California, the Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary, the American Council of Learned Societies and the American Friends of the Middle East.

NEW YORK JEWISH CENTER PROVIDES CLASSROOM SPACE FOR NEGRO PUPILS

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- The Jewish Center of Malverne, Long Island, provided classroom space and facilities today for 79 Negro pupils as part of an emergency "Freedom School" organized by Negro parents boycotting the local public school to force the school board to end racial imbalance.

The freedom school initially was set up in a church in Garden City and then was expanded to include the Guild Hall of the St. Thomas Episcopal church and the Jewish Center. The 79 pupils and four Negro teachers were attending five classrooms in the Center. The 250 children attending the freedom school had been assigned to the Woodfield Road School which is about 80 per cent Negro. The United Synagogue of America, parent body of Conservative congregations, congratulated the Malverne Center for its action.

N. Y. CITY COUNCIL URGED TO EXEMPT SABBATH OBSERVERS FROM SUNDAY LAW

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the American Jewish Congress today urged enactment "without any changes or amendments" of a City Council bill to exempt Sabbath observers from the State Sunday-closing law.

Howard M. Squadron, chairman of the New York Metropolitan Council of the Jewish groups, spoke at a public hearing in City Hall in support of a measure introduced by City Councilman David Ross. He warned against any measure that went beyond the local-option law enacted by the State legislature last April.

Under the State law, New York City was given the right to enact, before Dec. 31, 1963, a local ordinance exempting from the State Sunday law persons who keep their places of business closed on Saturday in observance of their religious day of rest. Such legislation would cover Orthodox Jews, Seventh Day Adventists, Seventh Day Baptists and other Sabbatarians.

NEW JERSEY BOARD OF EDUCATION WARNS SCHOOLS ON LORD'S PRAYER

TRENTON, N. J., Sept. 12. (JTA) -- School boards in New Jersey which have continued to authorize Bible reading and recitation of the Lord's Prayer were under stern notice today from the State Board of Education to "comply with the law forthwith" and end those practices.

The board declared in a resolution that the U. S. Supreme Court had banned such exercises in public schools and that the ruling was "the law of the land" and that schools had "the obligation" to "teach respect for law." The resolution was aimed at three school boards, in Hawthorne, Middle Township and Berkeley Township, which voted to retain the religious observances. The Board did not say what action it would take to enforce compliance. Gov. Richard J. Hughes and his legal aides have been meeting on the problem.

CANADIAN J. N. F. SPONSORS ISRAEL PROJECT WITH \$1,500,000 GIFT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Ground was broken in ceremonies held today in the barren region of Dvir, in the Hebron hills, for a new settlement which will ultimately include 21,000 acres of newly reclaimed land on the Jordanian border. In Biblical times, the area was known as Kiryat Sefer. The ceremonies launched the first step of the reclamation project, comprising 2,225 acres, being financed with a gift of \$1,500,000 from the Jewish National Fund of Canada.

This first, Canadian-sponsored settlement will be manned by a Nahal youth group that will be provided with the most modern agricultural equipment. A feature of the settlement will be the creation of a 20-acre artificial lake.

Rabbi Milton Aron, president of the JNF at Winnipeg, Canada, handed a \$1,000,000 check for the financing of the project to Joseph Weitz, chairman of Israel's Land Development Authority. The contribution was called by Rabbi Aron "a first installment." Prior to the ceremonies in the Hebron hills, Rabbi Aron and Harris Gulko, executive director of the JNF at Winnipeg, were received by President Zalman Shazar at his home here.

LIONEL BAUMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN FRIENDS OF HEBREW U.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12. (JTA) -- Lionel R. Bauman, New York attorney and real estate investor, was today elected national president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University by the board of directors of the organization.

Mr. Bauman's public activities have been centered primarily in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the American Friends of the Hebrew University. He is a member of the university's board of governors--its supreme authority in all fields of major policy. Prior to his election as president he served as vice president of the American Friends and as a member of its board of directors. He was born in New York City.