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## SOVIET EMBASSY IN U. S. FLOODED WITH PROTESTS ON TREATMENT OF JEWS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- The Soviet Embassy here is being flooded with protests from Protestant and Catholic clergymen, rabbis, educators, and civic leaders assailing Soviet discrimination against Jews and pleading for lifting the official Soviet policy of suppression of Jewish culture and religion.

The latest protest was received today from Philadelphia, signed by 42 church leaders of all religions. It was undertaken cooperatively by these leaders, the Philadelphia Board of Rabbis and the American Jewish Committee. The signers included Archbishop John J. Krol, Archbishop of Philadelphia; Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, president of the World Methodist Council, Mayor James H. J. Tate, and other dignitaries.

The signatories asked the embassy to transmit the protests to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev. They charged that while most other faiths are permitted "bare necessities" needed for religious practice, the almost three million Jews of the Soviet Union "are denied minimal rights." Among the repressive measure against Jews in the Soviet Union listed in the telegram were:

"1. Legally constituted Jewish congregations are isolated from one another. They are forbidden to organize a central body. They are allowed no contact with Jewish religious groups in other countries. Their leaders are singled out for abuse.

"2. Since June 1961, synagogue presidents in six cities have been arbitrarily removed from office; Jewish communal leaders in Leningrad and Moscow have been sentenced to prison for the alleged crime of meeting with foreign visitors to their synagogues.

"3. Scores of synagogues have been closed by the state. The few that remain are served by rabbis who were ordained more than 40 years ago. For more than a generation, Jewish theological seminaries have been banned, except for a lone Yeshiva in Moscow, opened in 1956. Its enrollment, never permitted to exceed 20, was reduced to four in April.

"4. No Jewish Bible has been printed in 40 years. No articles for Jewish ritual can be produced. This year, for the first time in Soviet history, even the sale of unleavened bread, essential to observance of the Passover, was banned. The prayers of Judaism are said in Hebrew, yet the teaching of that language is forbidden.

"5. Although half a million Jews declared Yiddish as their mother tongue in the Soviet census of 1959, their hundreds of schools, their once-flourishing theaters have been stamped out. Much smaller ethnic or linguistic groups have schools, theaters, books and newspapers in their own languages."

The conditions, the telegram said, revive "memories of the anti-Semitic Stalin regime" which, it pointed out, Premier Khrushchev has denounced. The telegram urged the Soviet Union to implement its oft-repeated claim that it is "a champion of human dignity and equality" and "a defender of minority rights" by lifting these repressive measures. It called on the Soviet Government to conform its behavior "to its own professed principles," and to the standards of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

### Yom Kippur Proclaimed as 'National Day of Concern for Soviet Jews'

NEW YORK, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America, representing the major rabbinical and congregational organizations of Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Judaism, today proclaimed Yom Kippur--which starts tomorrow evening--as a National Day of Concern for Russian Jews.

Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, chairman of the organization's international affairs commission, said an urgent letter had been sent to almost 3,000 rabbis throughout the United States, asking them to inform their congregations during Yom Kippur services concerning the "grave situation" confronting Soviet Jewry.

Rabbi Uri Miller, president of the SCA, called on all Jewish organizations and individuals to join forces with the SCA "so that all of us together may pursue an effective program of action that will not allow this century to enter the annals of Jewish history as the age of the destruction of our brother Jews in the USSR."

#### ISRAEL-SOVIET RELATIONS REVIEWED WITH MOSCOW'S ENVOY IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- Israel-Soviet relations were reviewed today during a 90-minute meeting between Premier Levi Eshkol and Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Bodrov. The meeting was held at the Premier's request and was the first between them since the Premier took office.

The situation of the Soviet Jews was understood to have been brought up, as well as the problem of Israel-Soviet trade relations which have been at a virtual standstill since the 1956 Sinai action by Israel.

The timing of the meeting was seen as related to the currently improved East-West relations signalized by the agreement on a limited nuclear test ban. The Premier has expressed the hope that the improvement would also have an impact on the Middle East.

It was assumed that the Premier raised with the Soviet envoy the question of the continued flow of Soviet arms into Arab countries which has spurred a dangerous arms race and higher tensions in the area and set back any prospects for an Arab-Israeli peace.

#### MYSTERIOUS RESIGNATION OF UNNA MED ISRAELI HIGH OFFICIAL REPORTED

TEL AVIV, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- A "senior official" whose name, position and department were not disclosed, has resigned and his resignation has been accepted by Premier Levi Eshkol, it was reported here today.

It was known that the official arrived in Israel in 1949, that he was born in East Europe and that, according to the newspapers reporting the resignation, the department he headed is of great importance.

#### MAPAI PARTY GETS MAYOR'S POST IN BEERSHEBA; MAY GET IT IN ASHDOD

TEL AVIV, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- The Mapai party obtained the Mayor's post in Beersheba in negotiations last night with the Religious party and appeared likely to win the mayorship of Ashdod as well.

Former Judge Eliyahu Nawai was elected Mayor of Beersheba. He will lead a coalition of Mapai, Mapam and the religious parties. In Ashdod, a Mapai-religious bloc will be headed by Mapai and a religious party member will be Deputy Mayor. The agreements left some of the younger religious party members resentful. They contended that the religious parties could get the Mayor's post in Ashdod.

#### ISRAELIS DEMONSTRATE AGAINST ACQUITTAL OF NAZI MURDERER IN AUSTRIA

JERUSALEM, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- Survivors of Hitler's concentration camps were among the 1,000 participants in a parade demonstration yesterday against the acquittal in Austria earlier this year of Franz Murer, the Nazi chief in the Vilna Ghetto. He was acquitted in Graz last June of the murder of 17 Jews in the ghetto.

The marchers, demanding the re-trial of Murer, carried black flags and wore yellow badges with a Mogen David and a legend: "The murderer of the Jews of the Vilna Ghetto to the gallows." Placards carried by the marchers denounced the "shameful acquittal" of the former Nazi gauleiter.

The procession was headed by a committee of former Vilna residents. A deputation was received by the Parliament's presidium to which they presented a petition citing criticism of the acquittal by most of Austria's newspapers, which had urged a re-trial as well as calling of new key witnesses.

#### HEAD OF STRONGEST PARTY IN AUSTRIA PLEDGES TO FIGHT ANTI-SEMITISM

VIENNA, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- Joseph Klaus, the new chairman of the Austrian Peoples' Party, said today that every instance of both open and covert anti-Semitism in Austria must be fought.

The new chairman of Austria's strongest political party said that under his leadership the party would seek new approaches to cooperation with Austrian Jewry and that opposition to all forms of anti-Semitism was one aspect of that approach.

#### SKELETON OF GESTAPO CHIEF WHO KILLED JEWS DUG UP IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- Investigators today dug up a skeleton in a grave marked "Heinrich Mueller" -- Hitler's Gestapo chief, the West German prosecutor's office announced. The bones were exhumed "to make sure they are Mueller's."

The Gestapo chief was assumed to have died in Berlin in the final turbulent days of May 1945. The prosecutor's office said an investigation was under way for some time into Mueller's role in the murder of Jews and other Gestapo actions in Germany and Nazi-occupied countries.

# FIRST JEWISH CENSUS UNDER CASTRO SHOWS 2,586 JEWS IN CUBA

HAVANA, Sept. 26. (JTA) - There are 1,022 Jewish families, totaling 2,586 persons, now living in Cuba and identifying themselves with the Jewish community, it was reported here today on the basis of the first Jewish census taken by organized Jewry in this country since the present regime came to power.

The census was taken on the basis of those Jews who identified themselves as such through the purchase of matzoth for the last Passover. The computations were made by the Congregation Adath Israel, here, and the Zionist Federation, under the direction of Eliezer Oranowski. The officials in charge of the census said they were certain that there were other Jews in the country who were not enumerated.

Of the total of Jewish families registered in the census, 804, comprising 1,973 individuals, live in this capital city. Among these families, 536 declared themselves as Ashkenazic, and 268 as Sephardim. There are 79 Ashkenazic families, including 192 individuals, in the rest of the country; while the Sephardim in the rest of Cuba, outside Havana, number 139 families with 421 individuals.

A breakdown by ages of the statistics for Havana shows that 212 of the Jews here are children between the ages of 1 and 7; 203 are in the age bracketed 7-25; 1,062 are aged 25-60; and 496 are aged 60 or over. (According to the American Jewish Year Book, the pre-Castro Jewish population of Cuba numbered "somewhat over 8,000.")

# FOUR JEWISH CANDIDATES ELECTED TO ONTARIO LEGISLATURE; TWO DEFEATED

TCRNTONTO, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- Four Jewish candidates were elected yesterday to the Ontario Legislature, one more than the Jewish representation in the previous House.

Allan Grossman, a Conservative, was returned to the Legislature in the Conservative's seventh straight general election victory. Joseph Gould and Vernon Singer, running for reelection on the Liberal ticket, also won.

The new Jewish legislator is Stephen Lewis, 27, a member of the New Democratic party. All of the Jewish legislators are from the Toronto area. Two other Jewish candidates, J. Sidney Midanik, and Alan Borovoy, were defeated by narrow margins.

A former leader of the Canadian Union of Fascists, Ross Taylor, who ran on the Social Credit slate, was defeated along with all other candidates on that slate. Ross, who was interned during World War II, was a leading blackshirt during the 1930s. He was expelled in 1962 from the Social Credit League and joined the Social Credit Action splinter group which was subsequently disavowed by the League.

# NORWEGIAN AWARD PRESENTED TO J.D.C. DIRECTOR; LAUDED FOR REFUGEE WORK

GENEVA, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- The Norwegian Refugee Council plaque was awarded yesterday to Charles H. Jordan, director-general of the Joint Distribution Committee and chairman of the governing board of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies.

The award is presented annually to an individual or an organization but it is rarely given to an official of a voluntary organization outside of Norway. King Olaf of Norway was the first recipient. The award was presented to the JDC official at a plenary session of the ICVA general conference being held at the Palace of Nations here.

William S. Boe, representing the Council, declared at the presentation that "in the task of caring for refugees, it is impossible to work only with one's head or one's heart--it has to be both. As an individual and as head of JDC, Mr. Jordan has the perfect balance, although it is clear that his heart is in the lead. When he talks about 10,000 refugees, he is talking about 10,000 people."

In his response, Mr. Jordan said he welcomed the opportunity to pay public tribute to the work of the Norwegian Council and the Norwegian people. He said that "little Norway has made a larger contribution to solving the refugee problem than countries three times its size."

# P.E.C. PLANS TO INVEST \$3,000,000 IN ISRAEL ENTERPRISES IN 1963

NEW YORK, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- New investments in Israel enterprises in 1963 and those in the planning stage by PEC Israel Economic Corporation, New York will amount to \$3,000,000, it was reported by Col. John Furman, president.

Latest among PEC's ventures is its entry into the fast expanding tourist industry in Israel. Col. Furman announced that PEC is acquiring a 30 per cent interest in United Tours, the country's leading tour operator which owns a fleet of more than 70 modern motor coaches. Other major investments were made in the construction of industrial factory buildings, the expansion of the tire industry, the production of raw materials for the plastics industry and in urban development.

#### HERMAN PEKARSKY FUND ESTABLISHED IN MEMORY OF LATE COMMUNAL LEADER

NEWARK, N. J., Sept. 26. (JTA) -- The Herman M. Pekarsky Fund, in memory of the late executive director of the Jewish Community Council of Essex County, was established here today by a group of past and present officers of the Council and officers of the Jewish Community Foundation.

As outlined in a statement issued on behalf of the group by Council president Martin Jelin and Foundation president Sidney E. Harris, the Fund will be used to advance research, scholarship and publication in the fields of social welfare and other areas of Jewish interest with which Mr. Pekarsky was identified.

The Fund will be administered within the structure of the Jewish Community Foundation by a special committee. The Foundation, which was created in large part through Mr. Pekarsky's efforts, was established to receive, administer and allocate funds and property for capital and special purposes of the Council and its beneficiaries agencies. Planned as a memorial, the Herman M. Pekarsky Fund is open to gifts and bequests now and at any time in the future.

#### CINCINNATI JEWS TO PLANT A FOREST IN ISRAEL NAMED FOR TAFT

CINCINNATI, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- The Jews of Cincinnati will plant a William Howard Taft Forest in Israel to commemorate the action of former President Taft in severing this country's diplomatic relations with Czarist Russia in protest against that country's treatment of the Jews.

The Jewish National Fund is sponsoring the campaign for funds for the forest. The presentation will be made at a dinner October 27 to Charles P. Taft, surviving son of the President. Isidor Schifrin, Cincinnati Jewish leader, and Robert H. Taft, Jr., grandson of the late President, are co-chairmen of the dinner. Mr. Schifrin is chairman of the campaign.

William Howard Taft was a native of Cincinnati and numbered several Jews among his close personal friends including Rabbi Isaac M. Wise. In 1911, during his presidency, the United States abrogated its treaty of friendship with Russia first signed in 1832, in protest against continued Russian discrimination against Jews.

#### SANDY KOUFAX, BASEBALL STAR, NOT TO PLAY ON YOM KIPPUR; IS LAUDED

LCS ANGELES, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- Sandy Koufax, the star pitcher of the pennant-winning Los Angeles Dodgers, will not play on Yom Kippur, just as he did not play on either day of Rosh Hashanah.

The Jewish star, whose pitching prowess was a key factor in the Dodger's successful bid for the National League Pennant, pitched out of rotation last week so that he would not have to play on any of the High Holy Days. He pitched against the Philadelphia Phillies after only two days' rest so that he could also pitch against the Cardinals before fulfilling his religious duties.

St. Louis Globe Democrat, commenting editorially on the athlete's action, said that baseball pundits might consider whether his determination to undertake additional pitching chores so that he could be free to observe the High Holy Days "has helped make him the best pitcher in the National League this season. Our strictly old-fashioned opinion is--could be!"

#### THEODORE HERZL INSTITUTE OPENS NEW SEASON WITH SALUTE TO SHAZAR

NEW YORK, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, will be the principal speaker at a "Salute to the New President of Israel" to mark the opening of the 1963-64 season of the Theodore Herzl Institute. The program will be held at Columbia University Sunday.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency and of the Theodor Herzl Foundation, will preside. A pictorial biography of President Zalman Shazar, "Sketchbook of Devotion," will be included in the program.

#### 'JEWISH OBSERVER,' NEW ORTHODOX MONTHLY MAGAZINE, LAUNCHED IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- The first issue of a new Orthodox publication, the Jewish Observer, appeared today. The monthly magazine is published by the Agudath Israel of America. Dr. Ernest L. Bodenheimer is chairman of the editorial board.

#### DR. ROSENFELD ELECTED HEAD OF ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODOX SCIENTISTS

NEW YORK, Sept. 26. (JTA) -- Dr. Azriel Rosenfeld, director of research at Budd Electronics Corporation and assistant professor of physics at Yeshiva University, has been elected president of the Association of Orthodox Jewish Scientists. Dr. Seymour Glick, research fellow at the National Institute of Health Veterans Hospital in New York, has been elected vice-president. The Association is active in all fields relating to the orientation of science within the framework of Orthodox Judaism.