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ISRAEL PRESIDENT TO MEET POPE PAUL; WILL PRESENT HIM WITH GOLD MEDAL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Although plans for the reception of Pope Paul VI in Israel during his visit here have not as yet been finalized, it was learned today that President Zalman Shazar will greet the Pontiff on his arrival in Jerusalem, and will present him with a special gold medal showing the map of Israel and bearing in Hebrew and Latin words an inscription: "I visited Israel." Similar bronze medals will be presented to the cardinals accompanying the Pope.

Israeli police Chief Joseph Nahmias and Teddy Kolleck, director-general of the Premier's office here, will leave for Rome tomorrow to finalize arrangements for the visit of the Pontiff to Israel, next month. Mr. Kolleck is the director of a special committee of Cabinet members given responsibility for those arrangements by the entire Cabinet a week ago.

A report on the arrangements as they stand now was given to the Cabinet yesterday by Abba S. Eban, the Deputy Premier. The Ministerial Committee also received a report on the Pontiff's scheduled visit from Maurice Fischer, Israel's Ambassador to Rome.

Meanwhile, Government authorities have instructed the Public Works Department to start immediately certain repairs needed to make the Pope's visit easier and smoother. The repairs will include the road to Mount Zion as well as roads leading to certain churches and monasteries that the Pontiff may want to visit. The Cabinet has voted a special allocation of funds for repair work in Nazareth, the city which the Pope is certain to visit.

ISRAEL CABINET DECIDES TO SHORTEN ARMY SERVICE FOR YOUNG DRAFTEES

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Israel's Cabinet decided at its regular meeting yesterday to shorten the conscription period for both boys and girls, it was announced here today.

While no details were announced, it was believed that the army service period for Israeli draftees will be lessened by several months due to the fact that statistics indicate that, in the next few years, more boys and girls in this country will reach draft age than heretofore.

The decision will be discussed with Parliament's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee, after which a new draft law will be submitted to the Knesset, Israel's Parliament. At the meeting, the Cabinet also approved plans for awarding special medals to Jerusalem residents who acted as home guards during the War of Liberation in 1948-49.

ARABS ORDER BOYCOTT OF 40 FIRMS CONTROLLED BY BRITISH JEWISH FINANCIER

LONDON, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Forty British firms under the control of Charles Clore, a Jewish financier here, and 33 directors and executives associated with him, were added to the Arab boycott list today. Altogether, the new boycott list includes 49 British firms. Mr. Clore was described by the Arab boycott office as "a man of Zionist inclination."

Mr. Clore, who is 58, had donated \$1,000,000 to the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot, Israel. In addition, he and Sir Isaac Wolfson, the noted Jewish philanthropist are associated in numerous commercial interests in Israel. A \$2,000,000 loan for the construction of a new City Hall in Jerusalem had been given the Jerusalem municipality by the Wolfson-Clore Mayer Corporation.

Mr. Clore heads a combine of interests valued at 200,000,000 pounds sterling (\$560,000,000), including a wide variety of industrial enterprises ranging from a shoe factory to shipping.

Mr. Clore said at the London Airport today, prior to leaving for New York, that the Arab boycott of his group was "a lot of bloody nonsense." He added: "It will not make the slightest difference on my attitude about doing business with Israel."

Meanwhile, today, Maurice Orbach, secretary of the Trades Advisory Council, an organization of businessmen fighting discrimination, announced that the group is compiling a dossier of British firms on the Arab blacklist, and will place that list before Lord Drumalbyn, Minister of State at the Board of Trade.

COMMUNISTS AND SOCIALISTS IN ROME EXCHANGE CHARGES OF ANTI-SEMITISM

ROME, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Italian and Socialist leaders today exchanged charges and counter-charges of anti-Semitism, the Socialists advising the Communists to examine the Communist "record in this respect"--obviously referring to anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union.

The fracas started when Pietro Nenni, leader of the left-wing Socialists here and now Vice-Premier, used the word "ghetto" in a speech in Parliament, saying that, by joining the coalition government, the Socialists had at last emerged "from the ghetto."

Palmiero Togliatti, leader of the Communists, then accused Mr. Nenni of "a lapse into anti-Semitism, offensive to Jews and workers." Whereupon Avanti, the Socialist Party's organ, stressing that the use of the word by Mr. Nenni was intended in a general sense, challenged the Communists on their attitude toward anti-Semitism, saying: "We Socialists, who have never been anti-Semitic, will continue to fight to pull down the walls of all ghettos into which human beings are enclosed."

Mr. Nenni himself added in a statement in Avanti: "I know that, from the ghettos imposed upon Jews for centuries have come manifestations of moral and intellectual courage and heroism." The Communists here have never acknowledged the difficult situation in which Soviet Jews find themselves.

40,000 ISRAELIS SIGN PETITION SEEKING EMIGRATION OF JEWS FROM RUSSIA

TEL AVIV, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Forty thousand Israelis have, thus far, signed a petition calling on the authorities of the Soviet Union to permit Soviet Jews to emigrate, it was announced here today.

The announcement was made by Maoz, a non-political organization dedicated to helping Soviet Jewry. The organization plans on presenting its petition to the Knesset, Israel's Parliament, in an effort to stimulate parliamentary action here on behalf of the Jews in the Soviet Union. Maoz leaders said the campaign to obtain further signatures to its petition will continue for the next two months.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR WEIZMANN INSTITUTE CONTINUE TO BE DEDUCTIBLE

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The ruling published by the Internal Revenue Service in Washington concerning the deductibility for income tax purposes of contributions made to American philanthropic organizations for their activities abroad does not adversely affect the tax exempt status of, or the deductibility of contributions made to the American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science, it was announced here today by Maurice M. Boukstein, vice-president and counsel of the Committee. He emphasized that contributions to the Committee "continue to be deductible as heretofore."

"The American Committee for the Weizmann Institute of Science has received from the Internal Revenue Service a specific favorable ruling of recent date," Mr. Boukstein continued. "This ruling was granted in light of the criteria announced by the Internal Revenue Service in its recent general ruling, which criteria the Internal Revenue Service had, in practice, been following in recent years."

TWO AUSTRIAN CABINET MEMBERS HEAD NEW AUSTRO-ISRAELI SOCIETY

VIENNA, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Two Cabinet members were elected here today as co-presidents of a new organization, the Austrian-Israeli Society, designated as a "bridge" between the Jewish State and this country. The officials are Otto Probst, Minister of Communication and Power; and Dr. Ludwig Steiner, State Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Mrs. Hermora Simon, wife of the Israeli Ambassador to Austria, was chosen vice-president.

After an address on the historical developments of Jewry in this century by Israeli Ambassador Simon, Dr. Steiner told the meeting that "it would be desirable to build a bridge between the Austrian and Israeli peoples."

CONGRESS GETS RESOLUTION ON U. S. FAILURE TO RATIFY GENOCIDE PACT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Rep. Seymour Halpern, New York Republican, today introduced a resolution which, if adopted, would express the sentiment of the House for American ratification of the United Nations Convention on Genocide.

He pointed out that it was "bitterly ironic" that the United States has failed to ratify "the very treaty it worked so hard to initiate" at the UN. He noted that American action to ratify the Convention has been delayed since 1948.

Rep. Halpern said America has professed concern for human rights here and abroad but "it is high time we show that we mean what we say, and put this nation formally on record as opposed to the monstrous crime of genocide."

AUSTRIA POSTPONES ACTION ON POLICEMAN WHO ARRESTED ANNE FRANK

VIENNA, Dec. 16. (JTA) - Austrian authorities today "postponed indefinitely" a disciplinary investigation into the wartime activities of a Vienna policeman who arrested Anne Frank and her family, police announced. No reason was given.

The investigation of Karl Silberbauer, 52, was to start tomorrow. He was charged with breach of discipline for concealing his World War II role as a Gestapo officer who specialized in tracking down Jews. Silberbauer admitted arresting the Anne Frank family, and said that he was only carrying out his assigned duties under the law.

FRENCH POLICE CONSIDER CLOSING DOWN CONTROVERSIAL PLAY 'THE DEPUTY'

PARIS, Dec. 16. (JTA) - Due to repeated rioting in the theater, police may close down the performances of "The Deputy," the drama by German playwright Rolf Hochhuth which accuses the late Pope Pius XII of failing to intervene against Hitler's slaughter of European Jewry.

For the fourth time, last night, violent brawls broke out in the theater while the performance was on. Abusive shouts, stink bombs and other demonstrations interrupted the action and, at one time, some members of the audience leaped onto the stage, fighting with the actors. Twenty persons were arrested as a result of these demonstrations Friday night, and 28 were detained by the police the night before.

Cardinal Felton, Archbishop of Paris, defended the demonstrators by inference in a statement last night in which he denounced the play as a "caricature" leveling "gratuitous accusations" against the late Pontiff. "Who can fail to understand," he asked, "that a Catholic should feel wounded at the insult done to the memory of his father?"

PRESIDENT JOHNSON URGES ALL AMERICANS TO OBSERVE 'BROTHERHOOD WEEK'

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- President Lyndon B. Johnson today issued a message calling upon all Americans to join with him in observing Brotherhood Week, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The President has accepted honorary chairmanship of Brotherhood Week, it was announced by Dr. Lewis Webster Jones, NCCJ president. The Week is to be observed next February 16-23.

"Brotherhood Week 1964 is a time of deep appraisal for all Americans," President Johnson said in his message. "Tragedy is in our land, and from the darkness of our sorrow ought to come a new dedication to the ideals of love and brotherhood. Democracy cannot live in hate and fear. Prejudice and bigotry are the advance guard of failure.

"No better time exists for a searching of our hearts and mind than this national observance of Brotherhood. Let us hear again the faith of our forebears; let us listen again to the inspired hopes of our national conscience; let us obey again the word of our religions.

"In this time, still heavy with sadness, I urge all my fellow Americans to join with me and the National Conference of Christians and Jews in this national celebration of tolerance, truth and charity toward our neighbors, wherever they live, whoever they are."

EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES IN TORONTO PRACTICE RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS BIAS

TORONTO, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Asserting that the majority of employment agencies now practice racial and religious discrimination on behalf of employers who are forbidden by law to bar members of any racial, ethnic or religious groups from jobs, the Toronto and District Labor Committee for Human Rights - endorsed by the Jewish community - took steps today to try to curb these discriminatory practices.

A request was filed with the Ontario Human Rights Commission, which was asked to bring representatives of employment agencies together and persuade them to cooperate actively to support the anti-bias law.

According to the Labor Committee, a recent telephone survey has shown that 14 out of 15 employment agencies in this city were not only willing but eager to help a prospective employer to discriminate against various "undesirable" job applicants. Among such "undesirables" were Jews, Negroes, Orientals, Italians, Catholics, Europeans in general, French Canadians, Germans and "immigrants" in general.

"Only one agency refused the request" to discriminate, the Labor Committee stated. "The placement agency," the report added, "has become the enthusiastic instrument of racial discrimination." One of the endorsing organizations making up the Labor Committee for Human Rights is the Canadian Jewish Congress.

JEW NOMINATED TO PROTESTANT SCHOOL COMMISSION OF CANADIAN CITY

MONTREAL, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- For the first time in the educational history of the City of Westmount, a Jew, Dr. David Solomon, of McGill University's Department of Sociology, and of a family long associated with Montreal Jewry, has been nominated to fill a vacancy in the School Commission of the City of Westmount. Past records would indicate that nomination by the Westmount Municipal Association is tantamount to election.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURE REVIEWED

NEW YORK, Dec. 16, (JTA) -- The achievements of the National Foundation for Jewish Culture were reviewed here at a meeting of its board of directors by Edwin Wolf 2nd, who was re-elected president for another term. Mr. Wolf cited as one of the major achievements the fact that the Foundation has gained increased recognition by Jewish community leadership during the four years of its existence.

Dr. Judah J. Shapiro, secretary, reported that 57 Jewish communities in the United States and Canada support the Foundation as regular beneficiaries of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds. Funds for the program of the Foundation are made available largely by individuals and family foundations. Dr. Shapiro cited an increasing number of Fellows of the Foundation who have become available for the teaching of Jewish subjects at colleges and universities and the opportunities being given to established scholars for research on Jewish community life in America.

Edwin Rosenberg, treasurer, reported that the Foundation was operating at a level of approximately \$150,000 annually and that the Foundation in the past three years of its program had invested over \$250,000 in programs and services in the field of Jewish culture, over and above its administrative costs. Mr. Rosenberg indicated that the Foundation's expenditures are in areas not being served by existing organizations and to stimulate special programs that augment the work of the national Jewish cultural agencies.

SIX JEWISH AUTHORS, INCLUDING THREE ISRAELIS, NAMED FOR KESSEL PRIZE

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 16, (JTA) -- Six Jewish writers, including three Israelis, a New Yorker, a Canadian and a Mexican, were voted here today the annual Zvi Kessel prizes for Jewish literature for 1963. The prize, established by Mr. Kessel, a Mexican-Jewish industrialist, in 1947, consists of a citation and \$200.

The winners were Leon Gruszkó (Buxtan), of Israel; Benjamin Demblin, of New York; A. Dekel, of Israel; Meir Corona, of Mexico; Avraham Kariv, of Israel; and N. Shemen, of Toronto.

The award of the prizes is administered by the cultural commission of the Jewish Central Committee of Mexico. The awards will be given officially at a literary assembly to be conducted here early in 1964.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF 'REALI SCHOOL' IN ISRAEL CELEBRATED

HAIFA, Dec. 16, (JTA) -- Two Israelis who are--respectively--85 years old and 77 years old stood before an audience of younger colleagues yesterday and drew the plaudits of their peers because they professed their youth. One was Dr. Arthur Biram, founder of the Reali School here, an institution of higher learning founded by Dr. Biram in 1914. He is 85. The other was ex-Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, 77.

The occasion was the celebration of the school's 50th anniversary and the simultaneous observance of Dr. Biram's 85th birthday. Said Dr. Biram to Mr. Ben-Gurion: "Don't consider yourself old. Spiritual strength tempers physical strength. You still have great things ahead of you." Mr. Ben-Gurion, acknowledging his spirit, urged more education for Israeli youth in "both know-how and the prophetic ideals." Acting as chairman of the event was Deputy Prime Minister Abba S. Eban. He is 48.

HADASSAH HONORS DENMARK FOR RESCUING JEWS FROM NAZI INVADERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 16, (JTA) -- The United Nations pledge to advance "human rights and fundamental freedom for all without distinction as to race, language or religion" should not be taken lightly by anyone, Aage Hesselund-Jensen, Danish Ambassador to the United Nations, today told more than 1,000 leaders and members of Hadassah.

The Ambassador spoke at a luncheon at which Hadassah cited his country's--as well as his own--role in rescuing the Danish Jewish community from the Nazi invaders of Denmark in 1943. The function--postponed from November 25 due to the death of President John F. Kennedy--marked the 20th anniversary of the rescue of Danish Jewry.

At the same time, Hadassah Myrtle Wreath Achievement Awards were presented to Miss Marian Anderson, noted contralto and former member of the United States Delegation to the United Nations; Miss Fannie Hurst, noted author; and Dr. Thomas D. Dublin, chief of the Epidemiology and Biometry Branch of the U.S. National Institutes of Health. A posthumous award to Robert Frost, "America's poet laureate," was accepted by his daughter, Miss Lesley Frost. Mrs. Nathan D. Perlman, Hadassah's national membership chairman, presented the awards.

LEVIN-SCHATZKES, EDITOR OF 'DER VEKER,' DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 71

NEW YORK, Dec. 16, (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held here Wednesday for I. Levin-Schatzkes, general secretary of the Jewish Socialist Organization and editor of "Der Veker," a prominent Jewish journalist, who died here yesterday, aged 71. Born in Russia, he came to the United States in 1936, after years of activity in the leadership of the Jewish Socialist Bund in Latvia. He wrote prolifically in Yiddish, and was a member of the Forward Association.