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CHIEF RABBI OF ISRAEL SENDS MESSAGE OF WELCOME TO POPE PAUL VI

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Israel's Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim, still apparently adhering to his previous decision not to welcome Pope Paul VI in person when the Pontiff visits Israel next Sunday, has sent a message of warm welcome to the head of the Catholic Church. The text of the message, sent to the Vatican yesterday, follows:

"The illustrious pilgrim, Pope Paul VI, coming to the Holy Land to offer prayer and make supplication: May he receive blessings out of Zion, God's Holy mountain, and out of Jerusalem, the chosen city. May his mission of prayer on behalf of his faithful be attended by silence which he wishes for and befits prayer and meditation.

"His desire to beseech God's mercy for peace among all men is timely indeed. The threat of war, waged by methods of modern science, calls us to fervent prayer that guide rulers of the world in their efforts to establish just, peaceful order, foster mutual understanding, reduce hatred and increase friendship among nations until the vision of Israel's prophets is fulfilled: 'And they will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning forks. Nation shall not lift sword against nation, neither will they learn war any more.'

"Prayer for peace is the duty of all, but even more of religious leaders who must make this striving their chief concern and seek brotherly converse now to move our hearts toward it. May the prayers of the illustrious pilgrim, supreme among his brethren, for peace of the world be answered, and may his coming and his going be blessed with peace."

Chief Rabbi Nissim provoked a controversy in Israel by his decision not to join the official welcoming delegation headed by President Shazar which will greet the Pope Sunday. It was understood that he felt that as one of Judaism's ranking leaders, he should not attend the welcome without a reciprocal visit from the Pope. His message was seen as a statement of approval of the Pope's visit but not a retreat from his decision not to join in the welcome.

King of Jordan Invokes Arab-Israel Conflict in Talk on Pope

JERUSALEM, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- King Hussein of Jordan declared today that "until a just and durable solution to the Arab-Israel problem is found, I cannot see how relations can improve." He made the statement at a press conference in the Old City of Jerusalem in connection with the visit this weekend of Pope Paul VI to Jordan and Israel.

He described the visit as "a landmark not only in the history of the Holy Land but also in the history of the world at large." The King said the visit might mark a new era of cooperation and understanding between Islam and Christianity.

ARAB LANDS BOUGHT \$198,000,000 WORTH OF U.S. GOLD IN FIVE YEARS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Arab countries, including such recipients of heavy American aid as Egypt, used \$198,000,000 of their foreign currency reserves in the past five years to purchase American gold, according to figures submitted to the Congressional record by Representative Neal Staebler of Michigan. Israel, in the same period, purchased \$14,400,000 worth of American gold.

The heaviest buyer of American gold among the Arab countries was Saudi Arabia which purchased \$71,400,000 worth, followed by Lebanon with \$53,100,000. Even Egypt, which in recent years was recipient of various forms of emergency assistance from U.S. and international bodies, used \$17,400,000 worth of foreign currency to buy gold reserves in the United States.

At the same time it was reported here today that the International Development Association, an affiliate of the World Bank, has extended an \$8,500,000 loan to Syria for highway development. The loan, which is repayable in 50 years and is interest free, except for a three-fourths of one per cent service charge, will finance the improvement of two of Syria's most important highways -- The road from Damascus to Aleppo, the country's principal north-south highway, and the road from Aleppo to Raqqa, the main route for the transport of agricultural produce from the eastern farm region.

MOROCCAN NEWSPAPERS RESUME ANTI-JEWISH PROPAGANDA; ASSAIL GOVT.

CASA BLANCA, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The Moroccan Government was accused in two newspapers today of permitting the Jews in this country to hold an "excessive place" in the economy and of placing too many Jews in the Foreign Ministry.

"Alertness" against the Jewish community here and against the "dangers" of Zionism was sounded in an article in *La Paix Africaine*. This journal not only claimed that the place of Jews in the Moroccan economy is "excessive," but said also that many Americans in Morocco serve as intermediaries between the Moroccan Government and Israel.

"Al Alam," organ of the opposition Istiqlal Party, alleged that Foreign Minister Ahmed Beda Guedira has put "too many Jews" into the Foreign Ministry, and has entrusted the affairs of the Ministry "to foreigners and Jews." In fact, only one Jew--M. Asseraf--heads a desk in the Foreign Ministry today. Not a single Jew has been named to a Foreign Ministry post since Morocco attained independence in 1956.

"Al Alam" also criticized the Vatican, disagreeing with those Catholic prelates in the recent session of the Ecumenical Council who pressed for adoption of a Catholic Church schema which would absolve the Jews of responsibility for the crucifixion of Jesus. The publication also criticized Pope Paul VI for his decision to visit the Holy Land.

ONE-THIRD OF WEST GERMANS WILLING TO OPPOSE REBIRTH OF NAZI PARTY

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Only 34 per cent of West Germans would "do everything in my power to prevent" the ascendance of a new Nazi party, according to a poll taken among Germans by the Allensbach Institute of Demography. Results of the poll were made public here today by the World Jewish Congress.

To a question reading "assuming a new Nazi party would try to come to power, what would be your attitude?"--29 per cent answered they would be against it but do nothing specific; 18 per cent said it would make no difference to them; 5 per cent said they would favor it but do nothing specific; and 2 per cent said they would support such a new party. Thirty-four per cent said they would oppose such a party; 12 per cent made no reply.

In response to another question, 53 per cent said Germany was really responsible for the outbreak of World War II. Asked what was the reason for Germany's defeat, 40 per cent thought it was Germany's weakness and the strength of "the enemy"; 15 per cent blamed "treason, sabotage"; 9 per cent attributed Germany's defeat to "wrong leadership and policies"; and 11 per cent blamed Hitler.

On the other hand, 35 per cent of those queried thought that, without defeat in the war, "Hitler would have become one of the greatest German statesmen." When it came to ranking past leaders who had done most for Germany, 28 per cent placed ex-Chancellor Konrad Adenauer first; 21 per cent named Bismarck; and only 5 per cent named Hitler.

JEWISH CONGRESS INVESTIGATING NAZI MASSACRES OF JEWS IN CRIMEA

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress here today announced it is seeking witnesses against Nazis responsible for the massacre of thousands of Jews in the Crimea during 1941 and 1942. Among the victims was a community of Caucasian Mountain Jews known as Tati which in the pre-World-War-II period, had been resettled in the Crimea with the help of the American Jewish Joint Agricultural Corporation (Agro-Joint).

The Nazi massacres occurred mainly in Feodosia in November or December of 1941, and in March 1942, in the district of Eupatoria. Other murders took place in the village of Ikor, the collective village about two to three miles from the town of Porfiriewka, and in the village of Kurulukonogos, near Eupatoria.

The Tati got their name because they spoke Judeo-Tati, an Iranian dialect modified by Semitic and Turkish influences. In 1926, the mountain Jews numbered 25,866. A number of them was resettled in the Crimea in agricultural colonies in the process of resettlement of Soviet Jewry on land between the two world wars. Anyone who witnessed the killings of the Tati and other Crimean Jews, or can offer any pertinent information, is requested to get in touch with the World Jewish Congress headquarters in New York.

GERMAN POLICEMAN ARRESTED; CHARGED WITH KILLING JEWS IN NAZI CAMPS

BONN, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The local state prosecutor in Fulda announced the arrest yesterday of Frich Schemel, a West German border policeman, on charges of killing Jewish prisoners in concentration camps in the closing days of World War II.

The prosecutor's office said that Schemel was suspected of killing two Jews at the Sachsenhausen camp in April 1954 and with participating in the slaying of 60 prisoners unable to walk.

WASHINGTON JUDGE DISMISSES \$4,400,000 LIBEL SUIT BY ANTI-ZIONIST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2, (JTA) -- Federal District Judge Alexander Holtzoff ruled today that describing an attack on "political Zionist planners for absolute rule via one world government" as an "anti-Semitic diatribe" was a fair comment and threw out a \$4,400,000 libel suit against the commentator.

During his testimony against the Administration's trade expansion act, in August 1962, Curtis B. Dall, a Washington investment banker, told the Senate Finance Committee that the legislation was being pushed by "political Zionist planners for absolute rule, via one world government." He added that the Zionists "gained the power to influence" and that "they have got the gold in their hands--notwithstanding that they have had to gather it out of oceans of blood and tears."

Columnist Jack Anderson, writing in Drew Pearson's "Merry-Go-Round" described this as an anti-Semitic diatribe and Mr. Dall sued for \$4,400,000 damages contending that criticism of "political Zionist planners" was not anti-Semitic, there being a difference between Jews and Zionists.

The defense submitted an affidavit by Herman Edelsberg, Washington director of the Anti Defamation League office, who said that often anti-Semitic propaganda does not directly identify Jews or Judaism as the object. One of the commonest forms of anti-Semitic attacks is an attack on Zionism or Zionists. This tactic is well known in the general literature of bigotry, Mr. Edelsberg explained.

REVENUE AUTHORITIES RULE CONTRIBUTION TO HISTADRUT DRIVE TAX EXEMPT

NEW YORK, Jan. 2, (JTA) -- Dr. Sol Stein, national executive director of the Israel Histadrut Campaign, sponsored by the National Committee for Labor Israel, announced today that the organization has received a definitive favorable ruling from the Internal Revenue Service declaring the campaign to be tax exempt and that contributions made to the campaign are deductible by the donors. The same ruling also exempts bequests, legacies, devises, transfers or gifts for federal estate and gift tax purposes.

Dr. Stein stated that he had been advised by counsel that the Israel Histadrut Campaign meets the requirements of the Internal Revenue Service as published in its recent ruling regarding the deductibility of contributions made to American philanthropic organizations with overseas programs.

\$14,020,000 IN ISRAEL BONDS REPORTED SOLD IN NEW YORK IN 1963

NEW YORK, Jan. 2, (JTA) -- A total of \$14,020,000 in Israel bonds sales was recorded in the New York metropolitan area in 1963, William Goldfine, Greater New York Israel bonds campaign chairman, told a capacity audience of 18,900 attending the third and final performance at Madison Square Garden tonight of the Chanukah Festival for Israel. The 1962 figure was \$11,714,250.

He reported also that the 1963 campaign was the most successful since the drives were inaugurated in New York in 1951. He also announced a 1964 goal of \$20,000,000 in sales for the New York area.

ATLANTA PENITENTIARY PRISONERS HONOR JEWISH CHAPLAIN ON RETIREMENT

ATLANTA, Jan. 2, (JTA) -- In an unusual setting and with the participation of several rabbis, other Jewish communal leaders and Federal officials who joined prisoners and tough prison guards, farewell services were held at the Federal Penitentiary here yesterday, honoring Hyman Jacobs, a resident of this city. For 53 years, Mr. Jacobs has been the volunteer lay Jewish chaplain at the penitentiary. The services marked his voluntary retirement.

Fifty Jewish prisoners at the penitentiary presented a scroll to Mr. Jacobs. The penitentiary's associate warden, Virgil Breland, lauded Mr. Jacobs' "devoted service, and read a letter praising the volunteer chaplain's activities from James V. Bennett, of Washington, director of the U. S. Bureau of Prisons.

Mr. Jacobs started his volunteer chaplaincy at the penitentiary in 1910, taking up the work previously done there by his father, the late Abraham Jacobs, a local Hebrew teacher. For more than a half-century, Mr. Jacobs was officially on the Federal payroll--receiving for his service a dollar a year. He will be succeeded as regular Jewish chaplain by Rabbi Chaim Feuerman.

TUCSON BOARD OF EDUCATION CONSIDERS INTRODUCING HEBREW IN SCHOOLS

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 2, (JTA) -- A proposal pending before the local board of education of School District No. 1, to make Hebrew an official class study in Tucson's high schools, was approved here today by the Synagogue Council of Tucson.

Rabbi Albert Bilgray teaches a course in Hebrew at the University of Arizona. That course was instituted in 1949 when students petitioned for the study of Hebrew. The proposal for teaching Hebrew as a live language in the high schools here envisages the conduct of such courses without religious materials.

DR. NEUMANN TO BE HONORED SUNDAY ON 70TH BIRTHDAY AT Z.O.A. DINNER

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The annual ZOA dinner honoring Dr. Emanuel Neumann, world Zionist leader, on the occasion of his 70th birthday--which was postponed from the original date of November 26, 1963, because of the tragic death of President Kennedy--will be held Sunday evening, January 5, in the Grand Ballroom of the New York Hilton Hotel.

Prominent American and Israeli leaders will be among the principal speakers at the dinner at which 1,000 Zionist and Jewish communal leaders will attend. Speakers will include Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman, Mayor Robert F. Wagner, Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk, author of the Lowdermilk plan which was presented in 1948 for the establishment of a Jordan Valley Authority for the economic development of Palestine benefiting both Jews and Arabs. Dr. Neumann was a close collaborator with Dr. Lowdermilk in the formulation of this plan; Dr. Max Nussbaum, president of the Zionist Organization of America, who will preside; Abraham Goodman, chairman of the Neumann Jubilee Committee and Dr. Daniel J. Silver, son of the late Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

The proceeds of the \$100-a-plate dinner will go toward financing the major projects of the American Zionist Fund, the fund-raising arm of the Zionist Organization of America. Dr. Neumann, an honorary president of the ZOA, now serves as chairman of the American Section of the Jewish Agency. He also heads the World Union of General Zionists. Among the various offices he now occupies also in the sphere of Hebrew and Jewish culture are those of president of the Tarbut Cultural Foundation and of the Herzl Foundation.

MAX BRESSLER, J.N.F. PRESIDENT, HONORED IN CHICAGO AS 'MAN OF THE YEAR'

CHICAGO, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Max Bressler, president of the Jewish National Fund of America and former president of the Zionist Organization of America, was honored here as 1963 "Man of the Year" at a dinner here sponsored by the State of Israel Bond campaign.

Speakers included John Diefenbaker, former Prime Minister of Canada, and Jacob Barmore, Consul General of Israel. Mr. Bressler has been active in Israel bond sales since their inception in 1951, when he served as first Israel bond chairman in Chicago. He is national chairman of Guardians, individuals who buy a minimum of \$1,000 in bonds in any one year.

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE TO HOLD NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF NEW AMERICANS

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The Workmen's Circle, largest Jewish fraternal labor organization in the United States and Canada, will hold a three-day national conference of representatives of Workmen's Circle branches of new Americans. More than 100 delegates representing these branches from a great number of cities in the United States and Canada, will participate in the conference which will open here next Friday.

Jacob T. Zukerman, president, Benjamin A. Gebiner, executive secretary, and Professor Arthur Lerner, of McGill University, Montreal, will deliver addresses dealing with the Jewish community problems, and with Jewish cultural, social and fraternal activities for the benefit of new Americans.

BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT SUBSCRIBES TO JEWISH MAGAZINE FOR 125 LIBRARIES

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 2. (JTA) -- The cultural department of the Brazilian Ministry of Education today entered 125 subscriptions to *Comentario*, the Portuguese-language periodical, for distribution among public libraries throughout the country. *Comentario* is published by the Jewish Committee for Culture and Information in Brazil, an affiliate of the American Jewish Committee of the United States.

RABBI LOUIS D. GROSS, FOUNDER OF 'JEWISH EXAMINER,' DEAD; WAS 78

BRENTWOOD, Calif., Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Rabbi Louis D. Gross, founder and publisher of the *Jewish Examiner*, a weekly newspaper published in Brooklyn, N. Y., until 1956, died here yesterday at the age of 78. He had also served as spiritual leader of Union Temple in Brooklyn. The *Jewish Examiner* was merged with the *American Hebrew* eight years ago. It is now known as the *American Examiner*.

Born in Chicago, Rabbi Gross was graduated from the Hebrew Union College and the University of Cincinnati. He was active for many years in raising funds for Palestine.

DR. ISRAEL CHODOS, AUTHOR AND SPIRITUAL LEADER, DEAD; WAS 58

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Jan. 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Chodos, Rabbi of Sinai Temple, oldest Conservative Congregation in the Southwest, died at the age of 58. He had been ill since Nov. 30, 1962 when he collapsed in the pulpit. His right leg was amputated, and it was believed that he was on the road to recovery. Author of a book, "Count Your Blessings," he was also a concert violinist in his youth. He had served congregations in Worcester, Mass.; Indianapolis, and Oklahoma City.

DUE TO NEW YEAR'S, THE 'COMMUNITY REPORTER' WAS NOT ISSUED YESTERDAY.