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## WASHINGTON CONFERENCE LEADERS CABLE TO KHRUSHCHEV ON SOVIET JEWS

WASHINGTON, April 1, (JTA) -- The two-day conference of 24 major Jewish organizations on the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union will open here this weekend at the Willard Hotel "to adopt a long-range program of national and international scope to deal with the deteriorating status of Jews and Judaism in the USSR."

Organizers of the conference have sent a cable to Premier Khrushchev asking him to comment on the issues to be discussed at the conference but no reply has yet been received from Moscow. However, the efforts displayed in recent days by Soviet diplomats here indicate that the Russians are not without concern over the negative impact their recent anti-Jewish moves have created on world public opinion.

Leaders of the conference intend to send a delegation to the State Department to meet with Secretary of State Dean Rusk on the problems which the conference will discuss. Among the main speakers scheduled to address the conference is Supreme Court Justice Arthur Goldberg and Senators Jacob Javits of New York and Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut.

Senator Javits made public today a letter from Assistant Secretary of State Frederick Dutton informing him that the Soviet Foreign Ministry described the shipment of individual parcels of matzo's from the United States to Russian Jews as "an intrusion in the internal affairs of the Soviet Union." Before the shipments were dispatched, the Soviet Union indicated that individual parcels could be sent and Jewish organizations even paid here in dollars for the Soviet customs duty for the parcels.

The Soviet attitude was disclosed in the Ministry's reply to repeated inquiries by the American Embassy in Moscow. From the letter of Mr. Dutton, it appears that the American Embassy in Moscow went into considerable trouble on this matter and finally received a rather rude reply from the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

When the Embassy made its first inquiry, it was asked by the Soviets to provide all the details on each shipment; The Embassy provided all the information it could get in a hurry and a few days later again queried the Soviet Foreign Ministry on the delivery of the parcels. This time the Soviets told the Embassy of their "surprise" that they would intrude in internal Soviet matters and added that there was sufficient supply of matzo's. The Soviet Foreign Ministry stressed that since foreign trade is a state monopoly, such shipments were interference in Soviet foreign trade.

## JEWISH LEADERS IN ARGENTINA FEEL REASSURED BY GOVERNMENT ACTION

BUENOS AIRES, April 1, (JTA) -- Recent events in Argentina have shown that the situation of the Jews in this country is serious, but it could have been much more grave if the Government had not acted firmly against advocates and practitioners of anti-Semitism, Dr. Isaac Goldenberg, president of the DAIA, central body of organized Argentine Jewry, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency here today. "The DAIA," he stated, "has found a firm and very positive attitude in high Government circles," he said.

Dr. Goldenberg discussed also the activities of Hussein Triki, Argentine representative of the Arab League. The offensive started by Triki recently against the Jews here, said the DAIA leader, must be viewed in the light of information in the hands of the Jewish organization, showing that Triki had aimed at forming a Nazi-type drive intended to weaken the position of the Jews in this country. However, said Dr. Goldenberg, "Triki has overplayed his hand, so that he has even been disavowed by the Egyptian Embassy here, with which he had been formerly in close contact."

Nevertheless, Dr. Goldenberg warned, the Arab propaganda did succeed in implanting certain ideas among some members of the Argentine public. He had raised "venomous" questions about sending money from Argentina to Israel through the United campaign; and about alleged Jewish "double loyalty." "It will take great effort to clear up the mess that man has stirred up," said Dr. Goldenberg.

The Jewish leader noted, on the other hand, that, as Triki was shown to have had connections with the anti-Semitic Tacuara movement, "the police acted with great energy and under strict orders from the Ministry of the Interior as well as President Illia. This is

significant," he pointed out, "and shows a positive change in official circles, compared with the situation under the Frondizi and Guido governments."

On the "negative" side, said Dr. Goldenberg, it must be stressed that the Argentine democratic parties have not, up to now, protested the "Nazi deployment." The difference in the situation now, as compared to two years ago, he said, is that "now the terrorist groups have obtained popular support in certain Peronist, working-class groups."

Meanwhile, Dr. Leopoldo Duarez, Minister of Defense, charged in a newspaper interview today that the Guardia Restauradora Nacionalista--another neo-Fascist group, banned like Tacuara--has infiltrated into police circles. He urged that such infiltrators be "cleared out."

#### SC: AFRICAN JEWS FIND U.S. REPORTS ON THEIR SITUATION 'EXAGGERATED'

JOHANNESBURG, April 1. (JTA) -- South African Jews are "astonished by the gross exaggerations" appearing in the American press, regarding the alleged situation of the Jews in this country, The South African Jewish Times, leading weekly here, declared today.

The paper quoted reports that appeared in the United States, stating that the Jews here were "shuddering in fear," contemplating abandonment of their property and planning emigration, due to anti-Jewish attacks voiced recently in South Africa's Parliament by some members of the Nationalist Party. Such reports and "similar nonsense," stated the newspaper, "have no foundation in fact."

#### ESHKOL CLARIFIES CABINET DECISION ON TRANSFER OF JABOTINSKY'S REMAINS

TEL AVIV, April 1. (JTA) -- The Government of Israel has given formal approval to a transfer of the remains of Vladimir Jabotinsky, the Revisionist-Zionist founder, from the United States to Israel, for reinterment, it became evident today after two days of talks on the matter. The Government's affirmative stand became certain after a second meeting between Premier Levi Eshkol and Prof. Eri Jabotinsky, son of the late Revisionist leader.

During the interval between the two meetings, the Premier consulted with various Ministers and heads of the government coalition parties. Yesterday he told Prof. Jabotinsky that the Government's decision of March 15 constituted an instruction by the Government to the possessors of Jabotinsky's will to transfer the remains in accordance with that will. The late leader had declared in that will, dated November 3, 1935, that he wanted to be buried by a Jewish Government in a Jewish State.

The Eshkol statement to Prof. Jabotinsky seemed to fulfil that request, since it meant that the Government gave instructions for the transfer of the remains to Israel. The initial reaction of the Herut Party to the Government decision was that the wording seemed to make the decision a matter of "aiding" the Jabotinsky family, rather than an acceptance of the conditions of the will.

After the second meeting with the Premier, Prof. Jabotinsky conferred with veteran members of the Herut and the Revisionist movement at the home of Menahem Beigin, head of Herut. There, Prof. Jabotinsky said he had told the Premier that he had accepted the Government's instruction, and would bring his father's remains to Israel.

A special committee was being formed today to consider all details of the transfer and the funeral to be held in Israel. A delegation will leave soon for the United States and make necessary arrangements. The Herut Party head said that the Premier "has done a great thing, and I thank him wholeheartedly."

#### LCS ANGELES UNITED JEWISH WELFARE FUND OPENS \$10,000,000 DRIVE

LCS ANGELES, April 1. (JTA) -- With more than 1,200 leaders of the Greater Los Angeles Jewish community in attendance, at a gala rally, the United Jewish Welfare Fund opened its 1964 drive tonight by raising \$2,700,000 toward a quota aggregating \$10,000,000. The drive, according to Nathan Cramer, general chairman of the 1964 campaign, will aid a total of 169 agencies and services.

The meeting was opened by Dr. Max W. Bay, newly elected president of the Jewish Federation-Council of Greater Los Angeles. Mr. Cramer, hailing tonight's drive launching as a "spectacular" beginning, voiced high praise for the 8,000 men and women signed up to participate in the campaign.

A feature of the evening was a demonstration solicitation conducted by Bram Goldsmith, vice-chairman of the campaign, who also heads the business and professions division; and Albert A. Spiegel, chairman of the areas division. Other prominent participants in the program were Mrs. Marvin Hime, head of the Women's Division; and Joseph N. Mitchell, chairman of the UJFW's standing committee. Julius Bisno and Martin Ruderman are associate executive directors of the Jewish Federation-Council and Julius Ratner is campaign director.

## DR. NEUMANN LAUDS ACHIEVEMENTS OF ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE SESSION

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- "The session of the Actions Committee of the World Zionist Organization just concluded, was one of the most significant and encouraging in recent years," declared Dr. Emanuel Neumann in a statement issued here today following his return from Jerusalem; "Apart from reviewing the programs and activities of the Jewish Agency in the fields of immigration, absorption and settlement, and dealing with the budget for the year 1964-65, the Actions Committee directed its special attention to the problem of Jewish survival in the Diaspora and the role of the Zionist Movement in that regard;

"The deliberations on this subject were on an unusually high level and were marked by an earnestness of purpose and a harmonious spirit that transcended the legitimate differences between ideological groupings. The hopeful and almost festive atmosphere was due in large measure to the warm and cooperative attitude displayed by the Government of Israel under the leadership of Prime Minister Eshkol. The joint meeting of the Cabinet and the World Zionist Executive held the day before the opening session of the Actions Committee, had set the stage and created a new and more favorable climate;

"Whilst reaffirming the historic partnership between the State of Israel and the Zionist Movement, it was also the occasion for a solemn declaration on the part of the Israel Government that it will extend its fullest cooperation to the World Zionist Organization in its efforts throughout the Diaspora. By employing the weight and influence of his office to reverse an unfortunate trend which had helped to weaken organized Zionism in recent years, Premier Eshkol is displaying farsighted Jewish statesmanship of a high order."

Declaring that "thoughtful Israelis" are becoming more "Diaspora-minded," Dr. Neumann said; "The conviction is ripening that unless Israel joins in the struggle against the trends towards assimilation and disintegration of Jewish life and contributes actively and directly towards its preservation and enhancement, it will have failed to fulfill its mission."

## YESHIVA UNIVERSITY TO RETRAIN NEGRO GRADUATES FOR JOBS IN SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, April 1; (JTA) -- Yeshiva University launched today a program to retrain Negro graduates of southern colleges with education degrees who want to teach in New York City public schools but have been unable to pass the teacher licensing examinations.

The Yeshiva University's Graduate School of Education will conduct a nine-week course in oral expression, written English, literature and teaching methods for about 100 Negro graduates beginning about May 1. The school will cooperate with the Urban League of New York, a Negro rights group which will provide the applicants, and with the United States Departments of Labor, and Health, Education and Welfare, and the latter's Office of Education.

The graduates, many of whom failed the examinations because of geographical and cultural speech differences, will then be able to relieve New York's teacher shortage. Inquiries on the project have already come in from Philadelphia and other big city school systems which have the same problem.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA TEACHERS URGE ELIMINATION OF RELIGION FROM SCHOOLS

VANCOUVER, Canada, April 1. (JTA) -- Delegates to the British Columbia Teachers Federation convention urged today the elimination of compulsory religious exercises in public schools of the province; Under a Public Schools Act, schools must set aside the first five minutes of each school day for a prescribed Bible reading and recital of the Lord's Prayer.

Using such terms as "farical" and "mumbo-jumbo" to describe the compulsory exercises, the 1,200 delegates noted that the schools also were attended by children of Jewish, Moslem and other faiths. One teacher described an experiment in which he asked his pupils to write out what had been said in the day's Bible reading. He said most of the pupils returned blank pieces of paper to him.

## CANADA COULD LEARN FROM THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, ALBERTA PREMIER SAYS

EDMONTON, Canada, April 1. (JTA) -- Alberta's Premier Ernest C. Manning told a gathering here that Canada could use some of the spirit of the people of modern Israel which, he said, is destined to thrive "in accordance with the promise made to Abraham."

Speaking at an awards meeting of the Jewish Community Council attended by almost 600 persons, the Premier described Israel as a "nation in a hurry," attributing this to an "attempt to make up for the lost time of centuries." The Premier had just returned from a tour of Israel.

Another highlight of the meeting was the presentation of awards to Tevie H. Miller, chairman of the 1962 United Jewish Appeal, and Samuel Belzberg, chairman of the 1963 campaign; Community Council President Hy S. Baltzan gave Mr. Miller a statue of Moses and Mr. Belzberg a statue of Isaiah.

### PHILADELPHIA CITY ACCEPTS MONUMENT FOR NAZI-KILLED 6,000,000 JEWS

PHILADELPHIA, April 1. (JTA) -- An 18-foot bronze sculpture commemorating the 6,000,000 Jews martyred by the Nazis has been accepted by the City of Philadelphia as a gift; it was announced here today. The monument--the first of its kind in the United States--is expected to be placed permanently in a prominent location on the West Plaza of City Hall; Until construction and improvement work is completed, it will be temporarily erected on a city owned plot.

Unveiling at this spot is scheduled for Sunday, April 26, at a ceremony sponsored by the Federation of Jewish Agencies and the Association of Jewish New Americans on behalf of the Allied Jewish Appeal. The Association of Jewish New Americans instituted the project and raised the funds. The monument, a symbolic sculpture by Nathan Rapoport, world-renowned artist, is now on its way to Philadelphia.

At the unveiling, the Jewish community will be called to rededicate itself to the cause of the Allied Jewish Appeal, as a practical means of offering tribute to the 6,000,000 Jewish martyrs and preventing a recurrence of their tragedy. All Philadelphians will be invited to join with the Jewish community in dedicating the monument as "an important addition to the city's many historic memorials to the cause of liberty," it was announced by Leonard Goldfine, general chairman of the Allied Jewish Appeal, and Dalck Feith, chairman of the Monument Committee of the Association of Jewish New Americans.

Mr. Goldfine and Mr. Feith expressed appreciation to the city of Philadelphia, and particularly to the Municipal Art Commission, for accepting the monument and planning to place it on a prominent site. The Art Commission acted on the offer of the gift of the monument at a meeting this week.

The monument, weighing five tons, will stand on a two-foot black granite base. Mr. Rapoport, the sculptor, a native of Warsaw, Poland, created the world-renowned monument that stands on the site of what was once the Warsaw Ghetto. He created the Philadelphia monument in Pietrasanta, Italy. He described it in a message to the sponsors as "a majestic work, full of sentiment and sorrow, which wants to signify that even in time of peace humanity does not forget."

### TORONTO EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES PLEDGE TO IGNORE BIASED QUERIES ON JOBS

TORONTO, April 1. (JTA) -- Fifteen private employment agencies pledged themselves yesterday to ignore biased inquiries among clients seeking workers.

Dr. Dan Hill, Ontario Human Rights Commission director, said the pledge would set a new tone in employers' relations with employment agencies.

"It may not completely eliminate discrimination but it will be a big step," Dr. Hill said. "No employer will be able to call up and say: 'Don't send me any Negroes or Jews.'"

The pledge provides for the promulgation of a clear policy of non-discrimination to all supervisors and interviewers and for acceptance and classification of job orders from employers based on specifications of fitness, not on race, color or creed.

### U. S. HEBREW MAGAZINE FOR CHILDREN REPORTED REACHING 50,000 YOUTHS

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- The Hebrew language publication Olam Hadash (New World) for children enters its third year of publication this week, it was announced here today by Asher Wolk, managing editor. He reported that the publication reaches 50,000 children and youth every month. It has subscribers in the United States, Canada, Latin American countries, and a special edition for South Africa.

The magazine is designed primarily for youngsters in the 8-16 age bracket. It is read in Hebrew Day Schools and used for study in the high schools in the Hebrew curriculum. At the bottom of each page the newspaper features the Hebrew words in English translation used in the stories on that page.

### RABB ELECTED PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN-ISRAEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- Maxwell M. Rabb was elected president of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc., it was announced today. Nathan Strauss II, who served as the organization's president since its inception in 1953, was elected chairman of the board. Mr. Rabb was the Presidential Assistant and Secretary to the Cabinet from 1953 to 1958.

### HAYIM HAZAZ, NOTED HEBREW NOVELIST, ARRIVES IN U. S. FOR JEWISH AGENCY

NEW YORK, April 1. (JTA) -- Hayim Hazaz, noted Hebrew novelist, arrived in the United States today for a two-month visit sponsored by the Department of Education and Culture of the Jewish Agency for Israel under the patronage of the President of Israel. The famous Hebrew writer, recipient of all of the major literary prizes given in Israel, will make addresses in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland and Atlantic City.