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ESHKOL FORESEES EMIGRATION OF SOVIET JEWS TO ISRAEL AS BUILDERS

TEL AVIV, April 22; (ITA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol expressed the belief last night that when the doors for emigration from Russia are opened, Russian Jews will be motivated to come to Israel by their desire to help build a Jewish society in Israel. He said he believed this, rather than emergency emigration or even flight from persecution, would be the reason.

The Premier spoke at the opening of the convention of the kibbutz movement of the Mapai party near Deganya. The Premier, himself, a member of that kibbutz, suggested a new era for the collective movement based on industrial kibbutzim which might provide an adequate response and attraction for technologists and for Jews in other countries with a scientific and engineering education, as well as a means of increasing Israel productivity.

The Premier said he had no definite plan in mind for such industrialization but stressed that the idea should be given much thought. He also called for an all-outeffort to imbue Jewish youth in other countries with an Israeli consciousness. The 360 delegates attending the four-day convention represent 79 collectives.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT URGED IN PARLIAMENT TO CHECK ANTI-SEMITIC ACTS

CANEERRA, April 22. (ITA) -- Continued distribution in Australia of Nazi leaflets and new anti-Semitic incidents prompted Laborite Senator S. Cohen to urge in Parliament today that the *Tederal government take firm action to curb the flow of such material into Australia.

The Nazi leaflets appeared in Sydney and Melbourne on the anniversary of the Warsaw Gnetto Revolt. The walls of a building housing a Melbourne Jewish newspaper, which were daubed on the anniversary, were found smeared again today and a window in the building was broken.

In a related development, a group of men in brown shirts and trousers, believed to be members of a National Socialist party in Australia, met in a Sydney suburb to celebrate Hitler's birthday. In a television interview, Sen. Cohen displayed an invitation from the Nazi group to a birthday party for "our beloved fuehrer."

The Nazi-type mailings, made up principally of "vicious attacks" on Jews and Negroes, is entering Australia from the United States, Sweden and South Africa, Sen. Cohen told Parliament, He said it was learned that the material was sent to known distributors in Australia and then posted to a wide variety of recipients, including Jews.

Senator Cohen urged the Customs and Excise Ministry to examine the possibility of starting proceedings against anyone knowingly receiving bulk supplies of such material. He added that the distribution had been going on for some time.

ANTI-SEMITES REPORTED ACTIVE IN ARGENTINE PROVINCE; MOLEST JEWS

BUENOS AIRES, April 22. (JTA) -- Members of the ultra-nationalist anti-Semitic Tacuaxa organization are openly molesting Jews in Parana, the capital of Entre Rios province, in full daylight without any police reaction, the newspaper La Razon reported here today.

The newspaper asserted that the excesses were taking place in the city's most important section. Most of the aggressors are known, the newspaper asserted. It identified them as students of the National High School of Domingo Sarmiento.

Meanwhile, Dr. Carlos Peretted, Vice President of Argentina, told a Jewish gathering at the Israeli Embassy here that "those who try to renew racialism and hate will meet the full weight of our law." He emphasized that he made this declaration on behalf of the entire Argentine Government.

"No Jew," he said, "must worry about extremist attempts, since the Government will not tolerate any rightist or leftist excess, and this I say on behalf of President Illia, Our Government will not tolerate the import of hate. Nobody shall reinitiate persecution for color, race, religion or ethnic origin here, and we solemnly give warning."

AUSTRIAN HIGH COURT REOPENS TRIAL OF NAZI ACQUITTED FOR KILLING JEWS

VIENNA, April 22. (JTA) -- The Austrian High Court ordered today that Franz Murer, a commer SS diffuer, stand trial again in Graz, the town in Austria where he was acquitted last June on charges of murdering 17 Jews during the Nazi occupation of Vilna, thuania,

The acquittal, which was the court decision despite testimony implicating Murer in the killings, caused widespread protests and official assurances that the case would be reopened. In the ruling today, the High Court threw out one count in a new charge filed by the prosecutor and ordered that Murer be tried for one murder of an unknown Polish Jew in the Vilna Chetto.

ARABS BOYCOTT U.N. COMMISSION SESSION CHAIRED BY ISRAELI DELEGATE

GENEVA, April 22. (JTA) -- Arab delegates to the United Nations Trade and Development Conference, now in session here, boycotted yesterday the work of a conference commission because the chair is being held by Ambassador Moshe Bartur. The envoy, a conference vice-president, took the chair in the absence of a Nigerian delegate who is currently attending a fair in Milan.

The boycott shocked international opinion in Geneva, including that of representatives from the African and Soviet bloc countries who indicated they considered the action unjustified;

AMBASSADOR HARMAN MEETS WITH SECRETARY RUSK; GOES TO JERUSALEM

WASHINGTON, April 22. (JTA) -- Ambassador Avraham Harman of Israel met with Secretary of State Dean Rusk this afternoon, prior to the ambassador's return to Jerusalem for consultations. It is assumed that Mr. Harman's visit is connected primarily with the preparations for the visit in Washington of Israel Prime Minister Levi Eshkol who is due here June I, as guest of President Johnson!

It is believed that a preliminary review of some of the issues to be taken up by Mr. Eshkol was the subject of today's conversation between Secretary of State Rusk and Ambassador Harman. It is expected that during Mr. Harman's talks in Israel, the detailed agenda of Mr. Eshkol's American visit will be finalized. Mr. Harman is scheduled to leave for Israel this Friday.

RABBINICAL ASSEMBLY EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER FATE OF JEWS IN RUSSIA

GROSSINGER, N.Y., April 22. (JTA) -- Rabbi Max J. Routtenberg, Temple Bnai Sholom, Rockwille Center, N.Y., was unanimously elected president today of the Rabbinical Assembly of America by 500 rabbis attending the 64th annual convention of the Conservative rabbinical body.

The delegates reaffirmed the organization's endorsement of the civil rights bill now before Congress and urged its members to take all necessary steps to move the Senate to passage of the bill without crippling amendments.

The delegates, in another resolution, expressed deep concern "over the plight of our Jewish brethren in the Soviet Union" and expressed their determination to protest the plight of Soviet Jewry. They added, in the resolution, that "the time for universal protest and action to this end is long overdue,"

The administration of the Rabbihiral Assembly was urged by the convention to implement the following recommendations with regard to Soviet Jewry: 1. Appoint a continuing committee as Rabine between the Rabbinical Assembly and other national bodies; 2. Convene a special conference of the Rabbinical Assembly within the year to analyze, study and discuss the problem of the treatment of Jews in the Soviet Union; 3. Set aside a session of the 1965 convention to survey the situation and the progress that has been made with regard to the status of the Jews in the Soviet Union.

Convention of Jewish Clubs Asks World Action on Soviet Jews

KIAMESHA LAKE, N.Y., April 22. (JTA) -- The free nations of the world, led by the United States and Canada, were urged to remonstrate officially with the Soviet Government against the anti-lewish discriminations in the Soviet Union.

The appeal was contained in a resolution adopted unanimously by the nearly 1,000 delegates at the 35th annual convention of the National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, the national association of men's groups of conservative Jewish congregations, held here at the Concord Hotel. The delegates represent 70,000 members in 343 men's clubs and brotherhoods in conservative symagones in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico,

The resolution noted that anti-Jewish discrimination in Russia was "nothing less than spiritual genocide" and was "another way of accomplishing Hitler's program in Europe" with the difference being "instead of Hitler's practice of physical extermination, the Soviet Government is using its power to bring about spiritual death through eliminating every means by which Judaism could be maintained in that country."

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE STARTS HEARINGS ON PRAYERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

.WASHINGTON, April 22. (JTA) -- The House Judiciary Committee began hearings today on the issue of prayers in public schools with a massive array of friends and foes of such practices scheduled to testify in the coming three weeks.

In the committee files there are about 150 resolutions, sponsored by a fourth of the total membership of the House of Representatives, aimed at nullifying the U, S; Supreme Court ruling last June banning such prayers in public schools; Thousands of letters have inundated the lawmakers on both sides of the issue.

One of the key House figures in the drive, Rep. Frank J. Becker, New York Republican, who has introduced a proposed Constitutional amendment to permit such prayers, was the first witness before the Committee, of which Rep. Emanuel Celler, New York Democrat, is chairman. Rep. Becker attacked foes of such prayer as "cynics" and atteists; He implied that Congress would be showed under with protests if it did nt act on his proposed amendment; About 60 other Representatives, sponsors of similar legislation, will testify, as will some 80 church leaders. legal experts and others.

Foes of the proposed amendment include the United Parents Association of New York, which notified Rep. Celler, in a letter, of its "vigorous opposition" to the proposed amendents; The UPA said that school prayer was "a state-conducted religious activity in violation of the conscience and religious freedom of some or all of the children, their parents and their teachers, " This is roughly the long-stated position of the organized Jewish community in the United States."

While the hearing was getting under way, a delegation representing a "Committee To Protect the Right of Prayer," from Gincinnati displayed a list of signatures on a petition in support of the proposed amendments. The list was 67 yards long and was said to contain 16,000 signatures from the Cincinnati area,

One group of churchmen and lay leaders met with the Maryland delegation to give a preview of their views. About 30 clergymen mostly Protestant and Jewish, told the Maryland Congressmen that the Becker amendment would threaten the Bill of Rights and make it possible to force religious beliefs of a majority on minorities in the United Extes,

Rep. Geller, who has made clear his reluctance to consider the proposed amendments, opened the hearings without commenting on his position. The expected schedule calls for testimony first from Representatives supporting the amendment and next week, the representatives of various church groups will present arguments for and against the amendment,

SECRETARY RUSK, CARDINAL SPELLMAN TO ADDRESS AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Francis Cardinal Spellman will be the principal speakers at the American Jewish Committee's 57th annual meeting here, it was announced here today.

Newton N. Minow, former chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and chairman of the meeting, announced that the Secretary of State has been named as the 1954 recipient of the American Jewish Committee's American Liberties Medallion "for exceptional advancement of the principles of human liberty."

Both Cardinal Spellman and Secretary of State Rusk will address the annual dinner meeting Thursday evening, April 30, at the New York Hilton Hotel, where all the sessions of the five-day annual meeting will take place. Morris B. Abram, president of the Committee, and U. S. expert member of the United Nations Subcommission on the Prevention of Discrimination and the Protection of Minorities, will deliver the annual presidential report on the Committee's human relations program at home and abroad,

The American Liberties Medallion is awarded annually by the Committee to the individual in public life who has made major contributions in the field of human relations and human rights,

ISRAELI VIOLINST WINS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- Itzhak Perlman, a polio-crippled Israeli violinist, won the 23rd international Competition of the Edgar M. Leventritt Foundation, one of the major international competitions, at Carnegie Hall yesterday,

The Falestine-born violinist received a prize of \$1,000 and commitments for appearances with seven major symphonies next season. Crippled by polio at the age of four he walks with crutches but plays in a seated position. He was the youngest of the four persons who competed in the finals before a panel which included Violinist Isaac Stern.

The event was marked by a disappearance and recovery of the Guarnerius violin on which Mr; Perlman won the competition. The instrument, valued at between \$25,000 and \$50,000, was reported to have disappeared while the winner was accepting congratulations; It was later announced that the violin had been recovered.

BROOKLYN YESHIVA PUT UNDER POLICE PROTECTION AFTER NEGRO ATTACKS

NEW YORK, April 22: (JTA) -- Police protection on an around-the-clock basis was in effect today at a Brooklyn yeshiva where 15 pupils were roughed up yesterday in two unprovoked attacks by Negro teen-agers who first taunted the pupils with anti-Semitic insults.

The attacks, in one of which 50 Negro boys and girls took part, occurred at the United Lubavitcher Yeshivoth Hebrew Grammar High School in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section, considered one of the worst slum areas in Brooklyn. The first encounter occurred at noontime as some 125 students, aged six to 11, stood outside the school during their lunch hour.

The Negroes, some carrying sticks, bottles, knives and at least one bicycle chain, came into the street and began shouting epithets at the children and jeering them with such calls as "You don't belong in this country," Rabbi Abraham Barnitsky, a teacher, went to the aid of the pupils and was kicked and knocked to the ground. As pupils went to his aid and the tighting spread, many of the children were cut and bruised.

The first clash ended when Leo Berkman, a city building inspector, stopped his car, jumped out and grabbed one of the assailants as the others fled. Berkman made a citizen's arrest of Bernard Lane, 15, who was held overnight in Manhattan youth house for arraignment in Brooklyn Children's Court on third degree assault charges. Later in the afternoon, ten Negro youths came to the school and assaulted Samuel Lipsker, 10, and then ran off.

Rabbi Samuel Schrage, the principal, said Rabbi Isidore Kolodny, an instructor, also was injured in the first clash. Rabbi Schrage reported today that one police officer had been placed on duty in the school yard and that a police car was on constant patrol. He added that everything was "back to normal this morning," and that there were no absences because of injuries to the pupils.

Rabbi Schrage said there had been repeated incidents in the past but these had stopped are a police patrol was placed at the building at night. He called the two attacks yesterday the worst that had ever happened to the school.

Scores of passersby and bus passengers who alighted when their buses halted because of the fighting watched the attacks with apparent indifference. Except for Berkman, none of those who saw the clashes came to the aid of the pupils. Mr. Berkman promised to press charges against the youth he arrested and said that the indifference of the "100 people who watched without lifting a finger" was "disgraceful;"

CEREMONY MARKS OPENING OF AMERICAN-ISRAEL PAVILION AT WORLD'S FAIR

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- The ceremonial affixing of a mezuzah and the cutting of a blue and white ribbon marked the opening here today of the \$2,000,000 American-Israel Pavilion at the New York World's Fair. The opening ceremonies also included a champagne luncheon attended by some 400 invited guests including Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's Fermanent Representative to the United Nations; Consul General Katriel Katz; and Aryeh Manor, Israel's Economic Minister to the United States.

Featured among the exhibits at the pavilion will be a Torah scroll once owned by the Russian Czars. The scroll, which was part of the collection in the Czars! Asiatic Museum, is now part of a private collection of Prof. Abraham I. Katsh of New York University:

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, meanwhile, announced the opening at the World's Fair of an educational exhibit and kosher refreshment centra under the sponsorship of the organization. The UOIA food faculity and exhibition, the only one under the auspices of a national congregational body, is located in the Hall of Education.

REVISIONIST LEADERS FLEW FROM ISRAEL TO SPEAK AT BEN HECHT'S FUNERAL

NEW YORK, April 22. (JTA) -- Menahem Beigin, leader of the Herut party, and Shmuel Tamir, a leading Israeli attorney, will return to Israel tomorrow after a special flight to the United States to attend the funeral of playwright Ben Hecht.

The funeral services were held at Temple Rodeph Shalom here, with Rabbi Louis I, Newman officiating, Also present at the services was Peter Bergson, former chairman of the now defunct Hebrew Committee for National Liberation. Mr. Hecht, a supporter of the pre-state underground Irgun Zwai Leumi, was buried in Oak Hills cemetrery in Nyack, N. Y., yesterday, near the grave of his old collaborator, Charles MacArthur, Mr. Beigin and Mr. Tamir spoke of Mr. Hecht's "passionate support" of the cause of Israel.

EDWIN M. SOLOMONS, A LEADER OF IRISH JEWRY, DIES IN DUBLIN AT 84

DUBLIN, April 22. (JTA) -- Edwin Maurice Solomons, a prominent figure in Irish Jewry and the oldest member of the Dublin stock exchange, died here at the age of 84. Mr. Solomons was a former president of the Dublin United Hebrew Congregations and of the Jewish Representative Council of Eire.