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MEDITERRANEAN PARLEY DISCUSSES ANTI-JEWISH DISCRIMINATION IN RUSSIA

FLORENCE, Italy, June 22. (JTA) -- The situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union came up for discussion today at Fourth Mediterranean Conference which is being held here. The discussion developed following reports presented by delegates on religious and cultural discrimination in European Communist countries.

Jacques Nantes, of France, told the delegates at great length of the suppression of Jewish culture and religion in the Soviet Union. He cited a great number of facts to illustrate the present situation of Soviet Jews and the unequal treatment they are accorded as compared with the treatment of other national minorities in the Soviet Union.

The speaker reported that the percentage of Jewish students in Soviet universities fell from 13 to three per cent during the last ten years. He pointed out that the mailing of a Bible to individuals in Soviet Russia--even to a rabbi--is considered an illegal act. He emphasized that the reprinting of the Hebrew Bible has been banned since 1917, when the Communist Party came to power.

The French delegate suggested that the Conference should adopt a resolution requesting the Soviet Union and other Communist countries to permit the emigration of people desiring to be reunited with their relatives in other countries.

The report of the French delegate was supplemented by M. Garosci, a delegate from Italy, who also went to great length to depict the suppression of Jewish culture and religion in the Soviet Union. He emphasized that he is convinced that the more the world will insist that the Moscow Government treats its Jewish citizens equally with other minorities in the USSR, the better the chances for success.

Next Conference to be Devoted to Arab-Israel Problems

The next Mediterranean Conference will be devoted exclusively to the differences between Israel and her Arab neighbors. This was decided late today by the board of directors of the Conference as a result of wishes expressed by delegates.

Several delegates asked for a discussion of the Palestine refugees' problem but Mayor La Pira of Florence, who addressed today's session, appealed not to take up this question calling it "a wound in the process of healing."

One of Israel's representatives, Professor J. Prawer of the Hebrew University, declared himself ready to discuss the Arab-Israeli problems and warned against "running away" from these problems. Delegate Fenner Brockway, Laborite member of the British Parliament, favored a discussion of the Arab-Israel issue at the Conference.

Following the debate, Joe Golan, an Israeli and secretary of the Conference announced the board's recommendation not to discuss the question. The assembly then voted unanimously to support the board's stand. The board will meet in January 1965 to set a date for the next Conference.

GERMAN RESTITUTION COURTS ISSUE IMPORTANT DECISION; 100,000 TO BENEFIT

BONN, June 22; (JTA) -- The Supreme Restitution Court of the former British zone in West Germany, together with a similar court in the former American zone and with the Supreme Restitution Court in Berlin, today decided that Nazi victims who did not file their claims in time with the restitution authorities have nevertheless complied with the legal requirements for restitution if they filed their petitions with the compensation authorities, even without substantiating their claims.

This important decision actually abolishes the distinction between filing with the restitution authorities and the compensation authorities for a great number of Nazi victims, especially those living outside of Germany. The number of such claimants is estimated by the Ministry of Finance to reach 100,000. The West German federal government will now have to take note of the decision and will probably amend the present restitution law.

BONN PARLIAMENT GETS BILL BANNING GERMANS FROM WORKING ON ARMS ABROAD

BONN, June 22. (JTA) -- The West German Social Democrat Party will tomorrow submit a draft law to Parliament forbidding all German citizens from working on the manufacture of certain weapons abroad.

AFRICAN NATIONS ASSURE ISRAEL OF OPPOSITION TO NASSER'S ANTI-ISRAEL MOVES

JERUSALEM, June 24. (JTA) -- Israel has received the assurances of several African nations that they will not allow the African summit conference, scheduled to be held in Cairo next month, to be turned into an anti-Israel forum, it was learned here today. This was in keeping with the stand these countries took at Addis Ababa last year;

Several African leaders reported that they have told Nasser that they would oppose exploitation of the forthcoming summit for his anti-Israel moves. The leaders have also reportedly told Nasser he must choose between his African and Arab interests. The summit may have to be postponed because of resistance on the part of the African leaders to Nasser's plan to have the sessions coincide with the anniversary of the Egyptian Revolution.

ISRAEL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY REPORTED IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

JERUSALEM, June 22. (JTA) -- The Board of Governors of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology indicated today that the total of new undergraduates and graduate students at the Institute would be frozen at this year's level of 800 for the next academic year.

The indicated reason was a "critical financial situation." The board approved a 19,900,000 pound (\$6,630,000) operational budget for the year and another 10,600,000 pounds (\$3,530,000) for development; Construction of an additional 16 buildings was envisaged during the next four years. The Institute's accumulated deficit was listed as 6,000,000 pounds (\$2,000,000).

WORLD CONGRESS ON HOUSING OPENS IN ISRAEL; 47 COUNTRIES PARTICIPATE

JERUSALEM, June 22. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 delegates from 47 countries are attending the 27th World Congress for Housing and Planning which opened here today. Attending the conference are also delegates from the Soviet Union, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Rumania. The United States has the largest delegation composed of 300 members. Japan is represented by a delegation of 50 members.

The congress was opened by Yosef Almogi, Israel's Housing Minister, who greeted the assembled representatives from the various countries which include 14 ministers dealing with housing problems in their respective lands. The congress will discuss problems concerning the growing population, population dispersion and town planning.

AMERICAN LABOR PARLEY CONDEMNS SOVIET ACTS AGAINST JEWS

WATERTOWN, Maine, June 22. (JTA) -- A resolution condemning the suppression of Jewish religion and culture in the Soviet Union was adopted here today by more than 200 delegates attending the convention of the Maine State Federated Labor Council. The resolution, adopted unanimously, reads:

"This convention of the Maine State Federated Labor Council adds its voice to those condemning the Soviet Union's violations of the human rights of its Jewish minority and calls upon the Government of the United States to use every means available to it in the United Nations and elsewhere to vigorously protest official Soviet anti-Semitism."

The resolution also noted the suppression of Jewish culture, the denial to Jews of the most elementary requirement for practicing their religion, and the singling out of Jews as scapegoats for failures of the Soviet economy. It called for action "by both the United Nations and the United States to hasten the end of the Soviet Union's anti-Semitic policies and practices."

WORLD'S FAIR BOARD GETS RESOLUTION TO REMOVE ANTI-ISRAEL MURAL

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) -- A resolution urging the removal of the anti-Israel mural from the Jordanian Pavilion at the World's Fair was introduced today by Senator Joseph Zaretski, Minority Leader in the New York State Senate and a member of the World's Fair board of directors.

The resolution which Sen. Zaretski introduced at the World Fair Board meeting, instructs the World's Fair Corporation officers to demand of the Jordan Pavilion officials that the mural "be forthwith removed and that, upon failure to remove the same, the sublease of the Jordan Pavilion be canceled and the Pavilion closed." (No decision was made known at the time the Bulletin went to press.)

The New York City Council is expected to adopt a similar resolution at its session tomorrow. The Council's executive had already approved such a resolution last week.

U.N. BODY DENIES ALLEGATIONS OF ARAB LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE

BUENOS AIRES, June 22. (JTA) -- The United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America has formally denied recent charges by Arab League representative Hussein Triki that the Commission had ever mentioned during its 1963 plenary session that Argentine Jews were sending enormous amounts of dollars to Israel. The Commission's denial of Triki's charges was contained in a letter to the DAIA, central Jewish body which had brought the charges to the Commission's attention.

RABBIS CRITICIZE 'GLOOMY PROPHETS' ON SURVIVAL OF JUDAISM IN U.S.

FALLSBURG, N.Y., June 22: (JTA) -- Criticism against those who predict a decline in American Jewish life was voiced at the annual convention of the Rabbinical Council of America here today by Rabbi Abraham AvRutick, president of the Orthodox rabbinical organization.

"The recent prophets of gloom regarding the survival of Judaism have committed great blunders and errors in failing to assess the inner resources of the Jewish community in the United States," Rabbi AvRutick said in his presidential address at the convention. "If anything, American Judaism is undergoing a most spectacular renaissance in revitalizing fundamental institutions of education, social welfare and scholarly research of all types and descriptions."

"American orthodoxy," he continued, "is making tremendous strides in becoming a faith for the modern intellectual and business leader instead of relying on the senile, uneducated and poor elements for its sustenance. Over 300 all-day schools have been created by Orthodox Jews in recent years in every major city in the United States, and their current budgetary outlays for the total Jewish education is approximately at the \$50,000,000 mark annually. There is no justification to fear the contraction or decline of current Jewish collective living in the United States in the near or distant future."

The Rabbinical Council president also urged that interreligious cooperation between Christians and Jews in the United States be conducted on the basis of sound sociological doctrine rather than the complicated arena of theology. "The Ecumenical Council," he said, "is proceeding along intelligible lines in attempting to formulate an interfaith platform and philosophy which reflects a mutual concern for the problems which confront all religious bodies in this world. The Rabbinical Council has always been concerned with the sundry representations which have been made to the Ecumenical Council by secular organizations who were completely unaware of the principles and implications of their body of suggestions. We made our views fully clear to the public and have had favorable effects."

"This emphasis on sociological phenomena is salutary and constructive in paving the way for the strengthening of more desirable non-theological exchanges between historically different religious viewpoints. It is a healthy approach by recognizing the concept that Judaism is a vibrant faith in the contemporary state, and is determined to serve the Almighty in its distinctive fashion in the future," the president of the Rabbinical Council stated.

The Rabbinical Council of America adopted a resolution last February which spelled out the principles of interreligious cooperation in terms of sociological accord and agreement rather than theological adjustment and merger of differences.

Rabbi Meir Felman, chairman of the convention, appealed to the convention platform committees and nominees of the Democratic and Republican parties to "commit themselves unequivocally and irrevocably to the preservation of the territorial integrity and sovereign inviolability of the state of Israel against all the Arab nations who are pledged to Israel's destruction. It is essential for the world peace that American political leaders guarantee the progress of Israel as a viable state, both territorially, politically and economically," he said.

YOUNG ISRAEL CONVENTION HEARS REPORT ON GERMAN SCIENTISTS IN EGYPT

GREENFIELD PARK, N.Y., June 22, (JTA) -- The 52nd annual convention of the National Council of Young Israel concluded here today with a call by Rabbi David Hill, president of the organization, to consider action against West Germany unless the Bonn Government recalls its nuclear scientists from Egypt where they are working for Nasser's armament industry.

In an address before the delegates, Congressman Leonard Farbstein of New York said that "Germany actually has an arms base in Egypt" by permitting Germans to produce military weapons there. He charged that "Dr. Ferdinand Brandner, who mobilized hundreds of German scientists for Nasser, is on record as saying 'We have to finish the work which Hitler began.'" He also asserted that upon the return from Egypt of Professor N. Gruder and Prof. V. Faylanck they stated that the Bonn Government was entirely behind the scientists in Egypt and that they also enjoyed the support of the German Ambassador in Cairo.

Delegates also discussed a proposal which would provide religious Chaplains to high schools as an alternative to Bible readings and prayers in the schools. The students could consult a Chaplain on a voluntary basis, according to the Young Israel proposal, and therefore there would be no infringement on the principle of separation of church and state.

JEWISH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OPENS FIVE-DAY CONVENTION IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) -- The third annual convention of the Jewish Library Association opened here today for five days of sessions attended by delegates from Jewish libraries in various parts of the United States and Canada.

CCUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS ESTABLISHED IN RIO DE JANEIRO

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 22. (JTA) -- A Council of Christians and Jews comprising leading Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergymen, has been established here, it was announced here today by Rabbi Henrique Lemle. The purpose of the Council will be to conduct educational activities aimed at combatting racial and religious discrimination and persecution and will promote understanding between the various religious groups;

LARGE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT DELEGATION LEAVES FOR PARLEY IN ISRAEL

MEXICO CITY, June 22. (JTA) -- The largest Mexican Government delegation ever to visit Israel, left here this morning to participate in the 27th World Congress for Housing and Planning which opens in Jerusalem tomorrow.

The delegation, which is headed by Under Secretary of State, Guillermo Rosell of the Mexican Ministry of National Properties, was seen off at the airport by the Israeli Charge d'Affaires, Menahem Werner Loyal and high officials of the Mexican Government. The delegation is composed of representatives from most of Mexico's official and private economic planning agencies.

Among the participants in the Mexican Mission which totals 27 people, are representatives from the Mexican Ministry of Finance, the National Oil Company PEMEX, the Mexican University, the Technological Institute, banks and professional associations. Under Secretary Rosell stated at the airport that he is taking to the Congress and to the people and government of Israel, a personal message from President Lopez Mateos;

Between sessions of the Congress, the Mexican delegates will tour the country, contact Israeli institutions, as well as pay a visit to two groups of Mexicans now studying in Israel within the framework of Israel's technical assistance program. The Israeli Charge d'Affaires stated that the visit of this delegation signifies the beginning of closer technical cooperation between Mexico and Israel on all levels and especially in the field of national and regional planning, housing and cooperative organizations.

KNESSET SESSION TO HONOR JABOTINSKY'S MEMORY ON EVE OF HIS REBURIAL

NEW YORK, June 22. (JTA) -- Israel's Parliament will meet in special session in Jerusalem on July 8, 1964, to memorialize the late Zeev Jabotinsky as the remains of the leading fighter for Jewish statehood will lie in state in the holy city before reburial the next day on Mt. Herzl, according to the cable-dispatch made public here today by the National Committee for the Jabotinsky Memorial headed by Philip M. Klutznick, former U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

The remains of the world Zionist leader and founder of the Jewish Legion in World War I will be transferred from New York for reburial in Israel by order of Prime Minister Levi Eshkol on behalf of the Israel Government in keeping with the testament of Mr. Jabotinsky, who died on August 3, 1940 in Hunter, N. Y. that "his remains may not be transferred to Palestine unless by order of that country's eventual Jewish government." The remains of Jabotinsky are now interred at the New Montefiore Cemetery, Farmingdale, L. I.

Many thousands, including Jewish war veterans, former Jewish Legionnaires, members of Maccabi sports organization, representatives of all Zionist organizations and of the B'nai B'rith as well as Jewish spiritual leaders of all three denominations, will accompany the funeral cortege during the transfer of the remains of Mr. Jabotinsky and his wife on Monday, July 6, 1964, the announcement said.

MEMORIAL MEETING HELD FOR LOUIS SEGAL; ESHKOL, SHARETT ATTEND

TEL AVIV, June 22. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and other Government and Mapai party leaders took part here today in a memorial meeting for Louis Segal, the late general secretary of the Farband Labor Zionist Organization, who died last week in New York.

Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, who delivered the eulogy, said Mr. Segal "had a special place in our movement for a whole generation; He had a wonderful mixture of the old and the new and brought a new generation to Zionism in the United States. All who knew him loved him because he was a true friend;" Shraga Netzer, acting secretary of Mapai, said that the party would "erect a living monument" in Mr. Segal's name.

I. ROSENHAUS, FORMER EDITOR OF YIDDISH NEWSPAPER IN RUSSIA, DIES IN MINSK

LONDON, June 22. (JTA) -- I. Rosenhaus, a veteran Soviet revolutionary who, for many years, served as editor of the "Shtern," a Yiddish daily newspaper published in Charkov in the years before World War II, and now defunct, has died in Minsk. It was reported here today. Mr. Rosenhaus, who was in his seventies, was active in the Communist party and administration in White Russia.