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ESHKOL ARRIVES IN PARIS FOR TALKS WITH DE GAULLE; WELCOMED AT AIRPORT

PARIS, June 28, (JTA) -- Israel Premier Levi Eshkol arrived today at Orly Airport here for a 12-day visit, during which he will confer with French President De Gaulle, Premier Pompidou, Foreign Minister Couve De Murville, Defense Minister Messmer and other important government officials.

The Prime Minister's entourage, which landed with him at 11:30 local time in an El Al plane, included Mrs. Eshkol, Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres, adviser to the Foreign Minister Zeev Shek and chef de cabinet Uri Lubrani.

Mr. Eshkol and his entourage were warmly received at the airport by Deputy Foreign Minister Habib DeLoncle, the Deputy Chief of Protocol at the Foreign Ministry, Emanuel Casteljean and a group of members of the Israeli Embassy and Israel army officers, headed by Ambassador Walter Eytan. Also present were French Ambassador to Israel Jean Bourdille and local Jewish community leaders representing the central Jewish body CRIF, the French Zionist Federation and other Jewish organizations.

Mr. Eshkol chatted for several minutes with M. DeLoncle, who is leaving for Africa tonight. The presence of the Deputy Foreign Minister came as a complete surprise to Israeli officials, who had not expected him to attend the reception ceremonies.

Says He Has No Special Problems to Settle with France

Immediately after landing, Mr. Eshkol addressed more than 20 newspaper and television reporters, declaring himself "happy to have the opportunity to meet with General De Gaulle and to express to him the admiration of the Israel nation." Speaking first in Hebrew, then in French, Mr. Eshkol stated:

"We have no special problems to settle with our French friends. I have mainly come to renew our traditional friendship and to personally meet France's leader."

This was essentially the same position the Premier took upon his departure from Israel this morning, with officials stressing that the main aim of the visit was to establish personal contact with President De Gaulle and exchange views on Israel-French relations--not to make special requests of France. "I go to see friends," said Mr. Eshkol, before boarding the plane this morning.

However, observers expected the visit to result in new agreements in the field of scientific cooperation and in the extension of the cultural agreement. Israel aid programs in Africa and the Middle Eastern situation will be among the major topics discussed.

The Premier and his entourage, accompanied by police, left for the hotel where he conferred with his advisers in preparation for his meeting tomorrow with President De Gaulle, Premier Pompidou, and M. Couve De Murville. Mr. Eshkol said he was "pleasantly surprised" at the warm reception accorded him at the airport and hoped his entire stay would be as fruitful.

Mr. Eshkol's visit is officially described as a private one. In his capacity of Defense Minister, Mr. Eshkol will visit French military installations and meet with the French Armed Forces Minister Pierre Messmer. The Israeli Prime Minister's itinerary will include official receptions given by the French National Assembly, the Paris Municipal Council and French institutions.

Both French and Israeli government circles have declined to disclose the subjects which Premier Eshkol and President De Gaulle are due to discuss. Observers expect Mr. Eshkol to begin the talks by explaining Israel's evaluation of the current political situation in the Middle East with special emphasis on the dangers which Nasser's Egypt represents. It is also expected that President De Gaulle will be briefed on the recently concluded American-Israeli agreement on joint nuclear desalination research.

Egypt Warns France on Eshkol's Visit; Nervous About Arms

JERUSALEM, June 28, (JTA) -- The Egyptian Government has informed the French Foreign Office that any arms transaction arising from Premier Eshkol's visit to France may upset "normalization" of French-Arab relations, it was reported here today.

According to earlier reports, the French Government firmly rejected similar expressions which Arab envoys tried to voice to the French Foreign office on the Eshkol visit.

VATICAN SPECIAL ISSUE REFUTES CHARGES AGAINST POPE PIUS ON JEWS

ROME, June 28; (JTA) -- The Vatican this weekend came again to the defense of the late Pope Pius XII and his role during the Nazi slaughter of European Jewry with a special 96-page issue of its official publication dealing with the controversy;

The special issue of L'Osservatore della Domenica, the weekend edition of L'Osservatore Romano, contains photographic copies of previously unpublished documents from various Catholic and Jewish sources designed to refute the charge that the Pope could have done much more than he did to save Jews from the Nazi murder machine. The charge of the Pope's silence on the holocaust has been revived and widely discussed since the production of "The Deputy," a play by West German playwright Rolf Hochhuth, condemning this silence.

The special issue deals with the assistance given Jews by the Catholic Church in all countries invaded by the Nazis. Contributors included Father Weber, writing about Church assistance to help Jews emigrate; Cardinal Zaliegé of Toulouse; as well as such Jewish leaders as Rafael Cantoni, former president of the Rome Jewish community; Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff of Rome; and individual Jews relating how the Church saved them from the Nazis.

One of the articles was by Ettore Dellaricia, who recently wrote a series of articles about the Jews of Rome in Giornale D'Italia, dealing with events in 1943. The series was considered a defense of the late Pontiff against the charges in the Hochhuth play.

Dellaricia, in his article, recounted the story of the Nazi demand for 50 kilos of gold from the Jews of Rome, and declared that the then president of the Rome Jewish community had confirmed in writing the offer of Pope Pius to advance a portion of the gold. The article described other exactions of the Germans culminating in the roundup and deportation of 3,000 Jews. At the same time, Dellaricia wrote, about 4,000 Rome Jews found refuge in various convents and other Catholic institutions.

The article stresses that the Rome Jewish community had expressed in the "most explicit manner" the conviction that all that had been done for Jews by Catholic organizations in that period would have been impossible without explicit instructions from the late Pope Pius XII.

MEIR GROSSMAN, NOTED ZIONIST LEADER, DEAD; WAS CO-FOUNDER OF THE J. T. A.

TEL AVIV, June 28; (JTA) -- Meir Grossman, noted Zionist leader, prominent journalist and a former member of the Jewish Agency executive, died here suddenly over the weekend, a few hours after he fell ill and was taken to the hospital. He was 76 years old.

Born in Russia, Mr. Grossman studied in Odessa and worked for Russian newspapers. Later, however, he devoted himself entirely to the Jewish press. During World War I, he lived in Copenhagen where he edited the Jewish newspaper "Copenhagener Togblatt" and also co-edited the Zionist organ "Tribuna" with Vladimir Jabotinsky.

During the Russian Revolution, Mr. Grossman lived in the Ukraine, where he was elected a member of the Rada (the Ukrainian Parliament) and of the Jewish National Assembly. He was also a member of the Zionist Council in the Ukraine and editor of the daily newspaper "Die Welt," published in Kiev. In 1919, he moved to London where, together with Jacob Landau, he founded the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Active in the world Zionist movement, Mr. Grossman attended every Zionist Congress after World War I and was a member of the Zionist Actions Committee since 1934. He was one of the founders of the Jewish State Party, which merged in 1948 with the Zionist Revisionist movement, of which he became vice-chairman. He left the Revisionist movement after differences of opinion with Mr. Jabotinsky, its leader.

Mr. Grossman visited the United States several times. In 1920, he married Barbara de Port, an American journalist. They lived in England where Mr. Grossman directed the work of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Europe and Palestine. In 1934, they settled in Israel. During World War II, Mr. Grossman and his family lived in the United States, where he was active in the American Jewish Conference and in the Zionist movement. In 1948, he returned to settle in Israel, where he remained for the rest of his life. He was a member of the Jewish Agency executive during 1954-60 and was at one time the head of the Agency's economic department.

TEEN-AGERS ARRESTED IN BUENOS AIRES CONFESS TO 148 ANTI-JEWISH ACTS

BUENOS AIRES, June 28; (JTA) -- Police authorities reported today that two arrested teen-agers confessed to a total 148 anti-Semitic attacks. Three other youths are believed to be responsible for recent anti-United States incidents.

The police hope to learn from the arrested youths more details of the operations of anti-Semitic and anti-American forces in this country, including the sources financing these operations.

N.C.R.A.C. CONVENTION OPPOSES CHANGE IN BAN ON PRAYERS IN SCHOOLS

ST. LOUIS, June 28; (JTA) -- The annual convention of the National Community Relations Advisory Council concluded here today with the adoption of a resolution opposing any Congressional action reversing the Supreme Court ban on prayers and Bible-reading in the public schools; Aaron Goldman of Washington was elected new NCRAC chairman, succeeding Louis Weinstein of Boston;

The convention of the NCRAC, which represents six national Jewish organizations and more than 70 local Jewish community councils in major cities, also urged the United States to ratify the Genocide Convention, which outlaws mass-annihilation of peoples as carried out by the Nazis; The delegates also recommended the adoption of a new U.S. immigration law eliminating the national origin quota system.

Other resolutions urged the U.S. Government to use its influence to bring the Arab states and Israel to the "peace table" and appealed to the American people and leaders to exert influence on the Soviet Government to alleviate cultural and religious discrimination against Soviet Jews;

During the weekend, the delegates discussed the question of whether Jews in this country were facing a loss of their cultural and religious identity. Isaiah B. Minkoff, executive vice-chairman of the NCRAC, discounted statistics on Jewish intermarriage as "lifeless numbers that fail to take into account the dynamic life processes of groups. He said that "Although the relative openness of the American society affords perhaps unparalleled inducement to assimilation, on the other hand, pluralistic America encourages group identification."

Sanford Solender, executive vice-president of the National Jewish Welfare Board, presented a different view. He said that "all is far from well with American Jews," pointing out that "masses of American Jews do not have even the most elementary understanding of their heritage." Dr. Lou H. Silberman, professor of Jewish Literature and Thought at Vanderbilt University, questioned Mr. Minkoff's concept of cultural pluralism as permitting Jews to retain their identity. He said that the pluralism he had observed was highly individualistic rather than community-oriented.

Earlier at the convention, Conservative Rabbi Max Routtenberg of New York and Orthodox Rabbi Shubert Spero of Cleveland agreed that a possible failure by the Ecumenical Council to adopt the Schema on the Jews would not cause a lessening of the desire for dialogue and cooperation between Jew and Catholic.

C. J. F. W. F. MISSION LEAVES TO ASSESS PHILANTHROPIC PROGRAMS ABROAD

NEW YORK, June 28; (JTA) -- Leaders of Jewish community organizations will leave for Europe and Israel tomorrow to appraise overseas Jewish philanthropic programs which annually receive over \$60,000,000 from community groups. As official representatives of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, the delegation will consult with high-ranking government and welfare officials in Israel, and with the heads of major Jewish organizations in England, France and Austria.

In Israel, the group will scrutinize welfare programs stemming from the continued high rate of immigration and the country's backlog of 200,000 economically unabsorbed immigrants; In addition, the delegates will explore means to strengthen the nation's health, welfare and educational systems, and will investigate the possibility of utilizing American experience and techniques to help achieve this objective.

The Council's overseas mission will also attempt to assess additional philanthropic requirements which may arise following the end of German reparations to Israel; Since 1954, the German reparation payments have totaled \$70,000,000 annually. Twenty million dollars of this sum has been used each year for direct assistance to the victims of Nazi persecution now residing in Israel, Europe and elsewhere.

In Paris, the group will study the relief and rehabilitation program of the Fonds Sociaux Juif Unifié for 100,000 Jewish refugees in France. In Austria, the delegates will assess the total complex of emigration services maintained in Vienna by the Jewish Agency for Israel, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the United States. The delegation will present its findings and recommendations to U.S. and Canadian Jewish communities.

The 14-member delegation is headed by Louis Stern of Newark and Irving Cane of Cleveland; Mr. Stern is president of the CJFWF, and Mr. Kane is chairman of the organization's Overseas Services Committee;

Other members of the delegation are: Mrs. Joseph Cohen of New Orleans; M. E. Glass of Cleveland; Lawrence E. Irell of Los Angeles; Judge Theodore Levin of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. A. Louis Oresman of New York; Louis P. Smith of Boston; Cecil Usher of Montreal; Melvin S. Zaret of Milwaukee; Henry L. Zucker of Cleveland; Philip Bernstein and Louis D. Horwitz, both of New York;

THREE MEMBERS OF ISRAELI CULTURAL DELEGATION HONORED IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, June 28; (JTA) -- The three members of an Israeli cultural delegation were honored by leading Soviet musicians and cultural officials yesterday at a reception held in the Friendship House here, it was reported by the Novosti Press Agency. The Israelis were Zvi Hattel, an Israel violinist; the manager of the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra; and Eli Peleg, the national secretary of the Israeli-USSR Friendship Movement.

Among the Soviet personalities who greeted the Israeli guests were Professor Lev Ginzburg, stage director Victor Kommisarzhovsky, noted pianist Profi, Yakov Flier, composer Gavril Popov and leading artist of the Moscow Bolshoi Theater Vera Duldova. The Israeli guests expressed their gratitude for the reception and explained they were conducting talks in Moscow on cultural exchange programs between Israel and the Soviet Union;

"We are immensely impressed by the sincerity and warmth shown us in various state and public organizations we visited during our first three days in Moscow," the violinist said. "I'm convinced that planned mutual tours of musicians will serve the cause of strengthening contacts and friendship between the Israeli and Soviet peoples."

SAMUEL ROTHBERG ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF AMERICAN FRIENDS OF HEBREW U.

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- The American Friends of the Hebrew University have elected Samuel Rothberg of Peoria, Illinois, chairman of their board of directors, it was announced here today. Mr. Rothberg succeeds Ralph Wechsler of Essex Falls, New Jersey.

Long active in Jewish affairs, Mr. Rothberg is national campaign chairman of the Israel Bond Organization and president of the Israel Investors' Corporation. He has been closely associated with the Hebrew University for some years. He is a member of the board of governors of the university and formerly served as national vice-president of the American Friends. He is a Founder of the New Campus of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and one of the chief donors of the Eliezer Kaplan School of Economics and Social Sciences at the university. The main lecture hall in that building bears his name.

BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR \$3,000,000 HIGH SCHOOL CENTER

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- Bar-Ilan University in Israel plans to erect a \$3,000,000 high school center, it was announced today by Dr. Joseph H. Lookstein, acting president of the university. The initial phase of this program, which will cost \$1,000,000, is being made possible by a major gift from Max and Phillip Stollman of Detroit.

Dr. Lookstein stressed the critical need for secondary school of education facilities in the State of Israel and Bar-Ilan University's contribution in helping to resolve this problem. In recognition of the generosity of Max and Philip Stollman, and their respective families, the university will name the center The Stollman High School.

The new high school, which will adjoin the university campus in Ramat Gan, will accommodate a student enrollment of 1,000 and will have dormitory facilities for 800. In addition to the projected 14 classroom buildings, the school will include an administration building, a synagogue for 600 students, a dining hall, an auditorium, a gymnasium and a number of other buildings;

DR. SCHWARTZ LEAVES FOR ISRAEL TO DISCUSS BOND CAMPAIGN PLANS

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice-president of the Israel Bond Organization, left today on a 12-day visit to Europe and Israel in connection with preparations for the Fall phase of the 1964 campaign for the sale of \$85,000,000 in Israel bonds.

Dr. Schwartz will confer with Finance Minister Pinhas Sapiro and other economic experts in Israel regarding the country's five-year economic program which was initiated early in 1964 and which is being financed with the aid of the proceeds from the sale of Israel bonds. He will also report to the Finance Minister on the progress of the current Israel bond campaign, which broke all previous records during the first six months of 1964.

TONI SENDER, FORMER JEWISH MEMBER OF REICHSTAG, DIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Toni Sender, whose frank anti-Nazi speeches in the Reichstag, of which she was a member, brought down the ire of the Nazis and forced her to flee Germany in 1933, one step ahead of the secret police. She died Friday at the age of 75.

Miss Sender, who came from an Orthodox middle-class family, arrived in the United States in 1935 and led her own campaign against the Nazis, and aided refugees. After working for UNRRA, she joined the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and represented the non-Communist association of 55,000,000 workers at the United Nations Economic and Social Council.