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### WORLD JEWISH CONFERENCE IN GENEVA ASSAILS SOVIET POLICY ON JEWS IN USSR

GENEVA, Aug. 2 (JTA) -- An appeal to world public opinion for continued "moral pressure" on the Soviet Government to have religious and cultural rights restored to Soviet Jewry was issued here last night by the Conference of Jewish Organizations, the coordinating body of major Jewish groups active in various countries.

A statement issued by COJO, following the conclusion of a two-day conference here, expressed "deep concern" over the lack of any "fundamental change" in the Soviet stand toward the Jews in the USSR. The statement condemned "the process of enforced assimilation" of the Jews in the Soviet Union, and said that this process threatened "to erode" the second largest Jewish community in the world.

Participants in the COJO conference included the World Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, American Jewish Congress, Canadian Jewish Congress, the Board of Deputies of British Jews, Conseil Representatif des Juifs de France, DAIA, the central representative body of Argentine Jews, the executive council of Australian Jewry, the Jewish Labor Committee and the South African Jewish Board of Deputies. Official observers included the Jewish Agency for Israel, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Rabbinical Council of America, and Young Israel.

### Growing Understanding Among Non-Jews for Jewish Plight in Russia Seen

The delegates expressed appreciation for the "growing understanding" in the non-Jewish community for the plight of Soviet Jews. They appealed to the Soviet Union, on "humanitarian grounds," to facilitate the reunification of families "separated by the ravages of war and the era of Nazi persecution."

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, and COJO chairman, expressed the hope that the "liberal and progressive elements and forces with friendly ties to the Soviet Union will bring even more of their influence to bear" in support of Soviet Jews.

He reported he had concluded negotiations with the Polish Government for inclusion of a Jewish pavilion in the memorial planned on the site of the Auschwitz death camp, one of a complex of pavilions memorializing victims of various nationalities murdered in Auschwitz. He said he had conveyed "appreciation" to the Polish Government for its efforts to keep alive the memory of the martyrs of the Nazi era.

The delegates voted endorsement of the memorial, and urged Jewish groups to "participate actively" in plans to make the Jewish pavilion "a fitting monument to Jewish martyrdom." The memorial, to be built out of a converted Auschwitz barrack, will be in the form of a museum.

The conference also endorsed unanimously plans to mark the 20th anniversary of the liberation of Nazi concentration camps, and recommended that its constituent members take part in a commemorative program in Poland in May, 1965.

### Forthcoming Statement on Jews by Ecumenical Council Discussed

The conference held a comprehensive discussion on Catholic-Jewish relations in the light of the forthcoming statement on Jews by the Ecumenical Council, which resumes its session at the Vatican in September. The delegates also reviewed plans for the World Council on Jewish Education, which opens in Geneva today.

The delegates adopted a recommendation to set up a world-wide clearing house for research into and dissemination of information about Arab anti-Jewish propaganda activity, to be established in New York City and maintained by COJO for its constituent groups and for other Jewish organizations and communities.

A number of delegates reacted favorably to a proposal by Label A. Katz, president of B'nai B'rith and a COJO vice-chairman, that COJO constituents consider the advisability of convening national conferences in their countries to mobilize public opinion in protest against the deterioration of Soviet Jewish community life. Such conferences

would be along the lines of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry held last April in Washington by 24 American Jewish organizations.

Ya'acov Herzog, Deputy Director General of Israel's Foreign Office, told the conference that anti-Israel political propaganda by Arab states, while "at present organized and implemented with greater sophistication than ever before," is not deterring Israel's progress and its diplomatic and trade relations. He said that Arab representatives at the recent Cairo conference on African Unity had "failed in their efforts to stimulate anti-Israel feelings."

The diplomat, who was Israel's Minister to the United States and then to Canada, said that despite "massive propaganda efforts," carried on in about 60 countries, there had been little acceptance of Arab arguments against Israel's national water carrier project which will tap the Jordan River to irrigate the country's arid Negev region.

However, both he and delegates presenting reports on Arab League activities in their countries stressed that Arab propaganda went beyond political hostility to Israel to include "distinct anti-Semitic elements and links to neo-Nazi and reactionary movements." The reports noted this had been particularly evident in several Latin American countries.

#### JEWISH EDUCATION PROBLEMS DISCUSSED AT WORLD PARLEY OF EDUCATORS

GENEVA, Aug. 2 (JTA) -- Jewish communal, religious and educational leaders attending a World Conference on Jewish Education, which opened here today, established at the opening session that a critical lack of qualified teachers is thwarting the advancement of Jewish education in communities outside Israel.

The need for an accelerated teacher recruitment and training program was stressed in an address by Professor Alexander M. Dushkin of the Hebrew University and in statements by education experts who are participating here in plans to initiate a World Council on Jewish Education to deal with major problems of Jewish education.

Dr. Joseph Lookstein, of New York, acting president of Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan, Israel, and coordinator for the presidium that is organizing the Council, said that a "minimum force" of 5,000 trained Jewish teachers is essential to fill present-day needs. This was also emphasized in a report on a survey of teacher training and recruitment throughout the world conducted by Prof. Dushkin.

In the United States alone, where the shortage of Jewish teachers is not as critical as in many other lands, Dr. Dushkin found that less than half of the estimated 1,200 teaching posts vacant each year are filled by trained personnel and many schools "are compelled to appoint as teachers anyone who knows a little Hebrew, however unqualified and incapable, frequently with disastrous effects on children."

#### Shortage of Jewish Teachers Acute in U.S. and European Lands

The survey disclosed that 8,500 teachers occupy 19,000 Jewish teaching posts in the United States, most of them doubling up at all-day and afternoon schools, and that the turnover among them is about 15 per cent a year.

To compensate for this loss, Dr. Dushkin reported, 11 Jewish teacher training institutes are graduating only about 150 students annually, not all of whom remain in the Jewish teaching profession. An additional 500 teachers are recruited each year from rabbinical seminaries, from among Israelis temporarily residing in the United States and from other sources.

"The teacher shortage is even more acute in continental Europe where less than 25 per cent of the children attend Jewish schools," Dr. Dushkin said. He found an "urgent need" for more schools and classes in France where the Jewish population has jumped substantially in recent years as a result of Jewish emigration from North Africa.

The yearly attrition is about one-fifth of the 1,800 teachers in continental Europe and Great Britain, while teacher training schools are turning out only about 30 qualified graduates a year, Dr. Dushkin noted. He described the teacher shortage as the "central problem of Jewish education today" and stressed the need to raise the status of the profession to a level equivalent with other teaching groups.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, in the opening address at the assembly, attributed to Jewish education "the Jewish role in continuity and survival." "Neither the impact of anti-Semitism nor the stress on Jewish philanthropy, important as they are, have the primacy of Jewish education in determining the future of Jewish life," he declared.

The delegates opened the debate this afternoon with a plan for the structure of the World Council on Jewish Education. Discussion focused largely on a proposed site for the Council's headquarters.

## AGUDAH ASKS U. N. TO SECURE ACCESS OF JEWS TO HOLY PLACES IN JORDAN

TEL AVIV, Aug. 2 (JTA) -- A demand that the United Nations make possible free access of Jews to Jewish holy places in Jordan was made here this weekend by the World Agudath Israel. The Agudah world congress, closing a week's gathering by the ultra-Orthodox organization, adopted a resolution calling for such access and requesting the U. N. to make such visitations possible for Jews. The resolution mentioned specifically the Jewish holy places at Hebron and Bethlehem, as well as in the old city of Jerusalem, where the Wailing Wall is located.

Other resolutions proposed the establishment of the five-day working week in Israel; called for fostering religious education; demanded that the Israeli Government oppose "penetration" by Conservative and Reform congregations in Israel; and demanded that Russian Jews be given full freedom to observe and practice their religion. Another resolution strongly opposed the introduction of television in Israel.

The Sephardic community insisted at the closing meeting that it be given 25 per cent representation on the 141-member World Agudath Council and the 15-member world executive. That move was defeated, the Sephardim being held down to 10 per cent representation. Rabbi Yitzhak Meir Levin was re-elected to a fourth term as chairman of the Agudah executive.

## \$25,000,000 BUILDING PROGRAM FOR TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCED

TEL AVIV, Aug. 2 (JTA) -- Plans for a large-scale building program, to cost \$25,000,000, coupled with the recruitment of outstanding scholars for an expanded faculty, were announced here today on behalf of Tel Aviv University by Dr. George S. Wise, the new president of the university.

The university's new campus, he said, will open next fall. New buildings will accommodate 2,000 students in the humanities and sciences, while 1,000 other students will still have to attend classes in the older, makeshift quarters around the city. The expanded building program, however, Dr. Wise said, envisages the construction of 21 buildings, costing \$25,000,000, over the next five years, providing space for 10,000 students and a faculty of 1,000.

Dr. Wise said he had been in touch with 350 to 400 Israeli scholars who have done their doctoral and post-doctoral studies in the United States. Some of these men, he said, are earning salaries ranging from \$15,000 to \$25,000 a year now, but would be willing to return to Israel at much lower salaries if they were provided with research facilities as well as living quarters. In Israel, he noted, these scholars would be willing to accept the standard salaries paid to university faculty men here, ranging from \$3,600 to \$4,300 per year.

## SUPERMARKET DIRECTOR IN ISRAEL CONFESSES TO ARSON; FALSIFIED RECORDS

TEL AVIV, Aug. 2 (JTA) -- Abraham Feinberg, American-born director of Supersol, Ltd., Israel's largest chain of supermarkets, signed a confession today, according to police, admitting that he had set the fire which, two weeks ago, destroyed the Supersol office and warehouse here. Most of the company's archives were destroyed in the conflagration.

Arrested on suspicion of arson last week, Feinberg had persisted in denying the accusation. Finally, police authorities announced today, he said he would confess so as to spare his wife and friends who were ready to defend him.

In his confession, as summarized by the authorities, he stated that he had set the fire in order to destroy documents that could have proved he had made false bookkeeping entries, causing discrepancies in the firm's records. He allegedly told the police he had falsified records to show that the business was successful whereas, in fact, "the situation was not too rosy," contending that no one had actually benefited from the falsification of the records.

The police report said that Feinberg stated it had taken him 24 hours to plan the fire. He said, allegedly, that he had left his home one night, without his wife's knowledge, and set fire to the warehouse where the firm's records were stored.

After announcing Feinberg's confession, the police authorities added that they had arrested another American, Moshe Yehuda Heinman, the company's controller. He has been remanded for five days, pending further investigation. The police authorities said that Heinman is not suspected of physically aiding Feinberg in setting the fire, but is accused of helping Feinberg with some of the record falsifications.

Feinberg, who is now an Israeli citizen, is a graduate of Hebrew Union College, former holder of a Fulbright Fellowship, and had been a volunteer aide in some important archeological work in Israel.

## SECRETARY RUSK URGES SENATE TO END NATIONAL ORIGINS IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2 (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dean Rusk urged the Senate Immigration Subcommittee this weekend to end the national origins immigration quota system because it disturbs relations with foreign peoples and is outmoded;

Mr. Rusk told the Subcommittee that the discriminatory quota system was outdated by the Displaced Persons Act of 1948, Refugee Relief Act of 1953, and the "Fair-Share" Refugee-Escapee Act of 1960. However, foreign nationals still judge the United States by the basic laws which discriminate on the basis of national origin, Mr. Rusk testified. He voiced support for the pending Administration Immigration Reform Bill sent to Congress by President Lyndon B. Johnson;

## B'NAI B'RITH APPEALS TO JOHNSON FOR RATIFICATION OF GENOCIDE PACT

JERSEY CITY, N.J., Aug. 2 (JTA) -- B'nai B'rith leaders from four Eastern states addressed an appeal to President Johnson urging him to act on ratification by the U.S. Senate of the United Nations Genocide convention outlawing the mass murder of religious, racial and ethnic groups, it was reported here today. The convention was developed as an effort to prevent such mass murders as that of the European Jews by the Nazis;

The appeal was made by the four-state B'nai B'rith district of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and West Virginia, which pointed out in a resolution that the United States signed the international convention in December, 1948, but that it has never been ratified by the U.S. Senate;

The resolution also pointed out that 66 other nations have completed ratification procedures of the convention but the matter is pending in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, despite a favorable report on the measure by a subcommittee;

## AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE MISSION LEAVES FOR SOUTH AMERICAN LANDS

NEW YORK, Aug. 2 (JTA) -- A delegation of American Jewish Committee leaders left by plane today on a human relations mission to Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Peru;

Morris B. Abram, who heads the delegation, declared that the mission had been undertaken at the invitation of South American Jewish community leaders to help develop human relations programs which will help deal with the growing concern about the emergence of belligerent, anti-democratic factions in South America. The Committee leaders will return to New York on August 22;

Mr. Abram declared that recent reports have stressed that Argentine political leaders are gravely concerned about the aggressive public use of anti-Semitism. "A number of compelling issues, bearing particularly on the rise of anti-democratic and anti-Jewish forces, requires that we undertake this human relations mission to an area of rapidly increasing importance in world affairs," he said;

## U.J.A. YOUNG LEADERSHIP MISSION RETURNS FROM STUDY OF NEEDS ABROAD

NEW YORK, Aug. 2 (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal's Fourth Annual Young Leadership Mission returned here today, following an intensive three-and-a-half-week survey of Jewish immigrant resettlement and refugee aid programs in Israel, France and Italy that are supported with funds raised through the UJA's nationwide campaigns;

The 85-member group from 28 U.S. communities, all in the 25-to-40 age bracket, are representative of a body of some 7,500 young community leaders throughout the country taking part in an overall Young Leadership program developed by the UJA as a permanent part of its regular campaign structure. Each Mission member paid his own way;

The survey was primarily designed to give Young Leaders the opportunity of a free and informal exchange with leaders of the Israel Government, directors of vital aid programs conducted by UJA-supported agencies, and immigrant families themselves;

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman, who led the mission, hailed the group as "unusually perceptive and alert;" Arriving in Israel with considerable "book-knowledge" of the country and its people, he said "their sensitivity to the overwhelming human problem and their quick grasp of the urgent tasks ahead will make them invaluable partners in the community campaigns ahead,"

## MEXICAN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TO SPONSOR FESTIVAL OF JEWISH MUSIC

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 2 (JTA) -- The Ministry of Education announced today it will be one of the official sponsors of the three-week Festival of Jewish Music, to be conducted here, beginning August 11, by the cultural department of Nidche Israel, the central organization of the Ashkenazic community in Mexico;