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### ARGENTINE PRESIDENT PLEDGES SEVERE PUNISHMENT FOR RACIAL BIAS

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 16: (JTA) -- Dr. Arturo Illia, President of Argentina, today promised to "severely punish" cases of racial discrimination in this country. This assurance was voiced by the President when he met with the members of the American Jewish Committee delegation currently on a human relations mission to South America. Morris B. Abram, president of the AJC and leader of the delegation, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that President Illia had also stressed his conviction of the necessity of preserving human rights and opposing all forms of discrimination.

Earlier the delegation called on the Argentine Foreign Minister, Dr. Miguel Angel Zavala Ortiz, and told him that the AJC "had absolutely no objection to Arab cultural activities," adding that the Arab and Jewish communities in Argentina have been "mutually friendly for a long time."

Dr. Zavala Ortiz, who three weeks ago, in an exclusive interview with the JTA, minimized the extent of anti-Semitism in Argentina, said that he felt United States press reports had been unfair to him and had "overemphasized" certain facts;

### Abram Reply to Foreign Minister Results in Altered Statement

Mr. Abram, in his reply to the Foreign Minister, explained that, while in the United States, Dr. Zavala Ortiz had equated the Arab League's agitation against the Jews here as "a mere political quarrel" and this gave rise to a misunderstanding, because, Mr. Abram asserted, "you cannot compare Argentine Jews with full citizenship and the right to protection by the government to a group of foreign agents carrying out a campaign of anti-Semitic agitation."

The AJC delegation also told Dr. Zavala Ortiz that the Jewish people do not have a counterpart of the Arab League which creates antagonism against Arab communities. "Wherever government and church actively oppose anti-Semitism and fight it with concrete deeds," the AJC delegation declared, "anti-Semitism cannot assume serious proportions."

Dr. Zavala Ortiz then altered his statement concerning the recent spate of anti-Semitic incidents in Argentina, and echoed Mr. Abram's views by saying that these incidents had been caused by "foreign agitators," and that he regretted their occurrence. He took the opportunity to once again emphasize his friendship with many outstanding Jews, and cited his pro-Israel record.

### Delegation Meets Jewish Leaders; Declines Role in World Body

This morning the AJC delegation was received by the Argentine Jewish community, including leaders of DAIA, the central representative body of Argentine Jewry. The acting president of the Buenos Aires Jewish Community, David Klimovsky, stressed the importance of Jewish unity, and suggested that the American Jewish Committee make it its duty to find a common forum for all Jewish international bodies. Mr. Abram warned of the danger of anti-Semitism in the world, and said that its existence anywhere is a menace to all Jews.

In replying to a question asked by Dr. Isaac Goldenberg, president of DAIA, as to whether the AJC is ready to participate in an overall world Jewish organization, Mr. Abram replied that the AJC is ready to join in consultations with other Jewish bodies, but is not willing to enter into "a legislative type process in which minority viewpoint is submerged in the majority."

The AJC president said that such an over-all Jewish organization could create a "false impression" of Jewish unanimity on ideas where no unanimity exists and that, secondly, the "genius" of the Jewish people lies in its respect for the dissenting view.

Mr. Abram maintained that "it would be a dreadful mistake to create an impression of a supranational world Jewish organization legislating for the Jewish people. The Jewish people concept is not recognized in international law, and the creation of the impression that such a political concept exists furnishes fuel to fires of anti-Semitism," Mr. Abram declared.

## KNESSET TO MEET TODAY IN SPECIAL SESSION AS BNEI ISRAEL ISSUE FLARES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16; (JTA) -- The controversy over the refusal of the Bnei Israel, the Indian Jewish community in this country, to accept some marriage regulations set down by the Chief Rabbinate, flared higher than ever today as the Israel Cabinet discussed the issue at its regular, weekly meeting. An official communique issued after the Cabinet meeting stated only that "the Government summed up discussions on the subject." But the entire matter will come up before Israel's Parliament, the Knesset, tomorrow. Parliament has been recalled from its summer recess to meet in special session on the Bnei Israel dispute.

Meanwhile, today, as hundreds of rabbis from all over the country held a meeting here, to protest last week's demonstration by the Bnei Israel, circles close to the Chief Rabbinate expressed "surprise" and "dissatisfaction" over an article that has appeared in the Israel Army's chaplaincy bulletin. The bulletin, published under the supervision of Brig. Gen. Shlomo Goren, chief chaplain of Israel's Defense Forces, attacked Israel's present system of regional marriage registrars. The bulletin contended that that system "may become in the future another source of confusion" as between the legality of regional registrars and the authority of rabbinical registrars. Supporters of the Chief Rabbinate called the article "a stab in the back."

At the rabbinical meeting here today, the spiritual leaders protested against the fact that, at a Bnei Israel rally last week, the portrait of Sephardic Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim had been burned in public. Today's meeting was addressed by a number of religious leaders, including Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Isser Unterman.

The controversy stems from the refusal of the Bnei Israel sect to accept the Chief Rabbinate's directive requiring special marriage registration procedures. Bnei Israel feels that this is an insult, and casts doubt on their status as Jews. The Chief Rabbinate contends that, because of frequent instances of intermarriage in the sect's history, Jewish law demands that the family background of each couple applying for a marriage license be investigated to prevent any violation of religious injunctions.

## ISRAEL OFFERS AID TO CYPRIOTE WAR VICTIMS; AVOIDS TAKING SIDES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 16; (JTA) -- Israel has offered relief help to Cyprus, but has been careful to avoid taking sides in the armed conflict between the island's Greek and Turkish communities, it was indicated here today.

The offer was made in a cable sent by President Zalman Shazar to Archbishop Makarios, president of Cyprus. The message was in reply to pleas by Archbishop Makarios last week for action to halt Turkish military attacks against Cyprus. President Makarios had sent similar requests to the leaders of many other countries.

In his reply, President Shazar said that the Israeli Ambassador in Nicosia had been instructed to make urgent inquiries as to whether Israel could help in relief efforts.

## TWO OF FOUR GERMANS NEVER HEARD OF AUSCHWITZ TRIAL NOW IN 9TH MONTH

FRANKFURT, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- A public opinion poll on the attitude of West Germans towards the current trial here of former guards and officials of the Auschwitz death camp revealed today that two out of every four Germans surveyed had never heard of the trial. Among those who were aware of the proceedings, 39 per cent said they were opposed to it.

The trial, now entering its ninth month, began last December. It has heard 120 witnesses, many of whom came from Israel and other countries, relate stories of inhuman brutality, sadism and mass murder.

The results of the poll which was carried out by the Divo Institute here, showed that many of those interviewed who said they were against the trial, contended that the defendants were merely soldiers carrying out orders, and added that "it was best not to stir up the Nazi past."

The Divo Institute said it had interviewed a representative cross-section of the populations of West Germany and West Berlin. Opposition to the Auschwitz trial was strongest among those in the 35-to-55 age group; while those between 25 and 35 were the best informed about the Nazi era. The institute, which frequently conducts polls for the Social Democratic Party, also reported that, since the Eichmann trial in 1961, the percentage of those Germans opposing war crimes trials of former Nazis has doubled.

Sixty more witnesses are scheduled to be heard by the Auschwitz trial, which expects to end its hearings by next January. The number of defendants is now 20; two having been dropped from the trial because of ill health.

## SECOND WOMAN ARRESTED IN GERMANY FOR AIDING WAR CRIMINAL'S ESCAPE

HANNOVER, Aug. 16; (JTA) -- A second woman charged with aiding the escape of Hans Walter Zech-Nennwich, convicted war criminal who broke out of jail here and then returned, surrendered to police here today. She is Margit Steinheuer, 25; Friday, Rosemarie Holtbruegenmann, 28, previously arrested for helping him escape, was indicted by the court here.

## HADASSAH URGES U.S.A. TO INTERVENE TO HALT PERSECUTION OF RUSSIAN JEWS

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 16; (JTA) -- Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America--and largest single Zionist organization in the world today--is resolved to demand that the United States Government use its influence to halt anti-Jewish discriminations in the Soviet Union, Mrs. Siegfried Kramarsky, president of Hadassah, pledged here today:

"Addressing the 2,000 delegates to Hadassah's 50th annual convention, which opened here today, Mrs. Kramarsky said: "Despite the tragic lessons of history, anti-Semitism is still one of the world's problems; Today in Soviet Russia, Jews are denied the natural and inalienable right of all people to practice their religion and to teach it to their children."

Mrs. Kramarsky said that Hadassah refuses to remain silent "before the crime of cultural and spiritual genocide being attempted by the Soviet Union" and that Hadassah is "united in our resolve to inform the American Government and people of the facts, and to arouse them to exert their influence with the Soviet Government to halt its discriminatory actions against its Jewish citizens."

Mrs. Max Schenk, of New York, Hadassah's national convention chairman, asserted: "The fact that, as a people, Jews have for thousands of years survived the blackest of history's aspects--man's inhumanity to man--is no guarantee that we shall survive similar threats in the future. We have learned in our time that spiritual genocide may be just as ruinous to Jewish survival as physical genocide; that cultural obliteration awaits all Jews falling under the yoke of Communism."

### Johnson Sends Two Messages; Hails Work in Israel, New Dental School

In a special message to the convention, President Johnson hailed the work of Hadassah in Israel. He deplored the existence of "too much disease and too little education throughout the world" and predicted that the next 50 years "will offer new challenges, new opportunities, and new demands" for those seeking to eliminate this situation. He expressed confidence that with the help of Hadassah, Jews can make "substantial inroads toward solving these problems."

(In Jerusalem, a message of congratulations from President Johnson on the occasion of last week's dedication of the new Hadassah-Hebrew University School of Dentistry was made public today.

(In his message President Johnson stated: "For the nation of Israel the establishment of this school promises new advances in dental research, education and services; And for our two countries the Hadassah School of Dentistry represents another bond of international cooperation and good will.")

### Mrs. Kramarsky Condemns 'Extremism,' Urges Attention to Jewish Values

Mrs. Kramarsky, in her presidential address, also condemned "extremism" in the United States, and urged Americans to "look behind appealing slogans and ask what a candidate is sincere about, what a party is unified for." "Hadassah," she stated, "has never been isolated from contemporary problems; On the contrary, its whole problem is in the mainstream of current realities. Judaism provides us with standards for thinking about persistent questions of good and evil, tradition and change, loyalty and truth, order and freedom, which face every generation; For too long have too many deluded themselves that such issues are for ivory tower philosophers. They concern us all.

"We are proud that the Jewish values we cherish equip us with reliable guidelines for thinking and acting. We are determined that our children shall also be armed with a knowledge of these values and find in them the guidance and hope which has sustained the Jewish people throughout its history."

In another address to the convention, Dr. Kalman J. Mann, director-general of the Hadassah Medical Organization, announced that the organization he heads and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem have established a special division of health and social medicine. The division, he said, will provide courses not only for Israeli physicians but also for Africans seeking to specialize in public health. He returned recently from a special mission to Africa, undertaken at the request of the Israel Government, to evaluate the public health needs in a number of African areas.

Mrs. Herman Shulman, national chairman of the Hadassah Medical Organization, informed the convention that, in the last three years, Hadassah scientists have received research grants totaling more than \$2,000,000. Of that total, she said, \$1,000,000 had come from the United States National Institutes of Health, and that \$960,000 was derived from other sources, including the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations.

Membership figures released to the convention showed that Hadassah now has 300,000 members in 1,320 chapters and groups in the United States and Puerto Rico.

The convention is to continue through Wednesday. Among major issues still on the agenda for discussion here are: Arab-supported anti-Semitism in Latin America; Preservation of Jewishness in this country; Israel versus Arab intransigence; Israel-American relations; prayer in the U. S. public schools; and revision of existing U. S. immigration laws.

## 26 INTERFAITH GROUPS, ROBERT KENNEDY URGE U.S. IMMIGRATION REFORM

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- The American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Services, representing more than 26 organizations of all faiths and nationalities, strongly supported liberalization of U.S. immigration law this weekend.

Bishop Edward E. Swannstrom, ACVA honorary chairman, and executive director of Catholic Relief Services, told the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration: "Events of the past 12 years leave no doubt that we must effect major changes in our basic immigration law, so that we may have an immigration policy to support our best national interests." He was accompanied by James P. Rice, United Hias Service executive director, and executives of other member agencies.

Rep. Michael A. Feighan, Ohio Democrat, who is chairman of the subcommittee, recently introduced a bill which maintains the national origins quota system but makes temporary provision for allocation of unused quota numbers. It also would change the definition of refugee eligibility and eliminate the Fair Share Law, under which refugees of all faiths are admitted to the United States from Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

Bishop Swannstrom told the committee that no bill would be acceptable to his group unless the national origins quota system was eliminated.

After the hearing, the ACVA spokesman sent a telegram to Congressman Feighan and the subcommittee, repeating their opposition to the Feighan bill primarily because it did not eliminate the national origins quota system, and expressing concern about the effect it would have on refugee immigration. They urged the subcommittee to report favorably the Administration bill which was supported by the late President Kennedy, and recently endorsed by President Johnson.

Meanwhile, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy this weekend issued a statement strongly advocating the end of the national origins quota system as one that "causes our nation great harm both here and abroad" and declaring that the system "should be eradicated from our law." His statement took the form of a letter to the editor of the New York Times.

The system, Mr. Kennedy held, "damages America in the eyes of the world, deprives us of able immigrants whose contributions we need, inflicts needless personal cruelty on large numbers of American citizens and residents--and it doesn't work." "The Administration's pending immigration bill," he affirmed, "seeks to change that system and establish a system that works in the national interest."

## U.S. SCHOLAR CALLS ISRAELI RABBINATE 'ANACHRONISM,' URGES 'RATIONALISM'

HAIFA, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Israel's rabbinical courts were described as an "anachronism" by a noted American legal philosopher, the late Prof. Edmond Cahn, whose paper was read this weekend before the American-Israeli "dialogue" conducted in the last week by the American Jewish Congress. The paper by Prof. Cahn, who died in New York a week ago, was presented by Will Maslow, executive director of the AJC, and stated that "free people have the right to make and change their own laws of personal status, instead of submitting to an ancient code purporting to be unamendable."

"Sects" in Israel, Prof. Cahn said, "are using the political state as a tool to clamp their doctrines on the lives of the whole population." He urged Israel to reconsider its reservations about the enactment of a bill of rights which, he stated, "would guarantee just and rational methods of justice."

The "dialogue," which had been held in Jerusalem, adjourned to the auditorium of the Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology here, for its concluding session. The closing principal speaker was Gideon Hausner, Israel's former attorney general, who pointed out that Israel had "succeeded in establishing juridical institutions which strengthen its democratic society." Prof. Cahn was eulogized as a great legal scholar by Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, and Mrs. Lillian Steinberg, president of the AJC Women's Auxiliary. Dr. Prinz announced that the AJC will hold another "dialogue" in Israel--the fourth of an annual series--next year.

## YESHIVA UNIVERSITY GETS \$87,405 IN U.S. GRANTS TO AID TEACHING OF SCIENCES

NEW YORK, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- The National Science Foundation has awarded Yeshiva University an \$87,405 institutional science grant to improve the curriculum in the natural sciences at Yeshiva College for men and Stern College for Women, the university's undergraduate schools of arts and sciences, it was announced here today by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the university.

Funds from the grant will enable the university to buy new laboratory equipment and to help institute new undergraduate science programs, Dr. Belkin said.

## ZIM LINES NAMES HENRY SANDMAN AS GENERAL MANAGER OF CRUISE DEPARTMENT

NEW YORK, Aug. 16. (JTA) -- Henry Sandman today was appointed general manager of the Zim lines cruise department. The post is a new one, and was created in order to help in the expansion of the company's cruise activities. Mr. Sandman was formerly with Trans World Airlines in Israel.