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C. J. F. W. F. ASSEMBLY OPENS TODAY: WILL ASSESS JEWISH COMMUNAL ACTIVITIES

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 11: (JTA) -- Changing trends in American Jewish communal life will be discussed at the four-day General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, which opens here tomorrow at the Chase-Park Hotel. Close to 1,000 leaders of federations, welfare funds and community councils from all over the United States and Canada will attend the Assembly.

The Assembly will also chart a course for community action at home and abroad for the coming year. A symposium prepared by a panel of experts will analyze the program, structure and competence of the Jewish federations, and the changes needed to deal realistically with current developments in American Jewish life.

The major problems which will be discussed tomorrow, on the opening day of the Assembly, will deal with the question of what alterations in the pattern of federations are needed to meet the demographic, industrial, educational and sociological shifts taking place on the American scene; how to meet changes resulting from the increased role of government in welfare programs; and changes in rationale toward sectarian services.

Another question which will be examined in detail at the Assembly is: How equipped are today's federations to attract the interest and commitment of the new college-educated generation? Underscored will be the relevancy of Jewish education for today's youth in an open society, where Jews are increasingly free from the external pressures and internal tensions which in the past drew and held Jews together.

Will Discuss Need of Dynamic Approach to Jewish Young People

A special session devoted to this problem will deal with the need to discover a more dynamic approach enabling young people to find satisfactory adjustment to their Jewish distinctiveness, without surrendering their rightful belonging to the broader society of which they are a part. Tied in with this theme will be the central challenge for a qualitative Jewish community, in which Jewish intellectuals and scholars can find incentives for both their participation and their leadership, as well as the gratifying rewards of personal fulfillment.

Cooperative relations with other Jewish communities throughout the world will similarly be discussed and analyzed. A global perspective on the rise and decline of these key communities and their relatedness to American Jewry and to the Jewish future will be presented to the delegates.

"No problem merits more careful consideration than the personnel crisis which prevails in every facet of Jewish institutional life--synagogue, school, center and welfare agency alike," Mrs. Joseph Cohen, a CJFWF vice-president, and head of the program committee of the General Assembly, declared. "There is general agreement," she said, "on the need to elevate the communal worker to a status of higher dignity and broader respect; to engender in our communal staffs a wider range of Jewish knowledge and a deeper commitment to Jewish values; to enlist a corps of professionals whose talents, dedication and zeal could alter the entire fabric of American Jewish life. What each city can do to help with this critical problem will be the subject of a plenary session."

Will Give Special Attention to Needs of Jews Overseas

The Assembly will give special attention to the findings and recommendations of the CJFWF's overseas delegation. "The critical need revealed by the delegation obviously compel us to take a more probing look at our fund-raising activities," Mrs. Cohen stressed. "Workshops have been increased to help the communities find ways of refurbishing campaign tools and refining competence in order to meet higher goals successfully.

"Other fiscal and budgetary dilemmas must find solutions; also: How to balance new priorities against time-honored precedent? How to apply fairness and equity to competing pressures? Whether to nourish meritorious new ventures or, by denying them, risk the loss of flexibility indispensable to progress?" Mrs. Cohen said.

To help energize fund-raising and infuse campaign efforts with freshness and vigor, a national program for public relations has been prepared for action by the Assembly. Designed to promote public understanding and acceptance of federation across the country as the primary philanthropic instrument of the Jewish community, the plan seeks to help develop a climate capable of attracting new volunteer participation and increased commitments by dramatizing federation's contributions to human advancement;

ECUMENICAL COUNCIL TO TAKE UP DECLARATION ON JEWS NEXT WEEK

ROME, Nov. 11; (JTA) -- The Ecumenical Council's draft declaration on the Catholic Church's relations with the Jewish people is "certain" to be brought to the floor of the Council next week, a spokesman for German bishops attending the conclave stated here today. Along with the document in the Jewish issue, he said, another proposal, dealing with the Church's attitude toward religious freedom, will also emerge next week;

The spokesman for the German fathers said, however, that emergence of the document on Jews does not mean necessarily that the declaration will be promulgated before the end of the current session on November 21. Such culmination, he said, would depend on the vote to be taken by the Council. He also cautioned that "this is the situation as it stands today, but it cannot be predicted that some other events might not intervene."

The daily press panel of the American bishops here stated yesterday that, even if the Council approves the latest version of the declaration on the Jewish issue, it may still postpone final action, since it will have to decide on the final placement of the document among the various pending schemas!

JERUSALEM TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH WORKERS STRIKE; COMMUNICATIONS HIT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 11; (JTA) -- Telephone and telegraphic communications with Jerusalem were interrupted today when workers in the Post Office, which operates these facilities, went on strike. Press cables were also affected. Communications from Jerusalem can reach outside this city only if sent by messengers for transmission through Tel Aviv, where the Post Office workers did not join the walk-out.

At the same time, today, a strike of Israeli milkmen was narrowly averted when a settlement was reached with the workers who had threatened to walk off their jobs in the dairy industry.

ISRAEL'S SUPREME COURT BACKS REFUSAL TO LEGALIZE ARAB EXTREMIST GROUP

JERUSALEM, Nov. 11; (JTA) -- Israel's Supreme Court today rejected an appeal by El Ard, a nationalistic Arab group, which a Haifa District officer had refused permission to register as a legal public organization.

Upholding the Haifa ruling, the high court stated that El Ard, which had heretofore been an underground organization, aims its activities at undermining the security of the State of Israel.

The court noted the fact that El Ard had cited articles in the Arab press published outside Israel, calling the Arab countries "the spearhead of a free Palestine." "It would be unwise," the high tribunal ruled, "to use the democratic rules of the State for the undermining of the State's forces."

BOCHU GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO END PROSECUTIONS OF NAZIS NEXT MAY

BOCHU, Nov. 11; (JTA)-- The German Government announced today it had decided not to extend the statute of limitations for the prosecution of major war criminals;

According to Herr von Hase, the Secretary of State for Information, "the Government, after lengthy discussions, has found that, according to certain articles in the Federal Constitution and according to other grounds, a change in the statute of limitation is precluded." Consequently, he said, no more prosecutions against major war criminals can be started after May 8, 1965, in the British and French zones and after next July 1, in the United States zone;

The official spokesman announced at the same time that West Germany has addressed a worldwide appeal to all persons having knowledge about unprosecuted war criminals to provide such information to the German authorities prior to the expiration of the statute. Some political circles here, notably leaders of the Social Democratic Party, but including also some officials of the Federal Ministry of Justice, said they will still try to find means for amending the statute of limitations;

JEVISH COMMUNITIES IN AUSTRIA HONOR TWO LEADING FIGHTERS OF NAZISM

VIENNA, Nov. 11; (JTA) -- Gold medals for outstanding achievements in the fight against anti-Semitism and neo-Nazism were awarded by the Federation of Jewish Communities here last night to Anton Proksch, Austria's Minister of Social Affairs, and Prof. Franz Goebhardt, of Graz University.

The awards were given at the Austrian Jewish Community's annual observance of Crystal Night, the 1938 night of horror when the Nazis initiated their full-scale implementation of the Hitlerian program for annihilation of Jewry. Thousands of synagogues, Jewish institutional buildings and shops and homes were smashed that night and during several following nights in the most methodical pogrom ever conducted;

Dr. Proksch was honored for his work in getting the Austrian Parliament to pass legislation compensating victims of Nazism. Prof. Goebhardt was cited for initiating action which prevented Nazis and neo-Nazis in Austria from holding "public discussions" advancing their anti-Semitic views.

ASSIMILATION IN U. S. JEWRY DECRIED AT CONVENTION OF RELIGIOUS ZIONISTS

LONG BEACH, N. Y., Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, president of the Religious Zionists of America, today opened the 55th annual convention of the organization by "decrying the serious inroads of assimilation in all streams of American-Jewish life." He stressed that "the survival of a vibrant and enduring Judaism is greatly menaced by the ever-growing assimilatory trends which characterize the main springs of the Jewish community in the United States." He spoke before an assemblage of over 800 delegates and observers from every part of the United States.

"Assimilatory dangers may be found among such groupings as the intellectuals, college students, youth leaders and followers, and a wide variety of Jews in general," he said; "Assimilation denotes a fatal and destructive abandonment of those traditional Jewish values which have always knitted the Jewish collectivity into a viable, functioning and creative unit for service, achievement and human progress."

Rabbi Kirshblum pointed out that "a sound approach to counteract and arrest this corrosive development of assimilation is to stress and bolster Jewish religious education on the highest levels." The leaders of American Jewry and religious Zionists, he declared, must undertake a vigorous program of educational expansion, so that all-day schools will become a common and accepted pattern of instruction for the bulk of Jewish youth in the United States. He appealed to "the leaders of the Jewish welfare funds of the United States, who are currently holding their conclave in St. Louis, to assume the full financial burden of covering the heavy and ever-increasing costs of operating these all-day schools."

"While these welfare funds support very worthwhile institutions in Jewish life such as hospitals, youth centers, and old-age homes, they have been neglectful of and indifferent to giving aid to a facet of communal endeavor embodied in the all-day school movement which is most essential for the continuance of a dynamic and surging Jewish community in the United States. If the welfare fund leaders continue to maintain an attitude of aloofness and apathy to the financial problems which confront the all-day schools, the Religious Zionists will be compelled against their better judgment to seek federal assistance and grants for parochial schools in Washington," he declared.

PARLEY OF WORLD UNION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS TO DISCUSS MAJOR ISSUES

NEW YORK, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- A four-day Conference of the World Union of General Zionists will convene in Israel on the eve of the World Zionist Congress, it was announced today by Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the World Union, on his return from Israel. The opening session, on December 26, to be held at the ZOA House in Tel Aviv, will be addressed by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the WZO. The sessions will be attended by 150 delegates from North and South America, the State of Israel, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

In making this announcement Dr. Neumann stressed that the Conference "will crystallize the position of the World Union of General Zionists on the issues confronting the Zionist Congress." The decisions which will be taken at the Conference, he said, "will have an important bearing on the outcome of the Zionist Congress since the delegates of the World Union of General Zionists will constitute the second largest grouping at the Congress."

Dr. Neumann reported that in a series of meetings of the executive of the World Union, which took place during the past fortnight, a substantial consensus was reached on several major questions of Zionist policy, including the attitude of the World Zionist Organization toward the problems of Diaspora Jewry; effective action to counter the anti-Israel and anti-Jewish propaganda emanating from Arab States; broadening the base of the World Zionist Organization; intensification of its cultural and educational activities in the Diaspora; and measures for deepening Zionist consciousness among the youth of Israel;

PROSKAUER RECEIVES JUDGE LEARNED HAND HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD

NEW YORK, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, former Justice of the New York State Supreme Court and an honorary president of the American Jewish Committee, tonight received the Committee's second annual Judge Learned Hand Human Relations Award.

The award, which was presented at a dinner here, is given each year to a distinguished member of the legal profession whose career exemplifies the principles of justice of the late Judge Hand. Judge Proskauer, who served as president of the Committee from 1943 to 1949, was New York Supreme Court Justice from 1923 to 1930. He was a member of the New York Charter Revision Committee and chairman of the New York State Crime Commission from 1951 to 1953.

BROOKLYN YESHIVA SET AFIRE BY HOODLUMS; SERIOUS DAMAGE REPORTED

NEW YORK, Nov. 11. (JTA) -- A fire last night caused serious damage to the Yeshiva Be'er Samuel here. Students barely managed to rescue the Torah scrolls from the yeshiva's synagogue. Police said they were sure the fire had been started by arsonists.

GOLDA MEIR CONCLUDES EIGHT-DAY VISIT TO CHILE; RETURNS TO ISRAEL

SANTIAGO, Chile, Nov. 11; (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Minister Golda Meir left for Israel today after concluding an eight-day visit here during which she participated in inauguration ceremonies for Chile's new President Eduardo Frei.

Before her departure, Mrs. Meir took leave of President Frei and presented him with a gift of antique pottery from Israel dating to the second century. She was accompanied during today's meeting by Israel Ambassador Naor; Mrs. Meir was seen off at the airport by Chilean Foreign Minister Gabriel Aldes, and Robert Peralta, aide de camp of President Frei.

Mrs. Meir expressed satisfaction with the results of the visit here which included several meetings with the new President and senior Government officials as well as with many Latin American foreign ministers who represented their governments at the ceremonies. Mrs. Meir also attended a number of functions sponsored by the Jewish community here and visited the Chilean public school named for the State of Israel.

WEIZMANN INSTITUTE CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY; WEISGAL HONORED

REHOVOT, Israel, Nov. 11; (JTA) -- Israel's topmost political, cultural and scientific personalities participated here last night in a dual celebration, marking the 20th anniversary of the Weizmann Institute of Science and the 70th birthday of Meyer W. Weisgal, chairman of the Institute's executive board.

Congratulatory messages were received from many world leaders, including one from President Johnson. Among the speakers were Prime Minister Levi Eshkol; Moshe Charett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, formerly Israel's Prime Minister and Foreign Minister; and Deputy Premier Abba Eban. The latter is also president of the Weizmann Institute.

HISTADRUT CAMPAIGN TO HOLD FOUR-DAY ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 11; (JTA) -- The 41st annual four-day convention of the National Committee for Labor Israel, sponsor of the Israel Histadrut Campaign, will be opened at the Hotel Commodore here on November 26, it was announced here today by Louis Hollander, general chairman of the convention.

Among the leading American and Israeli personalities scheduled to speak at the conclave are Israel's Ambassador Avraham Harman; A. Philip Randolph, noted civil rights leader and president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Zev Haring, member of the Histadrut executive in Tel Aviv; and Ben-Zion Ilan, American representative of Histadrut; Dr. Sol Stein, national executive director, will submit the annual report of the Israel Histadrut Campaign, which mobilizes funds for the educational, welfare, health and rehabilitation services of Histadrut in Israel.

EDITOR OF JEWISH PUBLICATION IN ARGENTINA CITED BY FRENCH PRESIDENT

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 11; (JTA) -- The DAIA, the central representative organization of Argentine Jewry, gave a reception here today for Leon Dujovne, editor of the Buenos Aires weekly Mundo Israelita on the occasion of his being decorated by French President Charles de Gaulle during the latter's recent visit here. The Jewish editor was cited by the French President for his outstanding intellectual merits.

SEVENTH JEWISH DAY SCHOOL OPENS IN MELBOURNE; HAS 140 PUPILS

MELBOURNE, Australia, Nov. 11; (JTA) -- The seventh Jewish day school in Melbourne has been officially opened with 140 pupils, most of them children of immigrants from Rumania and Hungary. About 500 persons, including leading members of the Jewish community, attended the dedication. Speakers called the new school a "bastion of the Jewish community."

ARAB STUDENTS HOLD ANTI-ISRAEL ART EXHIBITION AT WAYNE UNIVERSITY

DETROIT, Nov. 11; (JTA) -- A scheduled six-day art show conducted by two Arab students at Wayne State University here, Ismail and Tamam Shamout, closed yesterday after having been exhibited only one day. The artists, man and wife, were sponsored by the Arab Student Association at the university. All their works depict the Arab refugees and the "Palestinian people" as victims of Israel misdeeds. The Shamouts said they will exhibit their works also in Chicago and other cities.

DR. POS, FORMER GOVERNOR OF SURINAM, BURIED IN JEWISH CEMETERY; WAS 5-

PARAMARIBO, Surinam, Nov. 11; (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here yesterday for Dr. Raymond Henry Pos, Ambassador of the Netherlands to both Cuba and Haiti, who died last weekend in Willemstad, Curacao, at the age of 54. Dr. Pos, who was a former Governor of Surinam, was brought to Paramaribo, his birthplace, for burial in the Jewish cemetery here; Representatives of Queen Juliana, Prince Bernhard, the Netherlands Cabinet and the governments of Antilles and Surinam, attended the funeral rites and laid wreaths at the grave. Prime Minister Josef Pengel of Surinam, paid tribute to the late envoy.