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ISRAEL CABINET DECIDES NOT TO REOPEN LAVON CASE; PROPOSAL FAILS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The Cabinet decided today not to appoint a commission of inquiry to reopen the Lavon affair as requested by former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion.

It is understood that no vote was taken. Instead, Premier Levi Eshkol followed the procedure whereby any proposal before the cabinet required support of at least four Ministers to be included on the agenda. The proposal--which would have probed the responsibility of the ten-year-old security mishap--was presented by Justice Minister Dov Joseph and was supported only by Housing and Development Minister Yosef Almogi. Failing to receive the required minimum, the proposal was not included in the agenda.

Anticipating that the Government would not reopen the inquiry, Mr. Ben-Gurion had said that he would nevertheless bring the matter up before the Mapai convention scheduled for February and that he would publish the new material which he submitted to the Justice Minister on the case after getting censorship clearance.

The Cabinet heard a report by Chief of Staff Yitzhak Rabin on details of the incident on Mount Scopus last Wednesday in which three Israeli border patrolmen were wounded by Jordanian gunfire while guarding a group of Arab women who were permitted by the Israeli authorities to harvest an olive grove in the Israeli enclave.

Prime Minister Eshkol reported to the Cabinet on his meeting with Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in which the Premier told the UN official that the Israel Government took "a grave view" of the incident and that the "deliberate attack greatly increased tension on the border at a season of particular significance to the Christian world."

It is understood that the Premier stressed to Gen. Bull that the harvesting of the olives had been allowed by the Israel authorities as a humanitarian gesture at the request of the United Nations and that the United Nations ought to react to the shooting. Gen. Bull expressed his regrets at the incident.

ANTI-EGYPTIAN FEELINGS MOUNT IN WASHINGTON OVER NASSER'S INSULTS TO U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Anti-Egyptian feelings continued to mount here today among members of Congress following the statement made last week at a public meeting in Port Said by Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser that the United States "can jump in the lake." This insulting statement was coupled with a rejection by Egyptian Deputy Premier Mahmoud Fawzi of an American protest by U.S. Ambassador Lucius Battle pertaining to the shooting down of an American civilian plane.

Various Jewish and non-Jewish organizations have in the meantime urged the State Department to withhold its aid to Egypt until assured by Nasser that he will not use this aid for military adventures. In his anti-American speech, Nasser said that he is sending arms to Congo and will continue to send arms to the Congolese rebels, despite President Johnson's appeal to him not to do so. He also made aggressive remarks against Israel and referred to Iran as "an American colony subjected to American and Zionist influences."

A State Department spokesman said today that the Department did not anticipate an immediate response to Nasser's denunciation of the United States. The bulk of American aid to Egypt is in the form of surplus food shipments under a three-year agreement signed in 1962 that extends through next fall. Nasser said in his abusive speech that he has already received from the United States \$115,000,000 in such aid. He insists on getting an extra \$35,000,000.

(The New York Times said in an editorial that the insults to the United States voiced by Nasser in his speech "are less important than his blatant assertion to resolve to help equip forces of pillage, murder and dissension in their effort to overthrow the legal government of the Congo." The editorial pointed out that "the Nasser declaration makes it impossible for the United States to escape a recognition that the millions of dollars in surplus food this country sends to Egypt operates--by freeing Egyptian funds--as an indirect subsidy in helping it carry out its policy of international disruption.")

ANTI-JEWISH PUBLICATION IN MOROCCO BANNED BY PRIME MINISTER'S ORDER

CASABLANCA, Morocco, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The anti-Jewish publication "Akhbar Edounia" was banned today by a decree issued by the Prime Minister of Morocco. The magazine, which is financed by several foreign sources, has regularly carried anti-Semitic articles and has often asserted that Moroccan Jews cannot be considered full citizens.

In its most recent issue "Akhbar Edounia" printed an editorial asserting that "the Jews always have their hands in the pockets of their neighbors." The editorial appeared at the same time when the Moroccan Ambassador to the United States was publicly assuring American Jewish Committee leaders that there was no Jewish problem in Morocco.

JEWS FROM ALGERIA HOLD CONFERENCE IN PARIS; SEEK TO SOLVE PROBLEMS

PARIS, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Measures to deal with the religious, cultural and social problems arising from the immigration into France in recent years of the more than 100,000 Jews from Algeria and other North African countries, were discussed here this weekend at a conference sponsored by the Association of Jews from Algeria.

Among the resolutions adopted was one calling for the immediate establishment of a regional commission for cultural and educational affairs to deal with specific problems posed by the influx. Another resolution appealed to all French Jews and institutions as well as international Jewish bodies to give aid generously to help resolve this problem which is "seriously imperiling the Jewish personality of thousands of these uprooted persons."

The meeting also called for continued efforts to secure compensation for property lost by Jews who left Algeria. Among those taking part in the conference were representatives of the major Jewish organizations including the Jewish Agency, the Joint Distribution Committee, the Alliance Israelite Universelle, the World Jewish Congress, the Central Consistory of French Jews, the Fonds Social Juif Unifie, Ort and Ose.

U.S. URGED TO REQUEST U.N. INVESTIGATION OF SITUATION OF SOVIET JEWRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- A Pennsylvania Congressman called upon the United States Government today to take steps through the United Nations to deal with the "persecution and deprivation" of Jews in the Soviet Union.

In a letter to Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Rep. Richard S. Schweiker, Pennsylvania Republican, suggested that the United States request an investigation on the status of Soviet Jewry by the UN Subcommittee on the Persecution and the Protection of Minorities

BONN PARLIAMENT TO TAKE UP STATUTE OF LIMITATION ISSUE IN MARCH

BONN, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The issue of extension of the West German deadline on prosecution of Nazi war criminals will come to a head in Parliament on March 1 when Justice Minister Ewald Bucher is scheduled to submit a report on war crimes investigations, it was emphasized here today.

Informed sources said that if he did not satisfy the legislators that all suspected Nazi criminals will have been charged by May, Parliament will probably consider legislation to extend the statute of limitations. The statute is currently scheduled to end next May 8 and the West German refusal to extend it has caused widespread criticism both within and outside of West Germany.

The West German Cabinet announced last November it could not change the statute because such action would be unconstitutional. Most legal experts feel that a change to extend the deadline would require a constitutional amendment.

CHILEAN NEO-NAZI LEADER SENTENCED; ATTEMPTED TO SET JEWISH CLUB AFIRE

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Franz Heinz Pfeiffer, a 26-year-old leader of a Chilean neo-Nazi movement, was sentenced to three years in jail yesterday for an attempt in 1958 to set fire to a Jewish club here.

Pfeiffer, who last summer announced that he would lead "a battle against Jews," had also been indicted for having tried to dynamite a synagogue in Santiago in 1958 at about the same time three other synagogues were attacked. A few months ago, Pfeiffer re-established the Chilean Nazi Workers Party which had flourished during the Second World War.

MONUMENT OF HEINRICH HEINE DESECRATED IN GERMANY; CULPRITS ESCAPED

BONN, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The monument here erected to Heinrich Heine, famed German Jewish poet, was found desecrated this weekend by unknown vandals who smeared it with chalk. Police have been unable to apprehend the culprits.

GOLDMANN STRESSES NEED TO FIGHT ASSIMILATION; CITES SITUATION IN U. S.

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann reiterated his belief that the 26th World Zionist Congress had the duty to prepare plans and find means to check dangerous assimilation trends among Jews in the free world. The Congress will open in Jerusalem on Wednesday.

He said the lack of Jewish education would bring about the disintegration of the Jewish people. Asserting that in France, only eight per cent of the Jewish children were receiving some kind of Jewish education, he declared that in the United States, excluding Sunday schools, the figure was worse.

Declaring that the Zionist Organization needed the help of the Israel Government to fight the assimilation trend, he urged, at the same time, a change in the structure of the Zionist movement by taking in other groups and bodies not now officially associated with the movement. He said the movement should open its doors to new forces within the Jewish people which were ready to share responsibility but not within the Zionist party framework.

Among other points, he asserted that Israel should first make an attempt to improve relations with Russia because the road to peace with the Arabs "may be nearer through Moscow." He said he favored declaring the Middle East a nuclear-free zone and that he would seek a change in the present system of elections to World Zionist Congresses because the existing shekel system made "a fiction" of democracy.

KEREN HAYESOD CONVENTION APPEALS TO WORLD JEWRY FOR INCREASED AID

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Premier Eshkol told the final dinner session of the world convention of Keren Hayesod that if world Jewry will "give us the means and the Jews, we shall double our number within two decades." Israel now has over 2,000,000 Jews.

Premier Eshkol called the Keren Hayesod the "strongest link" in the chain joining Israel with Jews outside of Israel. Dr. Israel Goldstein, Keren Hayesod world chairman, also asked world Jewry for increased aid. He said that in addition to physical pioneering in Israel there should be a readiness to aid Israel with financial help.

Louis Pincus, the Jewish Agency treasurer, warned that unless the needed funds for Israel were made available, there would be no way to avoid cutting essential services. Reports of the delegates revealed generally an increase in income but those from South America and South Africa reported that difficulties had arisen stemming from foreign exchange regulations and devaluation affecting campaigns in several countries.

Bernard Ferster of Australia suggested an appeal be made to survivors of the Nazi holocaust and who were now prosperous to "return your debt" to the Jewish organizations which helped them to return to normal lives.

The delegates adopted a resolution that world Jewry should assume responsibility for two-thirds of the cost of immigration and absorption costs with Israel paying the other third. Another resolution called on Jewries outside of Israel, with the exception of American Jewry, to increase fund-raising by a minimum of \$20,000,000 over the next four years. The delegates sent their best wishes to Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, who is in a hospital.

AMERICAN ACADEMY FOR JEWISH RESEARCH HEARS REPORT ON 'SEFER HA-RAZIM'

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The story of the finding and reconstruction of an ancient Jewish mysterious manuscript on magic was presented today at the 37th annual meeting here of the American Academy for Jewish Research.

The report was given by Dr. Mordechai Margalioth, Professor of Midrashic and Gaonic Literature at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. The manuscript is Sefer Ha-Razim, Book of Secrets, which was written in the Second Century of the Common Era by members of an unidentified Jewish Gnostic sect. It was lost after the eighth century.

Dr. Margalioth found what he believed to be fragments of the lost book several years ago, finding parts of the document in various cities, the last being Leningrad. He uncovered the fragments there and microfilms were sent to him in this country.

PARCHMENT OF LAST CHAPTER OF BOOK OF PSALMS EXCAVATED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- A white parchment with the last chapter of the Book of Psalms was discovered this weekend during the excavation of Herod's palace and fortresses at Massada near the Dead Sea.

The parchment of the 150th Psalm and an earlier discovery of portions of the Book of Leviticus are considered to be the most significant discoveries so far in this final season of exploration at the site of the last stronghold of Jewish resistance to the Roman conquest of Palestine in the first century C.E. Other finds include scores of pottery fragments inscribed in Hebrew, Latin, Aramaic and Greek and a hoard of ancient coins.

CHRISTMAS MARKED BY JEWISH VOLUNTEERS REPLACING CHRISTIANS ON DUTY

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Christmas in the United States this year again was marked by many examples of Jews taking over assignments of Christians in a variety of institutions so that the latter could spend the holiday with their families and friends.

One of the more notable examples took place in Reno, where Rabbi Philip H. Weinberg became an unofficial acting police chief so that the real one, Elmer J. Briscoe, could spend the Yule day with his family. He explained that Rabbi Weinberg had offered "to substitute for me as a symbolic gesture, hoping the example would spur rabbis and other Jews to work on Christmas so Christians could take the day off."

He said he had instructed Rabbi Weinberg to use the direct line between police headquarters and his home to call him if any emergency developed "but the desk officer would do that anyway." Rabbi Weinberg, spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El, and civilian chaplain at the Stead Air Force Base and the Veterans Administration Hospital, spent the morning at police headquarters, went home for lunch and then returned to the police office. He said he wished he could have taken advantage of his temporary authority to let all Christian police take the day off.

In Hartford, Connecticut, 80 members of two Jewish congregations, took over routine menial chores at five hospitals so that Christian employees could have the day off. Samuel Warren, project co-chairman, said the Jewish substitute workers were enrolled at Beth El and Beth Israel Synagogues.

St. Francis Hospital received the largest group of the Jewish volunteers and put them to work feeding patients, pushing meal carts and manning telephone desks in the wards. Other hospitals in the effort were Hartford Hospital, Mount Sinai, and two Veterans Administration hospitals.

At Fort Hood, Texas, Jewish servicemen took over duties of Christian fellow-soldiers so that the Christian troops could attend Yule religious services. Similar arrangements in reverse were set up during the High Holy Days earlier this year so that the Jewish personnel could be relieved of duty on those days.

JEWS HELP TO RESTORE CHURCH TO BE PROCLAIMED A NATIONAL SHRINE

ELBERON, N.J., Dec. 27. (JTA) -- The St. James Chapel here, where seven American Presidents worshipped, is now being developed jointly by Protestants, Catholics and Jews into a national shrine. Working together, members of the three faiths have completed restoration of the exterior of the structure, which was decommissioned around 1914. The restorers hope to open it early in 1965 as a museum.

The Episcopal church was opened in 1869 not far from the house where President Garfield died from an assassin's bullet. Presidents Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Harrison, McKinley and Wilson attended services there. The building was put up for auction during the depression for non-payment of a special assessment. A number of local residents, including many Jews, joined to provide funds to prevent the auction. The building was given to the Long Branch Historical Museum which has maintained it since.

BLAUSTEIN GETS HERBERT LEHMAN AWARD FROM ISRAEL BOND ORGANIZATION

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Jacob Blaustein, outstanding American Jewish leader, was presented this evening with the Herbert Lehman Israel Award at a dinner here sponsored by the Israel Bond Organization. The award, a plaque designed by the noted sculptor Chaim Gross, expresses the spirit of friendship and cooperation between the United States and Israel through the Israel bond program of which the late Governor Lehman was a supporter and leader.

Guest speaker at the dinner was Israel's Deputy Prime Minister Abba Eban. The award was presented to Mr. Blaustein by Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman. Also taking part in the program were Governor J. Millard Tawes of Maryland and Baltimore Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin.

LALA KAUFMAN, AUTHOR AND DAUGHTER OF SHOLEM ALEICHEM, DIES IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Mrs. Lala Kaufman, a writer who was the eldest daughter of Sholem Aleichem, the great Yiddish author. Mrs. Kaufman, widow of Dr. Michael J. Kaufman, was 77.

The only one of Sholem Aleichem's six children to follow a writer's career, Mrs. Kaufman contributed about 2,000 short stories to the Jewish Daily Forward, the New York Yiddish daily, during the past 40 years. Born in Kiev, Mrs. Kaufman was educated in Russia and Switzerland and came to the United States with her husband in 1922. Her husband died in 1938.

NATHAN ASCH, NOVELIST AND SON OF SHOLEM ASCH, DIES IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27. (JTA) -- Nathan Asch, son of the late Jewish author Sholem Asch, died here after a brief illness at the age of 62. A native of Poland, he started writing in Paris in the 1920's and published four novels and a non-fiction work in English. His themes were based entirely on life in the United States.