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WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS OPENS TOMORROW IN ISRAEL; LARGE U. S. DELEGATION

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The 26th World Zionist Congress opens here Wednesday with more than 500 delegates from various parts of the free world, including 145 from the United States, to review the position of the Zionist movement in the Jewish world today and to map plans for Zionist activities for the next two years.

The Congress will also consider the position of the Jews in the Soviet Union, the trend toward assimilation among Jews in the United States, German-Jewish relations, the anti-Jewish campaign of the Arab League and other current political issues affecting Jews in countries outside of Israel. Of special importance will be the Congress decisions on financial policies concerning Jewish immigration to Israel and the absorption of the immigrants in Israel.

With most of the delegates from abroad having arrived here during the last few days, the various Zionist parties held yesterday and today their advance conferences in preparation for debates at the Congress. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, addressed meetings of both the leftist Mapam and the World Union of General Zionists. He told a gathering of the latter that it was now clear that Israel needs world Jewry no less than world Jewry needs Israel and that it is the Zionist Organization which could fight the trends of assimilation in world Jewry for the sake of Israel.

At the Mapam meeting, Knesset Member Yaakov Hazan said that only a progressive Israel would be able to attract youth and the progressive element in world Jewry. The Mapam delegates agreed to call on the Soviet authorities to permit the reunion of families, emigration to Israel and the free observance of the Jewish religion.

Addressing the meeting of the World Union of General Zionists at the ZOA House in Tel Aviv, Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the World Union, stressed that in view of the increasing danger to Israel the need for closer ties between Israel and the Diaspora was more evident now and everything possible should be done to preserve and strengthen the Diaspora and Israel for their mutual benefit.

Speakers at a meeting of delegates representing the Herut Hazohar World Movement stressed that the situation of world Jewry today was on the verge of collapse in view of the lack of pioneering changes. They called for increased efforts in the field of Jewish education among Diaspora Jewry. Herut leader Menahem Beigin was among the speakers.

The need to properly guide Diaspora Jewry "so that they know their actual situation without illusions" was emphasized by J. Bankover at a meeting of the Achdut Avoda-Peale Zion Movement.

ARABS TO SEEK U. N. RECOGNITION OF THE 'PALESTINE LIBERATION ARMY'

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 28. (JTA) -- With the United Nations General Assembly scheduled to resume its sessions tomorrow after a brief recess, it was learned here today that the principal activity of the Arab delegations at the Assembly will be a drive to win United Nations recognition of the "Palestine Liberation Organization" which is now recruiting a fighting force among Arab refugees to "liberate Palestine."

Israeli sources believe that it appears unlikely that the Arab delegations in the UN will be able to win widespread support for a proposal which is in effect a plan to cripple and dismember a member state of the United Nations. Such a project, it was pointed out, is counter to the UN Charter, to the basis of the Mixed Armistice Commissions and the UN commitment to the preservation of national sovereignty. Informal meetings with heads of many delegations at the UN had indicated they were responsive to these factors.

Israelis, however, do not consider the battle against such recognition as won. The present situation in the United Nations points to the conclusion that the only strength possible for Israel in the UN under the existing circumstances is defensive strength.

In the UN Security Council a situation exists at present where the Arabs can count on mobilizing a veto to defeat any resolution they oppose, since the Soviet bloc countries are always backing them. A roughly similar situation exists in the General Assembly. A combination of the Arab bloc countries plus the Soviet bloc countries and other member nations

which blindly follow the Arab lead could make it impossible for the Assembly to adopt a stand opposed by the Arabs. However, Israel can win sufficient support in the Assembly and in the Security Council to defeat Arab anti-Israel positions.

Israel's goal, it was indicated here today, is therefore to create a wall in the United Nations against hostile Arab pressure. Israeli circles feel that there is also moral value for Israel in the rejection by UN organs of specific anti-Israeli proposals, such as the one offered last week by Morocco in the Security Council.

Middle East Not Considered a Major Area of World Tension

Another matter of continuing concern to Israel is that of membership in the bloc of developing nations, known as the "Group of 77." A majority of a nine-power committee meeting to determine the criteria for membership in the group is understood to favor objective criteria. If this is the final yardstick adopted, Israel should have no trouble gaining admittance to the group. Two of the members of the committee, however, are Arab states.

The issue is expected to come to a head next month when the nine-power committee will probably submit a majority report favoring objective criteria along with a minority report urging an exclusive regional approach aimed at excluding Israel without mentioning it by name.

Talks with the United Nations delegation heads indicate that there is general feeling here that the Middle East is not among the major areas of tension in the world today. This fact, it is believed, points up the urgency for Israel to maintain internal stability because the lack of it would be an invitation for interference by outside powers.

The fact that the Arabs have virtually abandoned all humanitarian considerations in connection with the Arab refugee question was noted here as an additional argument against proposals for the large-scale admission by Israel of the refugees. The Arab delegations have limited their General Assembly discussions of the refugees to its use as a tool or weapon against Israel. It is difficult to understand what the Arabs hope to gain by this switch in strategy which, it was pointed out, amounts to asking other United Nations delegations to support Arab plans to use the refugees to destroy Israel as a sovereign state and a member of the United Nations.

The Israel-Arab issue is expected to be on the agenda of the General Assembly in February when the world body hears the annual report of the Commissioner of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency. The Arab delegates have indicated they plan to extend the discussion from the question of the refugees to include the whole range of Arab-Israel differences. This is understood to be a prospect which Israel faces with equanimity.

JORDANIAN TROOPS FIRE ON ISRAELIS AT TWO POINTS; NO CASUALTIES

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28; (JTA) -- The uneasy silence which prevailed during Christmas along the Israel-Jordan border erupted into violence today when Jordanian troops fired on Israeli patrols at two points on the Sharon plain;

Israel returned the fire. No casualties were reported on the Israeli side. Following today's incidents two complaints were submitted by Israel to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization.

U. S. WILL NOT INTERVENE WITH GERMANY ON STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28; (JTA) -- The State Department considers it "unnecessary and undesirable" for the United States to intervene through diplomatic channels to urge West Germany to extend the statute of limitations for trial of Nazi war criminals beyond its present expiration date of May 8.

Robert E. Lee, acting Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, made known the Department's views in a letter written on behalf of Secretary of State Dean Rusk. It was addressed to Rep. Leonard Farbstein, New York Democrat, who had urged the Department to use its good offices at Bonn on the Nazi criminal question.

Mr. Lee said "it seems unnecessary and undesirable to interfere with the German Government's effort to work its way through to a solution satisfactory in both legal and policy terms; "

He pointed out that "since sovereignty was returned to the German Government in May 1955, we have on a number of occasions made known to the Federal Republic our strong belief that these trials should be pursued. Now the German Bundestag has formally initiated the process of reconsideration of the statute of limitations problem."

According to the State Department official, "the German Federal Government is acutely aware of the deep moral debt of Germany to its past, and it has made a conscientious effort to find, try, and convict Nazi criminals."

SIX-MONTH JAIL TERM DEMANDED FOR SELLER OF ANTI-SEMITIC BOOK

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 28; (JTA) -- The Utrecht public prosecutor demanded today a six-month jail term for Paul Vantienen, 43, a former Dutch SS officer, who is now a book-seller. He was charged with selling an anti-Semitic book linked to Adolf Hitler.

ISRAELI DEFECTOR SENTENCED IN HAIFA TO SIX YEARS' IMPRISONMENT

HAIFA, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Zeev Bigeleisen, an Israeli citizen who defected to Egypt last year, was today sentenced to six years in prison by the District Court here. He was convicted of having crossed into Egypt illegally and having given security information to the enemy.

Although his offenses were punishable by life imprisonment, he was shown leniency by the court because of his mental condition and his voluntary return to Israel from Belgium where he had been sent by the Egyptians. According to the court, Bigeleisen had cooperated with the Israeli security authorities who had questioned him.

MOSCOW NEWSPAPER CHARGES ISRAELI TOURISTS WITH SPREADING PROPAGANDA

NEW YORK, Dec. 28; (JTA) -- A Moscow newspaper has renewed the Soviet charge that Israeli tourists carry out "Zionist propaganda" in the Soviet Union, Radio Liberty reported today.

Appearing a month after Khrushchev's ouster, an article in the daily Evening Moscow also charged that a part of the Jewish population of the USSR has political contacts with Israel and conducts "nationalistic" propaganda on its own. The article described a purported operation involving two Israelis, and four Soviet citizens, one of whom was a staff member of a Soviet research institute.

The Israelis, identified as I. Oren and his sister L. Cherkasska, were alleged to have made repeated trips to Moscow, carrying "Zionist pamphlets, magazines and information bulletins." They were accused of leaving the "propaganda materials" with a relative of theirs, B. Diskina, an employee at a Moscow scientific institute whose "Zionist past had enveloped her in its naphthalene embrace." Thereupon, writes Evening Moscow, "the brothers of Diskina appeared very opportunely in Moscow: one from Tula, another from Leningrad and a third from Chelyabinsk; They returned home loaded with 'gifts.' "

"From the pages of these pamphlets and information guides protrudes the camouflaged attempt to separate the Jewish nationality from the friendly family of the peoples of the Soviet Union and to enclose it within the bounds of national isolation, customs and religion; and thereby to create propitious soil for the revival of Zionist sentiments which have long been forgotten in our own country," the Soviet newspaper wrote. Noting was said in the article about the fate of Diskina and the other "Zionists," Radio Liberty said.

LEADING HOTEL IN SCOTLAND ABANDONS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST JEWS

GLASGOW, Dec. 28; (JTA) -- The Turnberry Hotel, one of Scotland's most famous golfing centers which has discriminated against the Glasgow branch of the Maccabi sports organization for many years, will allow the Jewish group to play on the course next year after their policy of anti-Jewish bias was exposed here today.

The restricted policy of the famed hotel golf course was brought to light when Arthur Elliot, a member of the Maccabi group, successfully applied to the hotel for playing privileges on behalf of a non-existent DRPP Golf Club after a similar application from the Maccabi had been turned down by the hotel.

J. Bannatyne, manager of the hotel, admitted today that he had no idea that Elliot was a member of the Maccabi when he replied to his letter. "The only thing I can do now," Mr. Bannatyne said, "is to offer Maccabi the booking straightaway. I must take responsibility for this terrible business."

ONLY 26 JEWS REPORTED LEFT IN CHINA; LIVE IN SHANGHAI AND HARBIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- From 25,000 twenty years ago, the number of persons registered with the Council of the Jewish Community in Shanghai is 26 today, it was reported to the World Jewish Congress here by P. I. Yudalevich, the chairman of the Council. He noted that the tiny community consists of 20 persons in Shanghai and six in Harbin.

The Community Council is primarily concerned with providing welfare facilities for needy members, arranging Jewish education for the remaining children, and caring for the community cemeteries. In addition, the Council is occupied with requests from former members of the community who require documentation of confinement in the Shanghai restricted area during World War II to substantiate compensation claims.

CITY IN CALIFORNIA FILES CHARGES AGAINST AMERICAN NAZI LEADER

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The city of Glendale, adjoining this city, filed charges in Municipal Court against Ralph Forbes, self-styled American Nazi leader, accusing him of violating a city building ordinance forbidding the use of a private residence as a public meeting hall. Forbes, who leased a house in Glendale, has announced he would use it as a "western division" headquarters of the American Nazi Party. If convicted, Forbes may be subject to a fine of \$500 and up to six months in jail, or both.

Meanwhile, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted to look for stronger state laws to prevent the Nazi Party from establishing headquarters in Glendale or elsewhere in California.

CZECH JOURNAL CARRIES UNPUBLISHED NAZI DOCUMENTS ON KILLING OF JEWS

LONDON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The current issue of the Czech journal, "World in Pictures," contains a series of hitherto unpublished Nazi documents. The documents, found in as yet unpublicized German archives, deal with the slaughter of Jews and other victims in western Russia in 1941 and 1942.

One document tells how the Germans killed 23,000 Jews in Kamenetz-Podolsk on August 30, 1941. Another is a log book of an SS battalion which operated in the Minsk district, recording that on June 27, 1942, an "operation" took place in Baranowice. Another "operation" in Slonim, called "clearing of the Ghetto," described the burial of 400 Jews.

The publication, commenting on the documents, added that a number of participants in these crimes are "free and prosperous" in West Germany.

CRT IN WARSAW ANNOUNCES VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR 1965

LONDON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The Ort Vocational School in Warsaw has announced the reintroduction in 1965 of a course in leatherworking in addition to the current instruction in electromechanics, knitwear manufacture, radio and television engineering, tailoring and dressmaking, it was reported here today from the Polish capital.

In addition to the full courses, the school offers refresher courses in hairdressing and other trades. The students are also given instruction in Jewish and general cultural subjects.

AUSTRIAN PROFESSOR GETS JEWISH AWARD FOR FIGHTING ANTI-SEMITISM

VIENNA, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The Union of Jewish Communities of Austria awarded its medal for outstanding services in the fight against neo-Nazism and anti-Semitism today to Prof. Franz Gebhardt, director of the Teachers Seminary in Graz.

The citation noted that when neo-Nazis in Graz were showing films from Nazi Germany, he protested openly on several occasions to the authorities for allowing the showings. He also banned the theaters showing the films to his students, placing the theaters out of bounds to the students.

He was denounced by the neo-Nazis and by right-wing members of Parliament who said he was interfering in affairs which did not concern him. The denunciations failed to halt his protests.

LUBAVITCHER REBBE ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR GIRL STUDENTS

NEWYORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, world leader of the Lubavitcher movement, has established a special scholarship fund to aid girls who wish to pursue Jewish studies in Jewish high schools and teachers seminaries, it was announced here today.

The fund will be known as "Keren Chana," in honor of the Rebbe's late mother, Chana Schneerson, who died here three months ago. It will offer assistance in the form of long term loans to girls who would otherwise be unable to attend these schools. The funds will be administered by the Merkos L'Inyonei Chinuch, the educational arm of the Lubavitcher movement.

In allocating the loans preference will be given to girls who reside in cities where no Jewish high school or seminary exists, and who must, therefore, attend schools away from home. Preference will also be granted to girls with particularly gifted scholarship ability. "With the scholarship assistance, many girls will be able to devote their full time to their studies without being compelled to find part time occupation to sustain themselves," the announcement said.

POLISH GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTES 10,000 ZLOTYS FOR JEWISH PRIZE

LONDON, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The Polish Ministry of Culture and Arts has given 10,000 zlotys to be used as the first prize in a festival of Jewish amateur theatrical groups which has just been concluded. The town council of Breslau provided 8,000 zlotys for the same purpose.

In addition, the Jewish Cultural and Social Association and other agencies provided smaller grants to be included among the prizes. The winners will be announced after a meeting of a jury headed by H. Buzgan, a member of the Ida Kaminska troupe of Jewish actors.

CORNERSTONE FOR KENNEDY BUILDING LAID AT MEDICAL CENTER IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The cornerstone for the John F. Kennedy Information Center at the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center was laid today at a ceremony attended by Israeli leaders, American diplomats and Hadassah delegates to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress. Funds for the memorial building are being donated by members of Hadassah.