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NON-ZIONISTS PARTICIPATE IN WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS OPENING TODAY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The 26th World Zionist Congress opens here tomorrow with 540 delegates from more than 40 countries and 65 representatives of non-Zionist groups who will participate as fraternal delegates without voting rights. More than 70 representatives of youth organizations in Israel and in countries outside of Israel are also participating in the Congress.

The Jewish Agency said today it had received requests for 8,000 tickets for the Convention Hall's 3,000 seats. Another 600 seats have been made available in an adjacent hall where the proceedings will be viewed on closed circuit television. At noon, the participants will take part in a memorial ceremony at the tomb of Dr. Theodor Herzl, founder of modern Zionism, on Mount Herzl.

President Shazar will extend greetings to the opening session as will Chief Rabbis Itzhak Nissim and Yehuda Unterman and Jerusalem Mayor Mordecai Ish Shalom. The principal speaker will be Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, who will speak on "The Situation of the Jewish People and the Tasks of the Zionist Movement."

At a pre-Congress convention of the World Confederation of General Zionists, Dr. Israel Goldstein welcomed efforts to broaden the base of the Zionist organization but also warned against diluting its content in the process. He cited as the criteria by which the movement must stand as consistent immigration, Zionist-oriented education and fostering of Hebrew.

Mrs. Rose Halprin, co-chairman of the Confederation, said that Jewish education in the U. S. did not bring permanent Jewish values into the environment of the Jewish child growing up there. Dr. Goldmann, greeting the convention, criticized the "ramified, partisan" structure of the World Zionist Organization.

At a meeting of the actions committee of the Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, Rabbi B. Cohen said that the movement's adherence to the Zionist Organization was conditional upon the non-violation of religious fundamentals. A. L. Gelman, world Mizrachi leader, stressed the threat of assimilation in the U. S. and blamed the Reform movement for it.

SYRIAN TROOPS OPEN FIRE ON ISRAELIS; USE MACHINEGUNS AND TANK

TEL AVIV, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Syrian gunners attacked three Israel tractors southeast of Lake Tiberias today, using machineguns, recoilless guns and armor-piercing shells. Israeli troops returned the fire.

United Nations observers called for a cease-fire three hours after the shooting began. After the cease-fire became effective, the tractors completed their assignment. Israel said there had been no casualties. The Syrians also used in the attack a tank stationed at Tawafique village which is actually a Syrian army strongpoint.

The Syrian incident erupted 24 hours after a flareup on the Jordanian border in which mortars were used. The Israelis suffered no casualties. A Jordanian jeep was hit and set afire by the Israelis. Israeli newspapers reported today that King Hussein had instructed Jordanian troops to refrain from causing incidents along the border.

ARAB START OF WORK ON DIVERSION OF JORDAN RIVER WATERS REPORTED

LONDON, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Arab member states of the Board for Exploitation of the Jordan River have started work to divert the river and its tributaries, in an effort to counter Israel's tap of the river for its Negev irrigation project, it was reported here today from Damascus.

Subhi Kahale, executive director of the board, announced the beginning of the diversion efforts and said they would last for two years. He said the board had many plans for the diversion of which some were under study and others underway.

Israel's huge irrigation project, which taps the Jordan River through Lake Tiberias, went into full operation last June. Israel has warned the Arab countries that it would regard implementation of the diversion threats as an aggressive act.

EGYPT RECEIVES \$17, 000, 000 IN SURPLUS COMMODITIES FROM WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29; (JTA) -- The State Department announced today that the United States would honor all existing aid agreements with Egypt despite President Nasser's denunciation of the United States.

This was announced simultaneously with the release of \$16, 994, 000 in surplus commodities to Egypt under the existing agreement. The Administration, however, will temporarily defer Egypt's request for an additional \$35, 000, 000 food supplies above the \$140, 000-000 in surplus commodities in the current program.

State Department sources said it was important to "maintain a Christian spirit toward Egypt" and not pass hasty judgment on the Nasser regime.

PROSECUTION DEMANDS LIFE SENTENCES FOR TWO EICHMANN AIDES

FRANKFURT, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The prosecution in the trial of two former wartime aides of Adolf Eichmann in Hungary, Hermann Krumei and Otto Hunsche, demanded today life sentences for both SS officers. Sentences will be pronounced in two weeks.

They were charged with complicity in the transportation of 300, 000 Hungarian Jews to death camps and with extorting huge ransom sums from the desperate Jews. The trial has lasted for eight months.

Several prosecutors on the staff of the Central Office for the Investigation of Nazi Crimes here, will go to Warsaw soon to study Polish documents on hitherto unknown Nazi crimes, Erin Schuele, director of the office, said today. Dr. Schuele, who discussed the idea with Warsaw officials, arranged for the trips.

Dr. Elmer Herterich, a German doctor who carried on a one-man war against former Nazis holding high office in West Germany's judiciary until emigrating to Sweden, today filed a complaint against Ewald Bucher, the West German Justice Minister. Dr. Herterich charged that Dr. Bucher had known for two years that former German Supreme Court Justice Jagusch had concealed details of his Nazi past. Jagusch recently resigned from the high court bench.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT DISSEMINATES ARTICLE BACKING STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

BONN, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The semi-official Deutsche Korrespondenz, a news and feature agency whose material is disseminated abroad by the West German Government, today circulated an article defending for the third time the Bonn Cabinet decision against extension of the effective date of the statute of limitations for prosecution of Nazi war crimes.

The latest defense asserted that a state which sanctions the rule of law cannot pass "special and exceptional" legislation because this would contravene the constitutional principle of the equality of all before the law.

The decisive consideration, according to the article, is that the Federal Republic "should not match the illegality of the Nazi regime by creating special laws which would alter the current legal system to achieve a specific objective. The German legal system should be superior to any kind of opportunism," the article held. It concluded that there was no case for extending the 20-year limit, which expires next May 8, to 30 years either for Nazi war criminals.

(In Buenos Aires, the DAIA, representative organization of Argentine Jewry, today asked the West German Government to extend the statute of limitations for Nazi war criminals. In a letter to German Ambassador Ernst Guenther Mohr, the DAIA said that neither morally nor politically could Nazi crimes be "assimilated in common penal procedures." The DAIA also wrote to Argentine Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Zavala Ortiz, asking him to officially request the Bonn Government not to permit the statute of limitations to take effect.)

MOROCCAN NEWSPAPERS CRITICIZE JEWISH SCHOOLS FOR TEACHING RELIGION

CASABLANCA, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Two Moroccan newspapers today criticized Jewish schools for offering Jewish religious instruction in classes where Moslem children are present. Al Alam, organ of the opposition Istiqlal Party, charged that "rabbis" are teaching the Jewish religion to Jewish children in classes which include Moslem youngsters.

The paper said this was "a real provocation to Moroccan national sentiment." Another paper, the independent Iddihar el Maghreb, published similar criticism and accused the schools of "making foreign propaganda." The criticism is directed primarily at the schools of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, which have accepted Moslem students for years and which continue to teach Hebrew.

SHELDON COHEN NAMED COMMISSIONER OF U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29; (JTA) -- Sheldon S. Cohen, 37-year-old District of Columbia native, who was nominated this week by President Johnson to be the new Commissioner of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, said today his two "pet charities" are the local Jewish Social Service agency and the Jewish Community Center.

NEW PRESIDENT OF ITALY HELPED TO SAVE JEWS FROM NAZI HANDS

ROME, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Italy's new President, Giuseppe Saragat, a Socialist, fought both Fascism and Nazism in his native Italy and helped save the lives of many intended victims, Jewish and non-Jewish, of the totalitarian regimes, Jewish circles emphasized here today.

On an official visit to Egypt last April, he told Egyptian Deputy Premier Mahmoud Fawzi that he had visited Israel and that, on that visit, he "had the honor to light a flame in the memorial temple" for the 6,000,000 European Jewish victims of the Nazi holocaust. He bluntly told his Egyptian hosts that "Israel cannot be identified with alleged aggressive Zionism but is a symbol of the persecution suffered by Jews," and that "Israel is a reality which it would be absurd to deny."

The Social Democratic leader went into exile in 1926, first to Vienna, then to Paris. He left the French capital in 1940, when the Germans invaded France, and went into hiding in Toulouse in Vichy France. There he organized the flight to Switzerland of the Jewish Socialist, Modigliani, whom he knew to be in special danger.

He returned to Italy and was arrested by the Germans. He escaped and joined the underground resistance in Rome until the city was liberated in June 1944. "Thus the new President shared the destiny of millions of European Jews and Christians who were scattered by the savagery of Fascism and Nazism," it was pointed out, stressing that he never ceased his efforts to organize his party in exile and its resistance to Nazism while at the same time saving lives and suffering great privation personally.

ZIM TO FILE \$2,000,000 CLAIM FOR DAMAGES TO 'SHALOM' IN COLLISION

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- A \$2,000,000 claim for damages will be filed within a few days by Zim Lines against the owners of the Norwegian tanker Stolt Dagali as a result of the collision between the Zim-owned liner Shalom and the Norwegian tanker on Thanksgiving Day off a fog-bound New Jersey coast, it was learned today following an exchange of conflicting statements during the last two days between the owners of the two ships.

A statement blaming the Stolt Dagali as the sole cause for the crash was made yesterday by Eugene P. Gilligan, an admiralty lawyer, in a report for the Zim Lines. Leiv A. Arntzen, president of the Scandinavian Marine Claims Office, Inc., speaking for John P. Pedersen and Company, owners of the Stolt Dagali, issued a statement today in reply to the report by Mr. Gilligan.

Mr. Gilligan charged that the Stolt Dagali was traveling at "immoderate" speed through sudden fog, failed to heed a fog signal from the Shalom, and altered course in violation of international navigation rules. He also asserted that the Shalom's radar was scanned regularly and that when fog suddenly enveloped the liner, Capt. Avner Freudenberg reduced speed and ordered fog signals. When a fog signal was heard by the Shalom, the report continued, the Shalom's engines were stopped.

The report also denied that Capt. Freudenberg had sent out an erroneous position signal 15 miles off his actual position immediately after the collision. The report asserted that if the tanker had not altered position, the two ships would not have collided.

Mr. Arntzen, in his reply for the tanker's owners, called the Gilligan report "patently untrue" and asserted that the statement that the Shalom met fog only 90 seconds before the crash was "a futile attempt to justify the Shalom's admitted speed of more than 20 knots in dense fog." He asserted that the tanker had been moving at "dead slow ahead" for more than 20 minutes before the crash and that its engines had been shut off as soon as the Shalom's fog signals were heard. He said that the tanker was "practically dead in the water when the Shalom, at top speed, knifed into her and cut her in two."

NEO-NAZI YOUTH GROUP IN TORONTO OFFERS TRAINING IN EXPLOSIVES

TORONTO, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- A Toronto neo-Nazi group is trying to recruit 14 to 21-year-old storm troops "with the guts to stand up to the destroyers of our society," and to be trained in the use of weapons, basic explosives and demolition.

The group which calls itself the Canada Youth Corps, has issued a recruiting pamphlet carrying the pictures of David Stanley, 20, Scarboro racist; and Neil Carmichael, leader of the Social Credit Action Party and a former Social Federal candidate. The youth corps pamphlet promises thrill-hungry youths training in the use of weapons, preparation of explosives, infiltration of "subversive" organizations and the breaking up of meetings and other storm trooper activities. A bundle of the recruit pamphlets was found this week in the rotunda of University of Toronto's University College.

Training sessions are advertised for every Tuesday night at 902 Yonge St., the address of the Social Credit Action Party headquarters. The pamphlet lists two phone numbers--one of the SCAP, the other Mr. Carmichael's business number. He runs a stamp and coin agency. Both Neil Carmichael and David Stanley have denied authorship or distribution of the leaflet.

TRAINED STUDENTS BECOME DIRECTORS OF JEWISH CENTERS IN EUROPE

GRENOBLE, France, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- An 18-month training course in Israel and France for directors of Jewish community and youth centers in Europe ended today with ceremonies honoring the seven graduates of the course;

The ceremonies were conducted by the Commission on Jewish Centers and Vocation Camps of the Standing Conference on European Jewish Community Services which sponsored the course. The seven graduates will take up posts as directors of centers in France, Belgium and Yugoslavia.

Such centers are a comparatively new feature of the Jewish scene in Europe, the first two in Paris and Rome having been opened in 1954. Under the impetus of funds from the Conference of Jewish Claims Against Germany, supplemented and administered by the Joint Distribution Committee since 1954, the movement has increased to 82 centers.

Prof. Chaim Perelman of Brussels, president of the Commission of Jewish Centers and Vocation Camps, said the "great growth" of the community center movement was "a positive manifestation" of Jewish youth's will to identify itself with the community. He added that the greatest danger facing the center movement in Europe was a lack of directors and other trained workers and that providing such leadership was a primary obligation of his commission.

Appreciation for the assistance contributing to the success of the course was given to the JDC, the Jewish Agency for Israel and to the Paul Baerwald School for Social Work at the Hebrew University.

94 PER CENT OF YESHIVA COLLEGE 1964 GRADUATES CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Ninety four per cent of Yeshiva College's graduates of June 1964, are continuing their studies in graduate schools, it was disclosed in a report by Prof. David Mirsky, dean of admissions of Yeshiva University.

Liberal arts and sciences is the most popular area of graduate study, drawing 45 per cent of the graduates, the report indicates. Law, rabbinics, and medicine follow, with 15 per cent, 13 per cent, and eight per cent of the graduates, respectively. Six per cent entered graduate study in education, four per cent are pursuing higher education in Israel, and one per cent each have entered business administration, dentistry, and social work.

SZOLD AWARD PRESENTED TO SHARETT FOR HUMANITARIAN SERVICE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The annual Henrietta Szold Award of Hadassah was presented today to Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive and former Israeli Prime Minister for "distinguished humanitarian service." The \$1,000 award was presented to Mr. Sharett in his room at the Hadassah Hospital where he is undergoing treatment.

Mr. Sharett was cited by Hadassah for his role in enhancing "the image of Israel among the nations." Responding to the presentation, Mr. Sharett said that Hadassah had an unrivaled record of service and has integrated itself into the academic, professional, administrative and humanitarian life of Israel.

CONGRESS OF INTERNATIONAL THEATER INSTITUTE TO BE HELD IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The 11th congress of the International Theater Institute will be held in Tel Aviv June 20-26, with delegates from 48 countries participating, it was announced here today.

Rosamond Golder, president, also announced that the delegates would hold a symposium on the modern interpretation of classic drama. Several days of the congress will deal with business meetings. The Institute is a branch of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

JOSE ISAACSON, ARGENTINE JEWISH POET, WINS BUENOS AIRES POETRY PRIZE

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 29. (JTA) -- Jose Isaacson, prominent poet and editor of Comentario, the magazine published by the Argentine Jewish Institute for Culture and Information, was today awarded the coveted Poetry Prize of the Buenos Aires Municipality for his works published last year. Mr. Isaacson is the first Jewish poet ever to receive this award.

KOSHER MEALS ARRANGED AT ROCHESTER HOSPITALS, JEWISH COUNCIL ANNOUNCES

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Dec. 29. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Council of Rochester has announced that kosher meals have been arranged at two Rochester hospitals. Patients now entering the Genesee and Northside hospitals can obtain kosher food by asking for it when admitted.