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## U. N. BODY HEARS MORE JEWISH PLEAS TO PROTECT RELIGIOUS RIGHTS

GENEVA, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Two international organizations -- one of which has the American Jewish Committee as an affiliate, and the other representing B'nai B'rith and the Board of Deputies of British Jews -- urged a United Nations body here today not only to adopt an international convention calling for the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance, but also to formulate procedures of implementation which would put enforcement teeth into a UN document guaranteeing religious freedom throughout the world.

The steps were taken here before the United Nations Subcommission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. This 14-member body has before it several preliminary drafts of a religious freedoms convention which became international law when finally adopted by the UN General Assembly and ratified by a sufficient number of member states.

The statements were submitted by the International League for the Rights of Man, represented here by Sidney Liskofsky, a staff member of the American Jewish Committee, which is affiliated with the League; and by Gustav Warburg, representing the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations, comprised of the B'nai B'rith and the British Board.

### Soviet Violation of Religious Rights of Russian Jewry Indicated

In conformance with the Subcommission's procedures, neither of the statements mentioned any country by name. But all the drafts as well as today's submissions pointed to the Soviet Union's violations of the religious and cultural rights of Soviet Jews, mentioning instances of such discriminations known to exist in the USSR.

The League document recommended that the draft to be adopted guarantee certain rights known to be denied to Soviet Jews today, among them being manifestation of one's religion or belief "in private or in public, and individually or in community with others." It urged clauses guaranteeing not only freedom of worship but also "teaching, training of religious personnel, observance of rites and customs, production or acquisition of articles necessary for observance of prescribed rituals, publications, acts of service and mercy, and the maintaining of religious organizations and associations."

The League of Rights document noted with approval the various recent steps taken by important religious bodies toward increasing interreligious understanding, including specifically the recent Ecumenical Council of the Catholic Church and the World Council of Churches (Protestant). It called for "adequate measures of implementation" for whatever draft is adopted by the Subcommission and, subsequently, by the Human Rights Commission, the Economic and Social Council and, finally, the General Assembly.

The Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations called not only for articles to implement the future convention but also for permission to non-governmental organizations to report any violations of religious freedoms in any country. The Soviet representatives here, backed by the delegates from Ukraine and Poland, have balked particularly against giving leeway for interventions by non-governmental organizations. Among such organizations are not only the two groups which submitted statements today but other world Jewish bodies as well as organizations of jurists from free countries and representatives of the major Christian religions.

## KNESSET ADOPTS MOTIONS URGING MORE EQUALITY FOR ORIENTAL JEWS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Israel's Parliament adopted today a series of motions calling for greater educational, economic and social equality and more representation from Israel's Oriental communities on Israel's official and institutional bodies.

The Knesset took the actions at the close of debate on integration problems during which Premier Levi Eshkol reviewed Government activities aimed at reducing the gap between ethnic groups in Israel. He reported that 15 percent of students currently in institutions of higher learning in Israel were from Sephardic families while five years ago, the proportion was five percent.

He called misleading figures in a report that 20 percent of immigrants from Britain last year returned to England because of absorption difficulties. He said most of the individuals involved had come not as immigrants but as tourists or temporary residents. He added that half of them had decided to remain in Israel. He also reported that most preparations for absorption of newcomers from the west had been completed.

ESHKOL EXPLAINS PRESENCE OF ISRAELI MILITARY INSTRUCTORS IN CONGO

JERUSALEM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Premier Levi Eshkol declared in reply to a question in Parliament today that Israeli instructors training the Congolese army were in the Congo under agreement with the Congolese Government at the request of United Nations Secretary General U Thant.

The Premier added that the Israelis were not engaged in combat and that Israel did not intend to withdraw there before they had completed their tasks.

FRANCE'S EXPORT TO ISRAEL RISES; TRADE BALANCE FOR ISRAEL UNFAVORABLE

PARIS, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The French financial daily, Les Echos, reported today that the balance of trade between France and Israel last year widened greatly to Israel's disfavor, France exporting almost nine times as much as it bought from Israel.

The daily newspaper also reported that while France increased its exports to Israel by 70 percent while keeping its purchases at the level of six years ago, neither private nor Government-controlled French firms have made any serious investments in Israel or shared industrial patents or technical know-how with Israeli firms.

France exported to Israel 400,000,000 francs (\$80,000,000) worth of merchandise in 1964. This figure does not include military sales. The largest single French export item consisted of ships totaling 143,000,000 francs in value (\$28,000,000). During the past few years, Israel has placed orders with French shipyards totaling 250,000,000 francs (\$50,000,000) orders which were placed at a time when French shipbuilding firms were passing through a crisis. Other important French exports consisted of mechanical equipment, iron and steel, electrical and electronic gear, chemical products and measurement instruments.

While French exports have soared during the past year -- partly for political reasons, according to some experts -- France has continued to import from Israel about the same amount as six years ago totaling 50,000,000 francs (\$10,000,000). Most of Israeli exports consist of citrus, bananas, avocados and industrial diamonds.

TURKEY'S WOOING OF ARABS WILL NOT AFFECT RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

ISTANBUL, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Turkish Foreign Ministry hinted today that Turkey's relations with Israel will not be affected by the country's efforts at a rapprochement with the Arabs.

He told reporters that "our relations with the Arab world, including Egypt, are developing greatly. Meantime, all our relations with Israel also are continuing." His comment followed reports that Turkey was planning to limit its relations with Israel to gain Arab friendship.

Turco-Israeli relations have, in fact, been going through a coolness in recent weeks and during a Parliamentary debate last month, several deputies advocated priority to improving Turkish ties with the Arab countries, at Israel's expense, if necessary. However, the spokesman's stand today gave hope that Turco-Israeli relations would continue normally.

INDIAN GOVERNMENT CHARGED WITH DISCOURAGING VISITS TO ISRAEL

NEW DELHI, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Dayabhai Patel, leader of the Swatantra Group, charged today in the Indian Parliament upper house that the Government discouraged Members of Parliament from visiting countries like Israel and Formosa. He said that an official of the India High Commission in London advised him not to visit Israel.

The Deputy Minister for External Affairs denied such a policy existed but he added that India missions did advise visitors "in the context of conditions then prevailing" and that it was up to the deputy to accept or reject such advice. During the debate, Deputy Patel also criticized the Government policy of withholding diplomatic recognition from "friendly countries" like Israel and Formosa.

FIFTY GERMAN DEPUTIES REQUEST EXTENSION OF PROSECUTION FOR NAZIS

BONN, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Fifty members of the dominant Christian Democratic Party in the Bundestag, lower house of West Germany's Parliament, requested Parliament today to extend the statute of limitations for the prosecution of Nazi war criminals by 20 to 30 years beyond the present cut-off date of May 8, 1965. The petitioners were headed by Ernst Benda, a Christian Democratic member from Berlin.

However, the majority of the Bundestag members were reported today to be opposed to extending the statute of limitations. Leading the opposition is Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, resident of the Bundestag. Former Defense Minister Franz Josef Strauss, leader of the Christian Democrats in Bavaria, is also opposed to the 50-member petition.

NUMBER OF GERMAN ROCKET EXPERTS REPORTED INCREASING IN EGYPT

LCNDON, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- West German scientists and technicians working in Egypt on advanced weapons systems for the Nasser regime, who left Egypt at the end of 1964 when their contracts expired, have been replaced by a larger number of new German experts, it was reported here today from Cairo.

There had been reports last fall that about 125 of the 500 scientists, engineers and technicians planned to leave Egypt at the end of 1964 to take better paying jobs in West Germany. The activities of the West German rocket and aircraft scientists have evoked sharp and repeated criticism from Israel's Government, and from a wide variety of Jewish and non-Jewish organizations.

Informed sources reported that more than 120 German technicians and engineers had come to Cairo since early December, producing an actual increase in the total number of such West German nationals working on weapons projects. Another report said that 30 of the West German experts came as a group from Stuttgart this month.

GERMANY TO DECIDE EARLY IN MARCH ON STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS ISSUE

BONN, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The question whether to end prosecuting German war criminals, on May 8, under the statute of limitations, will be decided upon early in March, a spokesman of the West German Government declared here today at a press conference.

The spokesman, State Secretary Gunther von Hassel, said that the refusal by the West German Government to accept a Soviet message on Nazi war criminals last weekend did not mean that the federal government would reject evidence from the Soviet Union on such crimes.

The Soviet message, he declared, sent in reply to the West German appeal last year for information about such criminals, had been refused because its tone was considered offensive. West Germany issued the appeal to all governments in connection with its decision against extension of the deadline for prosecution of Nazi criminals.

The Soviet message called the West German Government's appeal for information "an inadequate attempt to gloss over the amnesty for fascist murderers and to render this illegal step innocuous in the eyes of world opinion." The Soviet message also said that the Soviet Government would make all relevant documents available to the Bonn Government regardless of what West Germany did about the statute of limitations on prosecution of Nazi war criminals.

EVANGELIC CHURCHES IN GERMANY ADVOCATE DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH ISRAEL

BONN, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The Synod of the Evangelic Church of the Rhineland demanded today that the West German Government act to establish diplomatic relations with Israel.

The stand was approved by a large majority at a meeting of the synod in Bad Godesburg near Bonn. The delegates said they took that position because ethical and humane reasons "which we owe to the state of Israel and we should take every opportunity to change the existing relations."

HOLLAND SAYS GERMAN ENVOY IN ARGENTINA DEPORTED NO DUTCH JEWS

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Louis de Jong, director of the Dutch Government's War Documentation Institute here, and an expert on wartime Nazi activities in this country, denied today that the West German Ambassador to Argentina had played a role in deporting Dutch Jews to concentration camps.

The East German news agency, ADN, published a charge last week, accusing Dr. Ernst Guenther Mohr, West German envoy to Buenos Aires, of having participated during the war in the deportation of Dutch Jews to the Mauthausen concentration camp. According to Dr. de Jong, however, Dr. Mohr, who was on the staff of the German Legation to The Hague before World War II broke out, left Holland in May 1941, whereas the deportation of Jews under the Nazi regime here did not start until July 1942.

FRENCH AUTHORITIES BREAK UP GANG OF YOUNG NEO-NAZIS IN LILLE

PARIS, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A gang of five young neo-Nazis, equipped with uniforms, swastikas, weapons and dynamite, has been broken up in the northern city of Lille, police reported here today.

The five Nazis, whose ages averaged 17 years, had started drawing up a list of all of Lille's inhabitants, saying that "it can come in handy one of these days." They had started amassing uniforms, regulation boots, and Nazi medals, as well as a small stock of dynamite. Police said all five came from well-to-do middle class families and all had received a good education.

YIVO ANNUAL CONFERENCE DISCUSSES SOVIET ACTS AGAINST JEWISH RELIGION

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Soviet discriminations against Jewish religion were analyzed at the annual conference here of the Yivo Institute for Jewish Research which is closing its sessions tomorrow. Dr. Simon Segal, director of the department for foreign affairs of the American Jewish Committee and member of the Yivo board of directors, presided at the session at which Negro-Jewish relations were also analyzed.

Dr. Erich Goldhagen, lecturer in political science at Hunter College, reviewed the fight against Jewish religion in Russia since the early days of the Bolshevik revolution till today. Milton Himmelfarb, director of Information Service of the American Jewish Committee, spoke of the role which Jews play in the civil rights struggle in this country. Other subjects dealing with historical developments in Jewish life have been discussed at previous sessions at which Prof. Harry M. Orlinsky of the Hebrew Union College -- Jewish Institute of Religion, and Prof. Michael Astour, of Brandeis University were among the principal speakers.

SOVIET OFFICIALS ATTEND RECEPTION FOR ISRAELI PIANIST IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Representatives of the Soviet Foreign Ministry, and other Soviet official organs, as well as leading personalities in the world of art and literature in Moscow attended last night a reception here by Josef Tekoah, Israel's Ambassador to the Soviet Union, to the Israeli pianist Daniel Barenboim who is now on a concert tour in the USSR, the Soviet press agency Novosti reported today.

Novosti reported that Barenboim, who arrived here on January 7, gave concerts in Moscow, Leningrad and Vilnius which were "a big success," and that he is scheduled to perform in various cities in the Ukraine. Giving in great detail the biography of the young Israeli pianist, the Soviet press agency said that in the past five years Barenboim had given about 100 concerts annually in different countries.

In an interview with Novosti, the pianist said "I am very pleased with my performances in the Soviet Union. Audiences received me very well, constantly requesting encores. Leningrad, possessing wonderful musical traditions, impressed me particularly. The orchestra of the Leningrad Philharmonic Society, with which I performed Beethoven's third and fifth concertos, is I think the best in the world."

NON-JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS WELCOME MOSLEM-JEWISH HARMONY TALKS

NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- A proposal to initiate top-level discussions between Moslem and Jewish religious leaders has been welcomed by prominent spokesmen of both faiths as well as by Christian scholars and authorities on Islam. Moslem-Jewish talks to promote Moslem-Jewish "understanding and cordiality" were called for last month by Emanuel G. Scoblionko, president of the World Council of Synagogues, as a "historic first phase in a Moslem-Jewish concord that will help bring the luster of peace to our troubled world and particularly to the Middle East."

A Moslem leader in New York, Dr. H. N. Shoreibeh, welcomed Mr. Scoblionko's statement as "an echo of all Islam teaches." Dr. Shoreibeh is director of the Islamic Foundation of New York. Christian leaders have similarly welcomed the proposal for religious summit meetings between Jews and Moslems.

Prof. William Ernest Hocking of Harvard University termed the proposal "a just and courageous undertaking." He said that he agreed with the view that the Moslem and Jewish worlds are not inevitably hostile to each other. He said that he was hard at work on his destruction of that particular myth. Professor Hagen Staack, head of the religion department at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pa., described Mr. Scoblionko's statement as opening "delightful perspectives."

'THE DEPUTY' OPENS IN CANADA UNDER POLICE GUARD; NO INCIDENTS

TORONTO, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- The first performance in Canada of "The Deputy" continued here today after a premiere which took place without incident despite widespread advance rumors of demonstrations.

The rumors that neo-Nazi groups would picket the theater or otherwise demonstrate opposition to the Rolf Hochhut play and other rumors that militant Jewish groups would stage counter-demonstrations led to the posting of 20 policemen at the theater for the premiere Sunday. The police reported that there were some 60 cars parked in the area whose occupants apparently were waiting for neo-Nazis to "start trouble."

Toronto reviewers differed in their reaction to the play which charges that the late Pope Pius XII failed to speak out against the Nazi slaughter of 6,000,000 European Jewish men, women and children.

JEWISH LEADER ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF EDUCATION IN CANADA

TORONTO, Jan. 19. (JTA) -- Saul Cowan was elected chairman of the Board of Education of North York, largest suburb in Metropolitan Toronto. Mr. Cowan has been a member of the Board for eight years. North York's population is 280,000, of whom more than 45,000 are Jews. Mr. Cowan is active in Jewish affairs.