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SENATE VERSION ON AID TO NASSER ADOPTED BY CONFEREES OF BOTH HOUSES

WASHINGTON Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Senate and House conferees agreed today on the Senate version of an amendment which would give the President discretionary authority to continue agricultural commodity aid to Egypt.

The action follows a House vote yesterday which had the effect of retreating from the original House-enacted ban on further food shipments to Egypt. The Senate modified the House provision last week in permitting the aid to continue if the President determined such action to be in the national interest.

In a meeting with Democratic Congressional leaders today, the President expressed his pleasure with yesterday's House action in adopting the Senate's position on the aid amendment. The supplementary appropriations bill to which the amendment is attached now returns to both Houses for final adoption. Action on the bill is expected tomorrow.

ISRAEL SENDS MESSAGE TO GERMANY; ASKS BONN TO IGNORE NASSER'S THREATS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Felix Shinnar, head of the Israel Mission at Cologne, returned to his post today after three days of consultations with Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, and other high Foreign Office officials on current differences between West Germany and Egypt.

Dr. Shinnar took with him a message to the effect that it was West Germany's duty to seek moral rehabilitation from its Nazi past and not a "balance" in its foreign policy. The message was interpreted here as a plea by Israel to the Bonn Government not to be influenced by Nasser's blackmail threats that he will recognize East Germany if the Government of West Germany does not halt its aid to Israel.

GERMAN COURT CONCLUDES HEARING IN ISRAEL OF NAZI CAMP SURVIVORS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 9. (JTA) - The first hearing in Israel by a West German court receiving testimony in a Nazi war crimes trial ended here today in an Israeli courtroom under the Israel national emblem and in the presence of an Israeli magistrate.

The court officials, consisting of the judge and trial attorneys, flew to Israel from Dusseldorf to hear evidence against 10 former personnel of the Treblinka murder camp. The unique hearing, which began Sunday, was decided on because two Treblinka survivors, Mrs. Bronca Sucko, and Yaacov Domb, were unable to go to Dusseldorf because of ill health. Both are receiving medical treatment.

Mrs. Sucko testified that Kurt Franz, the Treblinka commandant, whipped a Jewish boy to death. Asked by the West German judge, H. Bach, what else she remembered of her Treblinka experiences, she could only reply: "I remember bodies. I remember the horrible stench of burning bodies."

Domb described his "dreadful memories" of the camp where "arch butcher" Franz and his aides "caused so many deaths in so small a camp." An estimated 700,000 Jews were murdered in the camp between July 1942 and November 1943. He described the commandant's huge dog, who, he said, was trained to bite victims in particularly painful places.

Judge Bach asked the two witnesses a number of additional questions. However, the five defense attorneys who accompanied him seemed so overwhelmed by the horrors described by the witness that they did not ask many questions. The court returned to Dusseldorf to proceed with the trial, which began last October 12. Another 21 witnesses are scheduled to testify.

BRITISH JEWS TO PLEAD WITH SOVIET PREMIER IN LONDON ON SOVIET JEWRY

LONDON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Maurice Edelman, president of the Anglo Jewish Association, pleaded today for unity among British Jews in presenting the situation of Soviet Jewry to Premier Kosygin and Communist party Secretary General Brezhnev on the forthcoming visit of the Soviet leaders to Britain. Speaking at a luncheon, he said that Soviet Jews had "the status of a national minority but not the rights accorded to other national minorities."

AUSTRIAN CABINET ACCEPTS PROPOSAL TO EXTEND PROSECUTION OF NAZIS

VIENNA, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The Austrian Cabinet accepted today a proposal from Justice Minister Christian Broda to alter the present deadline for prosecution of Nazi war criminals under the Austrian statute of limitations.

The substance of the proposal is that Austrian legislation may legally be changed to permit extension of the cutoff date which is June 29. The Justice Ministry now can submit to Parliament a change in Austrian criminal law for that purpose and will do so before the Easter recess.

The change will provide that provisions for prosecution for murder which carried the death penalty, and which were valid until 1950 when the death penalty was abolished in Austria, will be in effect without limitations.

BONN MINISTER THREATENS TO RESIGN IF NAZI PROSECUTION IS NOT ENDED

BONN, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Ewald Bucher, the Minister of Justice who has been one of the most adamant West German officials in opposing extension of the cutoff date for the prosecution of Nazi war criminals, threatened last night to resign if the deadline was extended. It is scheduled to become effective May 8 if no action is taken.

Dr. Bucher, who made the threat on a television broadcast, reiterated his belief that it would be unconstitutional to extend the 20-year limit in West Germany for prosecution of murder charges.

Many Jews in West Germany plan to leave this country if the statute of limitations goes into effect, according to the current issue of Der Spiegel, the influential picture newsmagazine published in Hamburg.

The Central Council of Jews in Germany today adopted a sharp resolution, demanding the extension of the statute. On the other hand, the parliamentary group of the Free Democratic Party today voiced approval of the plan to let the limitation go into effect, as proposed by the Cabinet.

The International League for Human Rights petitioned the West German Government today to extend the statute of limitations by 30 years, instead of extending the statute only for 20 years, as proposed in a draft bill pending before the German Parliament.

Yugoslav Parliament and Jewish Communities Denounce Bonn Decision

BELGRADE, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The Yugoslav Federal Assembly and the Federation of Jewish Communities in Yugoslavia denounced today, in separate actions, the West German Cabinet decision to adhere to the May 8 cutoff date for the prosecution of Nazi war criminals.

The Assembly declaration charged that the West German decision involved issues of an international character and that the question of application of the statute of limitations was the concern not just of West Germany but of the whole international community. The Assembly said that adoption by West Germany of the United Nations Genocide Convention confirmed that the Nazi war crimes were crimes according to international law. Therefore, the Assembly declared, the prevention and prosecution of such crimes was the international-legal duty of every state and no state could be freed of this duty by "appealing to its internal law."

Dr. Lavoslav Kadelburg, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities, distributed the federation statement to the foreign press here. The statement said the decision "cannot and will not change the character of crimes unprecedented in history, nor will it minimize for world public opinion the responsibility of those who carried them out. International opinion is still horrified by the momentousness and massiveness of Nazi war crimes. In the name of the decimated Yugoslav Jewish community, the federation demands urgently the reconsideration of the decision."

The Federal Assembly statement also charged that the Bonn government did not undertake adequate measures against the remnants of Nazism in West Germany. The statement asserted that implementation of the Bonn decision "would in fact represent giving amnesty to Nazi criminals, giving them free action in the federal republic."

Italian Press Opposes Bonn's Plan to End Prosecution of Nazis

ROME, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Significant sections of the Italian press today featured articles opposing West Germany's plans to cut off prosecutions of war criminals after May 8. An article in Avanti, influential Socialist daily, asked whether German agreement to let its statute of limitations go into effect would mean that even Hitler could go free if he should return after May 8.

Thousands of postcards calling upon the West German Parliament to extend the statute of limitations were being circulated around the country today by the Jewish Youth Federation of Italy. The cards are addressed to Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier, president of the Bundestag, Germany's lower house of Parliament, urging the house to extend the statute so that "Nazi crimes should not remain unpunished."

UNITED HIAS SERVICE ASSISTED 50,000 JEWS IN 1964; SPENT \$2,683,200

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- More than 50,000 Jewish men, women and children received vital migration and related assistance from United Hias Service in 1964, Murray I. Gurfein, president of the organization, reported to the board of directors today.

Mr. Gurfein, said 9,700 persons were aided to leave Eastern Europe, North Africa and the Middle East and Cuba to resettle in the United States, France, Canada, Brazil, Australia and other Western countries. In order to carry out its program, the worldwide migration agency operated in 40 countries and spent \$2,683,200.

"More than 20 percent of the migrants resettled in 1964 came to the United States," Mr. Gurfein said. "They were assisted to find new homes in 66 communities, located in 26 states and the District of Columbia, where local Jewish resettlement agencies worked closely with us in helping the newcomers make rapid and satisfactory adjustments. Our agency effected many family reunions, uniting, in some cases, relatives who had not seen each other for more than 20 years."

About 4,500 refugees from North Africa were assisted to resettle in France and 1,300 French-speaking Jews from Morocco and Tunisia went to Canada through the efforts of the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, Mr. Gurfein reported. James P. Rice, United Hias Service executive director, pointed out that 25,000 migrants and refugees have been resettled by the agency during the past three years. He estimated that in 1965, 11,700 would be resettled and the agency would provide 40,000 others with migration and related assistance.

MRS. HALPRIN ADDRESSES HADASSAH CONFERENCE ON NEW ZIONIST POLICY

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency for Israel, said here today that the World Zionist movement had set itself the task of reaching those Jews in free societies who were denying their Jewishness "by their apathy and their ignorance."

A former president of Hadassah, Mrs. Halprin told more than 300 Hadassah leaders at the organization's annual Midwinter Conference here, that such apathy and ignorance was "destroying Judaism from within." She added that the focussing by the 26th World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem in January on problems of Jewish communities outside of Israel "signifies that the Zionist movement must now penetrate into the field of communal activity" and that it must lend its strength to breaking assimilation.

She said such a program must include Jewish education in depth, a commitment to Jewish values, a reaching out to Jewish youth, and contact with Jewish writers, intellectuals and other molders of opinion. The program would mean "Jewishness in the home as a starting point for Jewish commitment," she said, adding that Jewish life throughout the world had common concerns "and awareness of a common danger--assimilation."

Dr. Miriam K. Freund, Hadassah Zionist Affairs Committee chairman and past president, said assimilation was "the lack of Jewish identification and commitment." Calling the Zionist movement "the liberation movement of the Jewish people," she said the movement "must seek to meet the challenges of our time and the means of being a guiding force in strengthening Jewish life throughout the world."

U. S. JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS EXPRESS CONCERN OVER TERRORISM IN ARGENTINA

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Grave concern over the mounting danger from "international, Nazi-inspired, anti-Semitic groups" in Argentina and other Latin American countries was expressed here today in a statement issued by the World Conference of Jewish organizations. At the same time, the Conference expressed its appreciation to the Argentine Government for its efforts to eradicate subversion and terrorism.

The statement was adopted at a special meeting of the Conference and signed by the World Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith, Canadian Jewish Congress and the Jewish Labor Committee. Dr. Nahum Goldmann, who presided at the special meeting, is chairman of COJO, and Label A. Katz, national president of B'nai B'rith, is co-chairman. The meeting was held after a conference between a delegation representing COJO and the Argentine Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Norberto Barrenechea.

Citing the recent discovery in Argentina of a secret conspiracy planning a campaign of terrorism against leaders of the Jewish community in that country, COJO stated that that development "has inevitably given rise to anxiety, not only in Jewish communities but among friends of democracy everywhere." The discovery, COJO noted, "underscores the repeated warnings from responsible Jewish sources in Argentina of the mounting danger presented by the activities of these anti-Semitic groups."

Ambassador Barrenechea had assured the COJO delegation that President Arturo Illia, of Argentina, is determined to put an end to any terroristic activities that threaten the peaceful existence of Argentine Jews.

JEWISH LEADERS IN ITALY DISCUSS TRAINING OF COMMUNAL WORKERS

MILAN, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The status, training and salaries of Jewish communal employees in Italy was dealt with here at a conference of community executive secretaries and lay leaders held under the chairmanship of Astorre H. Mayer, head of the Milan Jewish community and of the Standing Conference of European Jewish Community Services.

Klunde Kelman, vice-president of the Fonds Social Juif Unifie of Paris and vice-president of the Standing Conference's Committee for Personnel Questions, said the problem of adequate staff, particularly in small communities, was one of survival for such communities.

The conference was attended by the Joint Distribution Committee country director for Italy and other representatives of the JDC which has helped to establish a fund to aid the communities in adapting their personnel remuneration to salary levels in industry and commerce. Means of supplementing pension funds to achieve adequate levels were also discussed.

GOVERNMENT TOURIST OFFICE IN ITALY PUBLISHES BROCHURE ON ROME JEWS

ROME, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- A pamphlet "The Jews of Rome" with a photograph of the Great Synagogue on the front page, was published here today by the Governmental Provincial Board for Tourism in Rome. Illustrated with color photographs and with a narrative description of monuments of Jewish interest in this city, the brochure, in Italian, contains a brief history of the Jewish presence in Rome during 22 centuries and the various events culminating in the tearing down of the ghetto gates in 1870 and the Nazi persecutions during the Second World War.

A separate section is devoted to Jewish cultural life in Rome and to Jewish holidays. The booklet, which was prepared with the cooperation of the Rome Jewish community, will also be printed in English and other foreign languages in the next few months.

THREE JEWISH AUTHORS ELECTED TO NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ARTS AND LETTERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The National Institute of Arts and Letters, which limits its membership to 250 persons of "outstanding creative achievement" named three Jewish authors yesterday in electing 13 new members.

They were Alfred Kazin, critic and writer; Howard Nemerov, award-winning poet, critic and novelist; and Isaac Bashevis Singer, fiction writer in Yiddish whose work in English translation has attracted widespread praise in this country. The three were half of the six members chosen for the Department of Literature. There are now 240 members in the Institute.

DR. MAX BAY RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES FEDERATION-COUNCIL

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Max Wm. Bay was unanimously re-elected to a one-year term as president of Jewish Federation-Council, the Jewish community's prime organization which sponsors the annual United Jewish Welfare Fund campaign and is comprised of 29 citywide social welfare service agencies and 492 affiliated member groups with a combined membership in excess of 90,000.

Unanimously re-elected as vice-presidents were Victor M. Carter, Mrs. Leo Hirsh, Lawrence E. Irell and Joseph N. Mitchell, who are joined by William W. Bruck. Other officers re-elected were Aaron Riche secretary; Mrs. Maurice Saeta, treasurer; Bram Goldsmith, assistant secretary; and Walter L. Keen, assistant treasurer. Dr. Bay served as general chairman of the 1959 Welfare Fund campaign. He is a national vice-president of the American Jewish Committee and a former president of the American College of Surgeons, Southern California chapter.

DR. SOLOMON LEFSCHETZ, NCTED MATHEMATICIAN, HONORED BY JOHNSON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Solomon Lefschetz, professor emeritus of mathematics at Princeton University, was one of 11 scientists who received yesterday the National Medal of Science from President Johnson.

The President told the medal winners that "the effort we make to support, sustain and advance our science is vital to the success of all our national purposes."

SHLOMO LEWERTOFF, EX-OFFICIAL OF J. N. F. IN NEW YORK, DIES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Feb. 9. (JTA)-- Funeral services were held here for Shlomo Lewertoff, until recently the assistant director of the Jewish National Fund in New York, who died at his home in nearby Ranaana. He was formerly secretary of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.