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GERMANY'S NEW LEGISLATION ON PROSECUTION OF NAZIS BECOMES LAW TODAY

BONN, April 21. (JTA) -- West Germany's new legislation, prolonging the statute of limitations for the prosecution of Nazi war criminals until the end of 1969, was published in the Government's Official Gazette here today, and becomes law tomorrow. It was signed by President Heinrich Lübke last week, after passing both houses of Parliament which agreed on extending the statute from the old cut-off date of May 8, 1965, by about four and a half years.

Meanwhile, today, the legal committee of the Bundestag, lower house of Parliament, was discussing a proposal by several members of the house that would differentiate between "major" and "minor" war criminals. Should this amendment be adopted, prosecutors could decide whether any accused was in one category or another -- dropping prosecution against those accused Nazi war criminals deemed to have committed "minor" offenses.

Some members of Parliament, and many organizations in this country and abroad have complained that, under such a formula, a virtual amnesty would be given to the vast majority of Nazi war criminals. Many protests have also been received against setting the new statute of limitations date at the end of 1969, instead of letting it run longer or having no cut-off date whatever for the prosecution of Nazi criminals.

Anti-Nazi Congress Warns on Exempting 'Minor' Nazi Criminals

MUNICH, April 21. (JTA) -- The Congress of Anti-Nazi Resistance Fighters criticized today a proposal under consideration by a West German Bundestag committee to permit prosecutors to exempt "minor" Nazi war criminals from prosecution. The proposal is under consideration as a possible amendment to the West German law extending the effective date of the deadline for prosecution of such criminals from May 1 this year to January 1, 1970.

The delegates voted approval of plans to convene next fall in Paris an international law conference with the task of creating an international agency to both prevent and fight aggression and genocide. Participants were West European organizations representing 500,000 members.

The Congress issued a "Manifesto of Resistance," urging help in the search for Hitler's deputy, Martin Bormann, Gestapo Chief Heinrich Mueller and Dr. Josef Mengele, the "selection doctor" at the Auschwitz death camp. All three have reportedly been seen in South American countries.

The delegates protested against "non-understanding" by West German and Austrian courts which have made a distinction in passing sentences on Nazi war criminals between those who took part in the tortures and killings and those who as "desk murderers" issued orders for such crimes. The Congress also called on East German authorities to explain why Nazis in that country had not been brought to justice.

The delegates charged that East German officials had not brought to trial Ernst Grossman, a former guard at the Sachsenhausen death camp, and another former SS officer identified as Kroeger. The Congress said that Kroeger was director of the Walter Ulbricht Law Academy in East Germany. Other former Nazi leaders living undisturbed in East Germany were listed. They included former General Muller and former Admiral Neukircher.

Jewish Conference in Warsaw Calls Bonn Legislation 'Inadequate'

WARSAW, April 21. (JTA) -- Jewish delegates from Israel, the Soviet Union, Poland, France and Holland today issued a joint appeal here to the Jews all over the world "to continue the struggle for the discovery and arrest of Nazi criminals." The appeal was issued following a conference of representatives of Jewish groups from a number of countries who participated in the commemoration this week here of the 22nd anniversary of the Jewish uprising against the Nazi army in the Warsaw Ghetto.

The conference sternly condemned West Germany for restricting the prosecution of Nazi war criminals to a cut-off date now fixed as the end of 1969, calling the Bonn action "inadequate and niggardly."

STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; WILL CONFER WITH ESHKOL

TEL AVIV, April 21; (JTA) -- Phillips Talbot, U. S. Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and African Affairs, arrived here today for two days of talks with Israeli Government leaders, including Premier Levi Eshkol and Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister. The talks will start tomorrow. The American diplomat was the honored guest tonight at a reception tendered by Walworth Barbour, the United States Ambassador to Israel.

BONN SAYS 'UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS' PREVENT FORMAL RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL

BONN, April 21; (JTA) -- West Germany's formal recognition of Israel will be acted on after certain unresolved questions concerning the Israel Mission at Cologne are settled. A. Krueger, the Government's deputy press secretary, declared today at a regular weekly press conference. He declined to say when this would happen.

He also said that trips of various West German envoys to Arab countries, to cushion the impact of Bonn's projected recognition of Israel, were coordinated and planned.

He was asked by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency whether a number of West Germans, arrested by Egyptian police in Cairo on charges of spying for Israel, had been able to see their consular representative. The spokesman replied that they had, but declined to give any other details.

NAZIS CHARGED WITH MURDERING 250,000 JEWS IN SOBIBOR FACE TRIAL

BONN, April 21; (JTA) -- The trial of 12 former Nazis, charged with murdering Jews in the Sobibor death camp in occupied Poland, will begin next September in Hagen, it was announced here today. Some 250,000 Jewish victims were murdered in the Sobibor camp, which was located near Lublin.

Eleven of the defendants belonged to Hitler's Elite Guard, the SS, and the twelfth is a former Nazi policeman. The court will call 34 witnesses from West Germany, Israel and the United States during the trial, which is expected to last several months.

D.A.R. CONVENTION OPPOSES U.S. RATIFICATION OF GENOCIDE PACT

WASHINGTON, April 21; (JTA) -- The Daughters of the American Revolution, at their 74th "Continental Congress" here, today adopted a resolution opposing United States ratification of the United Nations Convention on Genocide.

The vote on the convention, which would outlaw the destruction of religious and racial minorities, was 592 to 434. The resolution urged the Senate to continue refusing to ratify the treaty. It has been pending before the Senate for 15 years, although ratified by the Soviet Union and other nations.

Opponents of the treaty said it was sponsored by the United Nations as an international undertaking and might conceivably allow foreign nations to exert influence on America's domestic racial and religious issues. They felt this might compromise American sovereignty.

The DAR supporters of the measure felt that, without regard to the United Nations sponsorship of the treaty, the genocide pact should be endorsed by the United States as an expression against racism.

NEW YORK PHILANTHROPIST BUILDS SECONDARY SCHOOL IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, April 21; (JTA) -- Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Estelle and Eugene Ferkauf comprehensive secondary school were held today at Or Yehuda, a town for new immigrants.

Construction of the school was made possible by a gift from Mr. Ferkauf, New York mercantile leader, of \$600,000 to the Israel Education Fund. The Fund is a program of the United Jewish Appeal to help provide secondary education for children, particularly in the development towns of Israel.

The school, which will have an enrollment of 700 children, will help provide training for jobs in industrial plants and shops. It will also provide academic training for children planning to get a college education. Mr. Ferkauf is chairman of the executive committee of E. J. Korvette, Inc.

Among those attending the ceremony were Zalman Aranne, Israel's Education Minister; Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir; directors of the Education Ministry and the Jewish Agency; and members of the Ferkauf family. Joseph Meyerhoff, of Baltimore, chairman of the Fund's advisory board, and former UJA general chairman, also attended, as did Mayor Ben Porat.

SHRINE HOUSING DEAD SEA SCROLLS FORMALLY OPENED IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, April 21; (JTA) -- The Shrine of the Book, housing the famed Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bar Kochba Scrolls was formally opened here today in the presence of President Zalman Shazar, and other dignitaries. The Shrine was named for the Gottesman family of New York, who made the acquisition of the Dead Sea Scrolls possible.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA CONDEMNS LAVISHNESS IN FUNERALS

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- The Synagogue Council of America announced today the adoption on behalf of its Reform, Orthodox and Conservative constituents of a guide to funeral practices; The statement emphasized the traditional aspects of "simplicity and equality" which have marked Jewish funerals in the past and which is in keeping with the positions of the six affiliated congregational and rabbinical organizations.

The statement condemned "the lavishness, lack of solemnity and other violations of sacred Jewish tradition occurring in the American Jewish community in connection with funerals and the subsequent mourning period." The SCA urged on all Jews practices which would reflect the fact that "a funeral is a profoundly religious occasion."

The statement proposed that the funeral should be simple, reflecting dignity and sanctity; Caskets should be closed because "public viewing is inconsistent with Jewish traditions" and caskets "should not be ostentatious." During the traditional period of mourning, Shiva, visitors should not expect nor contribute to the creation of festive hospitality. "Charitable contributions," the statement emphasized, "are a more appropriate testimonial to the memory of the deceased than are gifts."

The SCA said that the national synagogue organizations would conduct "an on-going program" to educate affiliated congregations and membership concerning these funeral standards. The SCA also said that the national synagogue groups would urge their lay leadership "to develop programs designed to eliminate objectionable practices wherever they exist."

RABBIS SPLIT IN PHILADELPHIA ON STATE BILL AFFECTING RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

PHILADELPHIA, April 21. (JTA) -- A State Senate bill to provide busing for children attending public, private, and religiously sponsored schools continued today to evoke conflicting stands from Jewish spokesmen.

A group of 50 Philadelphia rabbis issued a statement supporting the measure, a move which has not been endorsed by the Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia. The Board has announced publicly it is not taking any stand on the matter. At the same time, the Jewish Labor Committee announced its opposition to the bill. Previously the local Community Relations Committee had testified against the bill in Harrisburg.

The rabbis' statement urged the State Senate "to act promptly to move for enactment of a school bus law that will provide safe transportation and protection for all the school children of the state in public, private and parochial schools." Fifteen of the signers are Orthodox rabbis, 17 serve Conservative congregations but are considered to be personally Orthodox, 14 are full-time teachers and four are retired.

The Jewish Labor Committee, in a letter to State Senator Preston Davis, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, said approval of the bill would "impair the constitutional principle of separation of church and state."

JEWISH RELIGIOUS YOUTHS DEMONSTRATE IN NEW YORK AGAINST RUSSIA

NEW YORK, April 21. (JTA) -- Members of the United Synagogue Youth Movement -- affiliated with Conservative Judaism -- staged a "pray-in" and a demonstration here yesterday to call the attention of the world to the persecution of Russian Jewry in the Soviet Union.

About 500 of the youths gathered at the Sutton Place Synagogue, near the United Nations, where they prayed and adopted a resolution calling on the United States Government and peoples around the world to come to the aid of religious Jews in the USSR. After the "pray-in," the group marched to the Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, to emphasize its protests against the Soviet Union and demands for action toward eliminating Soviet suppressions of Jewish religion and culture.

TWO MEMBERS OF MOROCCAN CABINET ATTEND JEWISH WEDDING IN CASABLANCA

CASABLANCA, April 21. (JTA) -- Two members of the Moroccan Cabinet, several former Ministers and the National Police Chief attended the wedding of the daughter of the president of the Moroccan Jewish Communities.

The Minister of Public Functions, Thami Ouazzami, and Justice Minister Abdelhai Bouttaable joined with Police Chief Haddaoui in attending the wedding of Annie Claude Amar, to Raphael Cohen, an oil company engineer. She is the daughter of David Amar, who is also a member of the Chamber of Moroccan Counsellors.

MAX FRISCH, SWISS NOVELIST, WINS JERUSALEM PRIZE FOR BOOK ON FREEDOM

JERUSALEM, April 21. (JTA) -- Max Frisch, the Swiss novelist and playwright, was awarded today at the Jerusalem International Book Fair the Jerusalem Prize for his book, "Man's Freedom in Society." The award was presented to him by Jerusalem Mayor Mordecai Ish Shalom.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY, CARDINAL SPELLMAN SIGN PACT FOR RETARDED CHILDREN

NEW YORK, April 21: (JTA) -- An agreement for cooperation in the expansion of research and education for mentally retarded children was signed here yesterday by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University, and Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, in his capacity as head of the governing board of the Kennedy Child Study Center conducted in this city by the Catholic Charities.

Participating in the ceremony were Sargent Shriver, director of the U. S. Office of Economic Opportunity, who is also director of the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation, and Sister Patricia, administrator of a day care center where the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul teach about 800 pre-school children.

Under the agreement, the Yeshiva's Albert Einstein School of Medicine and the Catholic Charities will cooperate in a research program to be developed by the medical school to aid the education of retarded children. Mr. Shriver, calling the pact "most significant," said that "now, the two organizations will be doing something together which neither could do separately."

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY PRESENTS AN AWARD TO RABBI FOR FIRST TIME

MONTCLAIR, N.J., April 21: (JTA) -- St. Edwards University of Austin, Texas, presented its Coronat Award last night to Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, director of the Department of Interreligious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee. The presentation was the first made by the Catholic University to a rabbi.

The award--a medal--was presented also to David Rockefeller, chairman of the Chase Manhattan Bank; Gov. Richard J. Hughes of New Jersey, and New York City Deputy Mayor John B. Connerton. The award is given to persons who exemplify the "high ethical standards" which the university seeks to inculcate in its students, according to Dr. Raymond Fleck, president.

WINNIPEG JEWISH TEACHERS WIN SALARY INCREASES; THREATENED TO STRIKE

WINNIPEG, April 21: (JTA)-- Salary increases to total 10 percent over a three-year period have been granted to teachers in the schools here affiliated with the Jewish Welfare Fund, according to an announcement by L. Berger, president of the Federation of Hebrew and Jewish Teachers.

The teachers have been demanding the pay increases for some time and, recently, threatened to strike to enforce their requests. The situation, however, was resolved without a strike. Mr. Berger issued a statement on behalf of the Federation, thanking all who had contributed to the settlement. Under the agreement, the teachers have been given a five percent pay increase for the year 1964-65, retroactive to last September; three percent more for 1965-66, and two percent for 1966-67.

HERMAN KAPLOW, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ST. LOUIS FEDERATION, RESIGNS

ST. LOUIS, April 21: (JTA) -- Herman L. Kaplow, who joined the staff of the Jewish Federation of St. Louis in 1944 and served the last 18 years as chief administrative officer, this week announced his resignation.

Mr. Kaplow advised the board of directors of his desire to resign. In a letter to Alfred Fleishman, president of the Federation, he said that he would like to devote the balance of his professional career to "teaching, training or similar activity where my years of experience may be of help to the young people coming into the profession or to some of the newer developments in the field of social welfare."

No successor has been named but Fleishman has appointed a committee to select a new executive director for the Federation. Fleishman has invited Dr. Michael Karl, secretary of the Federation, to serve as chairman of the Selections Committee. Serving with Dr. Karl will be Saul Dubinsky, Ted Schweich and Milton Frank. Kaplow said that he hoped the change could be made in the near future and at a time that would be mutually satisfactory to the board and to him.

BORIS SHUB, PROMINENT AMERICAN JEWISH WRITER, DIES IN NEW YORK; WAS 52

NEW YORK, April 21: (JTA) -- Boris Shub, a prominent American Jewish writer on Soviet affairs and a pioneer in radio broadcasting to Communist countries, died here yesterday at the age of 52. He was one of the principal organizers of Radio Liberty, a foreign language station that beams broadcasts to Communist nations from Western Europe.

Born in New York City, Mr. Shub became a popular writer on Soviet and Communist affairs. During the Second World War he served as an editor at the Institute of Jewish Affairs and in 1943 published a book entitled, "Hitler's 10-Year War on the Jews." His father, David Shub, is a member of the editorial board of the Jewish Daily Forward and is a noted biographer of Lenin.