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BUNDESRAT TO DISCUSS DECISION ON \$300,000,000 FUND FOR NAZI VICTIMS

BONN, July 6. (JTA) -- The Bundesrat, upper chamber of the West German Parliament, will take up on July 9 the decision adopted last week by a Parliamentary mediation committee to adhere to a decision opposed by the Bundesrat to expand a special hardship fund for victims of Nazism.

The mediation committee, a permanent unit of the Parliament created to resolve differences over legislation between the two chambers, acted on the question after the Bundestag, or lower house, approved the expansion of the fund from 700,000,000 marks (\$175,000,000) to 1,200,000,000 marks (\$300,000,000), and the Bundesrat rejected it. The fund was set up to compensate victims who were unable to file claims by an October 1953 deadline because they were then in Iron Curtain countries.

Dr. Otto Schmidt, a leader of Chancellor Ludwig Erhard's Christian Democratic Union and chairman of the mediation committee, was asked today whether the Bundesrat might again reject the proposal on July 9. He said that theoretically, it could but that he believed it was "almost impossible" that it would do so. He added that prolonged debate had preceded the decision of the mediation committee to approve the hardship fund expansion.

ARABS CARRY OUT NEW ACTS OF TERROR IN ISRAEL; U.N. GETS COMPLAINT

TEL AVIV, July 6. (JTA) -- Two more acts of sabotage evidently carried out by members of El Fatah, the recently organized Arab terrorist gang, were committed in Israel early yesterday and Sunday night, an Israeli army spokesman announced here today, after the Government filed complaints implicating Jordan with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization.

Both outrages occurred close to the Jordanian border, and Israel has charged that the El Fatah members operate from a base or bases in Jordan. UN observers were investigating the two incidents today, and a meeting is scheduled to be held on the Israeli complaint by the Jordan-Israel Mixed Armistice Commission.

One of the actions took place along the railroad running within 200 yards of the Jordanian border, just outside Jerusalem. A dynamite charge detonated by an electric connection went off under the engine of a freight train climbing a steep slope between Beitir and Beit Safafa. Israel believes that the intention was to derail the train. However, only slight damage was caused to one of the cars, and the train continued its journey after a short stop to inspect the damage. No one was injured in the blast.

In the earlier action, two time bombs damaged a fire watchtower in the Jewish National Fund forest near Beit Govrin. Two small holes were blown in the tower, which was unoccupied. Israeli military observers found tracks of three men leading from the tower to the Jordanian border, about six miles away.

FRENCH EX-PREMIER DENIES BOURGUIBA ASKED HIM TO MEDIATE WITH ISRAEL

PARIS, July 6. (JTA) -- Pierre Mendes-France, former French Prime Minister, who met with Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba three months ago, and is now scheduled to visit Israel, denied categorically here today that he has been asked by Mr. Bourguiba to act as a mediator between the Arabs and Israel.

The report about the alleged plan for Arab-Israeli mediation by M. Mendes-France originated yesterday in Maariv, an Israeli evening newspaper. The report had stated that the former French Premier would thus follow up Mr. Bourguiba's recent call for direct peace talks between the Arab states and Israel, and that he would bring to Israel a message from Mr. Bourguiba to Israel's Prime Minister Levi Eshkol. M. Mendes-France is scheduled to visit Israel next month to attend a conference on aid to underdeveloped lands, to be held at Rehovot.

Declaring that a report about his plans to act as a mediator on behalf of Mr. Bourguiba was "pure fantasy," and stating that his forthcoming trip to Israel has no connection whatever with his recent meeting with Mr. Bourguiba, M. Mendes-France derided "any

speculations in this vein." In a statement released through the Middle East News Agency here today, he declared:

"There is absolutely no connection between my recent trip to Tunisia and my forthcoming visit to Israel. Neither am I the bearer of any message from the Tunisian Government to any Israeli leader." (In Tunis, the Tunisian News Agency denied today that President Bourguiba had asked M. Mendes-France to act as an Arab-Israeli mediator.)

The former French Prime Minister reiterated that his only purpose in going to Israel is to attend the Rehovot conference. He emphasized that he has now broken his self-imposed rule against issuing interviews and statements "only to dispel any possible misunderstanding connected with the visit to Israel."

Circles close to the Israeli Embassy here were also disturbed by the report concerning Mendes-France "mediation." They pointed out that the French statesman had been invited to the Rehovot conference eight months ago, "before the slightest talk of a possible trip by him to North Africa." The Israeli Embassy sources here characterized the report about any special mediation mission by M. Mendes-France as "grossly irresponsible."

ISRAEL CABINET GIVES FOREIGN OFFICE FREE HAND ON BONN ENVOY ISSUE

JERUSALEM, July 6. (JTA) -- Indications that the Israeli Government will accept West Germany's nomination of Dr. Rolf Pauls, a former German army officer, as Bonn's first Ambassador to Israel were seen here today, following discussion of the Pauls issue at a Cabinet meeting.

Although there has been articulate opposition in some sections of the Israeli press and in Parliament against Bonn's naming of a former German army officer to the envoy's post, the Cabinet decided to leave action on the matter to the Foreign Ministry. Parliament's Foreign Affairs and Security Committee voted last week to voice neither approval nor rejection regarding the Pauls nomination. The Foreign Ministry has said that, as far as it knew, Dr. Pauls was not a Nazi and had even worked against the Nazis. With the Cabinet taking a neutral stand, it was believed that acceptance of Pauls is now a certainty.

The German Ambassador is expected to arrive here by the end of this month. Israel's Ambassador to Bonn, Asher Ben-Natan, former director-general of the Ministry of Defense, is expected to go to Bonn by the middle of August. A demonstration against Pauls' designation was staged today in front of the office of Prime Minister Levi Eshkol. The protest was conducted by about 200 members of Hashomer Hatzair, a left-wing movement.

U. S. JEWISH YOUTH CRITICIZED AT AMERICAN-ISRAEL DIALOGUE IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, July 6. (JTA) -- An American lawyer who is also an ordained Orthodox rabbi today criticized American Jewish youth sharply on the grounds that most of the Jewish college men in the United States are "ignorant" of Jewish life. The speaker, Paul Vishny, of Chicago, chairman of the Commission on Jewish Affairs of the American Jewish Congress, addressed today's session of the four-day "American-Israeli Dialogue," which opened here last night under the auspices of the Congress.

Sharing the platform with Mr. Vishny was Aharon Yadlin, Israel's Deputy Minister of Education. Both discussed the comments made at the opening session of the "Dialogue" last night, when a half-dozen Americans, matched by an equal number of Israelis, all averaging the age of 25, discussed mutual relations from differing points of view. Both Mr. Vishny and Mr. Yadlin characterized the present generation as "non-rebellious." The Israeli educator said that today's Israelis are "somewhere between the espresso generation and the pioneers."

"Today's American Jewish youth," said Mr. Vishny, "is a post-rebellion generation. Institutions of adult society frankly do not seem to move them. Ignorance of Jewish life is marked." He said a recent survey among 400 Jewish freshmen in American colleges showed that only 17 percent could name the festival Chanukah connected with the name of the Maccabees.

"It is folly," he said, "to expect Judaism to appear meaningful to the highly educated community of young Jews forced to compare the intellectual world of the campus with their Jewish ideas and education, arrested at the age of 13. Working out of a common destiny between American and Israeli Jewry must include a religious concord. I do not believe that secular Jewishness, detached from religious, ritual and spiritual search, will continue to prove viable."

SEARCH FOR VANDALS DESECRATING JEWISH CEMETERY INTENSIFIED IN GERMANY

BONN, July 6. (JTA) -- The Interior Ministry of the West German state of Rhineland-Pfalz today announced rewards of 1,000 marks (\$250) for each person supplying information leading to the apprehension of vandals who painted swastikas on the graves in the Jewish cemetery of the city of Ingelheim.

JEWISH POPULATION IN MOROCCO FEELS INSECURE, MOROCCAN MOSLEM REPORT

PARIS, July 6: (JTA) -- Charges that the Government of Morocco is "doing nothing for the Jews" and that it is anti-Semitic were made here by a Moroccan Moslem, Said Ghallab, who is a cousin of the editor-in-chief of Al Alam, organ of the Istiqlal Party in Morocco.

The charges appeared in an article by Mr. Ghallab in Modern Times, the monthly review directed by Jean-Paul Sartre, the famous French author and philosopher. The author protested against the Moroccan Government's ban against Jews in administrative posts, and charged that, recently, teaching posts and other employment have been denied to Jews.

"The Moroccan Jew," the writer said, "feels himself insecure. His insecurity is total. He can be imprisoned at any moment, he can be assassinated, he can be burned to death." Supporting the latter charge, the writer pointed out that, during the recent Ramadan festival, a Moroccan Moslem seized a Jew and burned him alive "before a crazed and hungry mob." The atrocity was perpetrated, he stated, because the Moslem opposed his son's love affair with the Jew's daughter.

PARIS COURT ASKED BY ROTHSCHILD FAMILY TO BAN NEW BOOK ON JEWS

PARIS, July 6: (JTA) -- A French court opened hearings here today on a petition from three members of the Rothschild family for seizure and barring from further circulation of a book called "The Jews," by best selling novelist Roger Peyrefitte.

The petition was filed by attorneys for Barons Guy and Edmond de Rothschild and their cousin, Baroness Bathsheba Rothschild. They asserted in their brief that the book is "grossly slanderous," that some of the data in the work are "untrue," and that the novel has a "clear, slanderous intention."

The novel, published a month ago and reported to be selling briskly, puts forth the thesis that many "unknown Jews" have been and are at the helm of important governments. Among the "unknown Jews" are or were allegedly President Johnson, the late President Kennedy, Queen Elizabeth of England, French President Charles de Gaulle, Generalissimo Franco, Fidel Castro, West Germany's former Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, as well as such well-known historic anti-Semites as Torquemada, the 15th Century head of the Catholic Inquisition. The book also "reveals" so-called "secrets" about the Rothschild dynasty.

CANADA ASKED TO EXTRADITE UKRAINIAN LEADER OF GANG WHICH KILLED JEWS

LONDON, July 6: (JTA) -- The Canadian Government was again asked by the Soviet Government to extradite an Ukrainian leader of a gang that participated with the Nazi occupation forces in the mass-murder of Jews in the district of Lemberg, in the Polish part of Galicia, it was reported here today. The name of the Ukrainian war criminal who now resides in Canada is Kupiak. Evidence of his murderous activities has been submitted to the Canadian authorities, the report said.

Another report from the Soviet Union disclosed that the USSR discovered recently that a Nazi concentration camp had been located in the Baltic area, near Ivangorod, where Latvian and Lithuanian Jews were imprisoned. The USSR has discovered that the Nazis liquidated the camp in 1943, when its capture was threatened by the Red Army, killing all the inmates.

VANDALS SMEAR NAZI INSCRIPTIONS ON JEWISH POSTERS IN MELBOURNE

MELBOURNE, Australia, July 6: (JTA) -- Police today were investigating an anti-Semitic incident in which vandals defaced and smeared with swastikas a notice posted by the Kadimah Jewish National Library of its plans to build a Jewish cultural center war memorial. Also inscribed across the notice were the slogans: "We love Germany" and "Germany forever."

Unknown vandals also smeared eight large swastikas in red paint on the Albury war memorial for the dead of both world wars. Albury is a border town between New South Wales and Victoria. Workers removed the swastikas.

RABBIS SEEK \$20,000,000 FROM BONN FOR RESTORATION OF JEWISH CEMETERIES

MONTREAL, July 6: (JTA) -- Martin Hirsch, president of the Indemnification Committee of the Bundestag, the lower house of the West German Parliament, has agreed to present to the Parliament a \$20,000,000 proposal for the restoration of 2,000 Jewish cemeteries ravaged by the Nazis during the Second World War, it was disclosed here by Rabbi Samuel Horowitz, secretary of the World Center of European Rabbis.

Addressing a conference of the organization, Rabbi Horowitz said that the German Government had been asked to turn over the necessary funds to the International Red Cross in Geneva to beautify and protect the neglected cemeteries situated mostly in Poland. Similarly desecrated burial sites in Germany have already been restored. Synagogues throughout the United States have been asked to collect signatures for a petition on the project to be presented to the Bonn Government.

W. J. C. REPRESENTATIVE ADDRESSES U. N. BODY IN GENEVA ON HUMAN RIGHTS

GENEVA, July 6. (JTA) -- A proposal for the appointment of a High Commissioner for Human Rights, now on the agenda of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, was strongly supported here today at the current session of the United Nations Economic and Social Council by Dr. Maurice L. Perlzweig, international affairs director of the World Jewish Congress. The Council is the Human Rights' Commission's parent body.

Dr. Perlzweig, participating in the debate as representative of the WJC, which has consultative status before ECOSOC, also urged that more human rights seminars, like one held recently in Yugoslavia, be convened by the United Nations. Such seminars, he said, provide "an exceptionally favorable opportunity for discussion of controversial problems by participants who are not bound by rigid diplomatic instructions."

Another proposal by Dr. Perlzweig urged the ECOSOC to ratify a unanimous decision by the Human Rights Commission to seek the establishment of legal procedures on the international level, to make certain that no statutes of limitations be applied to war crimes and to crimes against humanity.

U. S. SOCIAL WORKER TO CONDUCT SURVEY OF JEWISH ACTIVITIES IN AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE, July 6. (JTA) -- Bernard L. Gottlieb, executive director of the Hartford Jewish Federation, arrived here today to conduct a survey of Jewish fund-raising and communal organizations in Melbourne and Sydney. His services also will be made available to the Victorian Jewish Board of Deputies.

He was named to the five-month assignment under joint sponsorship of the Joint Distribution Committee and the Federation of Australian Jewish Welfare Societies. In announcing the appointment, Charles H. Jordan, newly named executive head of the JDC, said in Geneva that the Australian community now numbers 67,000 Jews, of whom 80 percent are post-war refugees, mostly victims of Nazism from Eastern Europe. He said new Jewish migrants were coming to Australia at the rate of 6,000 to 7,000 per year.

Mr. Jordan pointed out also that the end of West German payments to the Conference on Material Claims Against Germany--which, with the JDC, helped support Jewish welfare and refugee services--had made it imperative for the Jewish community to raise the level of local fund collections.

COL. MONBAZ LEAVES ISRAEL U. N. POST; NAMED CONSUL GENERAL IN SOUTH AFRICA

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., July 6. (JTA) -- Lt. Col. Jacob Monbaz, Israeli expert on armistice affairs and, for the last three years, a member of the Israeli delegation here, is leaving his post this week, having been promoted by the Israeli Foreign Ministry to the mission in Johannesburg, where he will represent his country as Consul-General in South Africa.

The announcement of Col. Monbaz's transfer was made by Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative to the United Nations, at a farewell party honoring Col. and Mrs. Monbaz, attended by leading UN personalities and journalists. During his tenure here, Col. Monbaz also filled the post of delegation information officer. Col. and Mrs. Monbaz will depart this week for Israel, where the diplomat will consult with his Government prior to taking up his new duties in South Africa.

ARTHUR MILLER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL WRITERS ASSN.

NEW YORK, July 6. (JTA) -- Arthur Miller, the American-Jewish playwright, was elected this weekend as president of P. E. N., the international writers association, at the organization's congress in Bled, Yugoslavia. Mr. Miller was named to the post unanimously after the French delegation withdrew its candidate in the first contested election in the organization's history. He will serve for a three-year term.

JACK BERKMAN APPOINTED NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF JEWISH CENTER FOR U. N.

NEW YORK, July 6. (JTA) -- Jack N. Berkman of Steubenville, Ohio, has been appointed national chairman of the Jewish Center for the United Nations. The Center, currently located in the Sutton Place Synagogue here, is planning the construction of a new building near the United Nations as a companion to similar Protestant and Catholic centers.

DR. ABRAHAM KING, MEXICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADER, DEAD; WAS 80

MEXICO CITY, July 6. (JTA) -- Dr. Abraham King, for years an active leader in the Jewish cultural movement in this country, and former president of the Jewish Cultural Center of Mexico, died here today at the age of 80. Active in the work of The Freiland League, an organization based in the United States, devoted to the settlement of Jews in countries outside Israel, Dr. King established a foundation a year ago to aid the publication of the League's journal, "On the Threshold."