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## W.J.C. EXECUTIVE PARLEY APPEALS TO RUSSIA; GOLDMANN PRAISES RUMANIA

STRASBOURG, France, July 15. (JTA) -- Resolutions "earnestly" calling upon the Soviet Government to grant to the Jewish minority in the USSR the same cultural and religious rights given to all other Soviet minorities, and appealing for further easement of the practice of allowing Russian Jews to emigrate for purposes of family reunification, were adopted here today by the executive of the World Jewish Congress at its concluding session of its five-day meeting.

Addressing the concluding session, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, WJC president, praised the Rumanian Government's attitude toward Jews in that country, and expressed the hope that "further doors in Eastern Europe will be opened, to enable us to resume contact with our fellow Jews." Rumania's Chief Rabbi Moshe Rosen had appeared before the WJC executive this week in a rare participation by an East European Jewish leader, and had asked for rabbis and Jewish educators to be sent to Rumania.

Describing the Rumanian Government's attitude toward Jews as "a model for the entire Communist bloc which can emulate it in order to solve its Jewish problem," Dr. Goldmann said "we are grateful for the warm and humane attitude of Rumania."

In its resolution dealing with Soviet Jewry, the WJC executive called on the Soviet Government "to re-examine the situation of the Jewish minority with a view to making available to it the same facilities as are the commonplaces of Soviet policy in relation to other minorities." The resolution expressed the WJC's concern over the USSR Government's "failure to recognize the inalienable right of the Jewish people in the Soviet Union to equality of status and treatment with other groups."

It stated that "from this central failure flow all the disabilities to which Jewish life is subjected" leading to "the natural and inevitable resistance to involuntary assimilation."

The resolution drew attention to "the disquiet which Jews share with important sections of international public opinion at the disturbing manifestations of anti-Semitism in some areas of Soviet life which have evoked protests all over the world. These manifestations," the resolution stated, "are all the more disturbing since they are in flagrant violation both of the proclaimed principles of Soviet policy and the provisions of Soviet law."

A second but related resolution dealt with possible emigration of Soviet Jews, appealing to the Moscow Government to "examine the problem of the reunification of families on a humanitarian basis." The measure paid tribute to the Moscow Government which, it stated, "during the past few years facilitated the departure of some hundreds of Jews to rejoin their families abroad."

The WJC executive expressed its appreciation "not only because of the Russian understanding which made it (such emigration) possible, but also because it implies recognition of an important principle." The executive called upon the Soviet Government "to examine this problem on the same humanitarian basis that persuaded them to authorize the departure of others and, thus, to seek a solution affecting numbers small in relation to the population of the Soviet Union."

### Urges Governments to Enact Stronger Laws Against Incitement

Another resolution strongly urged all governments to enact legislation or to strengthen existing laws, making illegal and punishable all acts and propaganda designed to incite hatred and violence against racial and religious minorities. This measure dealt with the revival of anti-Semitism, calling such resurgence "a grave menace to democratic society." It cited evidences of organized efforts by agents and supporters of the Arab League to arouse hostility against Jews in Latin America and elsewhere. That development, the resolution stated, necessitates that international and national bodies and governments take effective measures "to maintain human rights and fundamental freedoms."

Other resolutions called on all governments to refuse asylum to war criminals; opposed energetically the very principle of a statute of limitations for crimes against humanity; reaffirmed support of the World Jewish Congress to the United Nations; welcomed the progress made by the UN. in dealing with problems of racial discrimination

and religious intolerance; and praised last May's declaration of the General Assembly of the Council of Europe, which called on the Soviet Government to help East-West understanding by according equal cultural and religious rights to Soviet Jews;

#### Dr. Goldmann Outlines Program for Affiliated Organizations

In his address, Dr. Goldmann outlined a program of action for WJC affiliates in 64 countries. The program included: Steps to alleviate the situation of Russian Jewry; unified actions on world Jewish problems, with special emphasis on American Jewry's role; and a frank approach to the problem of German-Jewish relations; In regard to the USSR, Dr. Goldmann emphasized that, while "we continue to press for facilities that would allow the Jews of the Soviet Union to live as Jews, our attitude must not be interpreted as a general attack on the Soviet Union or as any involvement in the cold war."

The WJC president noted with gratitude that the West German indemnification program is about to be completed, and stressed the thought that the time has come now for the Bonn Government to turn "to the question of moral reparations."

He then appealed to the Arab states to recognize the fact of Israel's existence "and get down to solve the issues" between the Arabs and Israel. He warned Arab communities outside the Arab lands "to refrain from becoming embroiled in a widening of the Arab-Israel rift;" Arab and Jewish communities in many parts of the world, he pointed out, "have lived and worked closely and peacefully together for centuries. Any deterioration of this situation will only have adverse effects on all concerned."

Noting "with deep satisfaction" that observers from the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations have attended the WJC executive session, Dr. Goldmann expressed his confidence that close cooperation could be achieved between the WJC and the Presidents Conference, which he termed "the most representative American Jewish body."

He told the session that proposals to streamline the World Jewish Congress, suggested as a result of a 10-month study by a group of top leaders, will be of "great help in making the WJC an even more effective organization." Just before the session was closed, Dr. Gerhard Riegner was elected as secretary-general of the World Jewish Congress. This is a new post in which the secretary-general will be in charge of the implementation of the Congress global policy and organization.

#### ISRAEL GOVERNMENT WARNS LEBANON ON DIVERSION OF JORDAN RIVER WATERS

JERUSALEM, July 15. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign Ministry warned today that Israel "views with full gravity" any water diversion work being done in Lebanon. At the same time, Maj. Gen. Yitzhak Rabin, chief of staff of Israel's defense forces, warned Lebanon that its Government would "bear the responsibility for the consequences" if it persisted in water diversion work.

The Foreign Ministry's statement on the issue came from the Ministry's spokesman who commented on reports that Lebanon has resumed work on diverting a stream which feeds a tributary of the Jordan River, and that Lebanon has explained that the work is only of a "token nature." The spokesman also noted that the Israel Government has "exchanged views" on this subject with various "friendly countries." He denied that Israel has made special representations to France on this issue, noting that such exchanges have been had with a number of friendly countries.

Gen. Rabin's statement came in an address to a new graduating class of freshly-commissioned Israel Army officers. He noted that Syrian water diversion schemes have not yet been shelved despite the fact the Israeli army had scored two direct hits on Syrian equipment used for such work. "A second country," he said, "is also proceeding with diversion operations." That reference was obviously to Lebanon.

"Those going on with such work," he declared, "will have to bear responsibility for the consequences." The Arab projects are aimed to divert waters from streams that ultimately or directly feed into the Jordan River, whence Israel now uses waters for its National Water Carrier aiding irrigation in the northern Negev region.

#### ISRAEL PARLIAMENT HOLDS SPECIAL MOURNING SESSION FOR SHARETT

JERUSALEM, July 15. (JTA) -- The Knesset, Israel's Parliament, today held a special mourning session marking the seventh day of the passing of Moshe Sharett, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive and former Premier and Foreign Minister. With Sharett's empty seat in the Knesset draped in black, the Israeli leader was eulogized by Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Knesset Speaker Kaddish Luz and David Hacohen. David Ben-Gurion, who has not attended a Knesset session since he resigned from the Premiership, was present at today's special session.

Speakers at the session, which was attended by high officials and members of Sharett's family, while hailing Sharett's achievements and personal qualities, also dwelt on his removal from office nine years ago, implying criticism of the manner in which it was done. The Jewish Agency executive held a memorial meeting earlier in the day at which Aryeh Pincus, Agency treasurer, delivered a eulogy. The executive decided to appoint, jointly with the Government, a committee to prepare a plan for commemorating Sharett's name.

## U. S. CHARGES EAST GERMANY WITH REFUSING TO PROVIDE RECORDS OF NAZIS

WASHINGTON, July 15. (JTA) -- The United States today joined with Britain and France in asking the Soviet Union to intercede with East Germany to make available to West Germany the files and records necessary for prosecution of Nazi war criminals.

The three nations criticized the Communists' "lack of cooperation" in refusing to provide essential evidence needed in war crimes prosecutions. Diplomatic notes were presented in Moscow today by all three countries.

The United States noted "with regret" that Russia failed to respond to a United States request and made "unjustified accusations" against the Bonn regime. It was recalled that Ambassador George McGhee, American envoy in Bonn, asked the Soviet Ambassador a month ago to use his influence "so that any material available in East Germany concerning crimes of the Nazi period will be transmitted" to the Central Office for Investigation of Nazi Crimes, at Ludwigsburg, West Germany.

Soviet authorities have claimed that West Germany is not effectively prosecuting Nazi criminals, while attempting to create a public impression that such prosecution is being conducted and just punishment meted out for the crimes committed.

## PRAISE FOR HITLER BY VIET NAM PREMIER EXPLAINED BY SPOKESMAN

LONDON, July 15. (JTA) -- An official spokesman for Premier Nguyen Gao Ky confirmed today that the South Viet Namese leader had praised certain of Adolf Hitler's qualities. The British Ambassador to Viet Nam, Gordon Etherington-Smith, had raised a question with Gen. Ky because of British indignation over the reported assertions in which Gen. Ky lauded Hitler as his personal "hero."

Gen. Ky's spokesman said the Premier had intended only to voice admiration for Hitler's qualities of leadership and that he did not intend to praise the Nazi leader in all respects. The spokesman noted that "nobody can forget the inhuman methods he (Hitler) used during the Second World War."

The original statement of Gen. Ky said that "I admire Hitler because he pulled his country together when it was in a terrible state in the early 1930's. But the situation here is so desperate that one man would not be enough. We need four or five Hitlers in Viet Nam." (Officials in Washington have sought to explain that the American-backed Viet Namese Premier admires Hitler as his ideal of a dynamic nationalist leader and anti-Communist fighter but does not necessarily identify with Hitler's anti-Jewish policies.)

The British Ambassador in Saigon confirmed that Gen. Ky expressed the "idea that Viet Nam needed above all a sense of discipline in order to face the criminal aggression of the Communists." It was in this connection that Gen. Ky saw merit in Hitler and the Nazi philosophy.

## AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION CANCELS TWO AFFAIRS AT CLUB BARRING JEWS

NEW YORK, July 15. (JTA) -- The American Bar Association, which is holding its annual convention in Miami Beach in August, has canceled its arrangements for two sessions scheduled to be held at a private club that bars Jews and other minorities from membership.

Morris B. Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee, praised the Bar Association's decision as a "significant step" which could serve as a "lesson that discriminatory membership practices represent a luxury which few groups can long afford."

The move by the Bar Association to cancel arrangements for two of its sessions at the Bath Club of Miami Beach, was disclosed in a letter from Lewis F. Powell, Jr., of Richmond, Va., president of the American Bar Association, to Mr. Abram, who is also the U. S. Representative on the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

On June 29, Mr. Abram, who is an attorney, had written to Mr. Powell, pointing out that Jews have been "systematically excluded from the Bath Club except when invited as a guest by a member." Mr. Abram had written: "It is rather late, I believe for an organization like the American Bar Association not to be fully aware of the reactions of minority group members of that organization to discriminatory practices which bar them from access to places where only their Christian brethren are welcome."

In reply, Mr. Powell asserted that the American Bar Association "does not practice or tolerate racial or religious discrimination in any form," and therefore has made arrangements to hold its Distinguished Guests Dinner and the dinner dance of its Section of Taxation elsewhere. Both of these events are part of the annual convention program from August 9 through August 19, and were slated for the Bath Club. The headquarters of the convention where most of the sessions will be held is at the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach.

The Bar Association president said that despite the "difficult problem" posed by the need to change arrangements "made over a year ago" with the Bath Club, he could not "leave the Association in a position where some might misinterpret its action."

# U. S. MEDICAL SCHOLAR FINDS ORIENTAL JEWS LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO CANCER

LONDON, July 15: (JTA) -- Studies of susceptibility to cancer among Jews of European and Oriental origins in Israel were referred to here today by Professor Peter Beaconsfield when he disclosed a new biochemical approach to the understanding and inhibiting the mechanism of cancer.

Prof. Beaconsfield, formerly a special research fellow of the United States Institute of Health and now a visiting professor at the Charing Cross Hospital Medical School here said that the new approach centers on the search for a drug capable of blocking the over-active nature of an enzyme or chemical initiator in cancer patients. Professor Beaconsfield then cited Israel, where he said medically well-documented people of diverse geographic origins live under similar environmental conditions.

It has already been determined by Israeli Public Health authorities that Jews from Middle Eastern countries were less likely to die from cancer than Jews from Europe. No explanation of this fact had been made. Professor Beaconsfield asserted that the Oriental Jews belong to ethnic groups known to have a deficiency of the enzyme believed to be instrumental in producing cancer cells. The deficiency occurs mainly in males and is transmitted by a gene found in females. This genetic peculiarity, according to the medical scholar, is mostly found in racial groups that originated around the shores of the Eastern Mediterranean.

# ORATORIO BASED ON AUSCHWITZ TRIAL WILL BE PRODUCED IN WEST GERMANY

LONDON, July 15. (JTA) -- An oratorio based on the court proceedings of the trial of the Nazi guards of the Auschwitz extermination camp, where hundreds of thousands of Jews were gassed by the Nazis will be produced in West Berlin in October and will be presented also in Munich, Stuttgart, Cologne, Essen and Brunswick. A shortened version will be shown on the German television networks, it was reported here today.

German born playwright Peter Weiss wrote the oratorio, entitled "The Inquiry," after spending many weeks listening to eyewitness accounts of the crimes and atrocities committed by the guards of Auschwitz, extermination camp. The cast of the oratorio consists of a judge--scheduled to be played by the German stage and screen actor Dieter Borsche--prosecution and defense counsels, nine Jewish witnesses and 18 accused Nazi guards.

Noted West Berlin producer Erwin Piscator is scheduled to produce "The Inquiry." Piscator who was exiled by the Nazis, described the oratorio as an attempt to "rouse the dormant conscience of the Germans and force them, by impact of the living stage, to face up at last to the historical implications of their acts."

Highlights of the oratorio are: "Cantata of the Railway Siding"--the location where millions of Jews from all over Nazi occupied Europe were selected for the gas chambers-- "The Zyklon Cantata" (zyklon is the cyanide crystals which were used in the gas chambers); and the "Cantata of the Swings"--this refers to the apparatus used to suspend trussed up victims while they were beaten to death.

# TWO ISRAELI VIOLINISTS GIVE COMMAND PERFORMANCE FOR BELGIAN QUEEN

BRUSSELS, July 15: (JTA) -- Two young Israeli violinists-Yehoshua Epstein and Yair Klez, who have been studying in Belgium for several years, gave a command performance last night for Queen Elisabeth in her Stuyvenberg Castle. Both artists won first prize three years ago at the Brussels Conservatory and were later admitted for a three-year stay at the Queen Elisabeth Musical Institute where they continued their studies. Queen Elisabeth warmly congratulated the two Israelis.

King Baudouin meanwhile, received at the palace a delegation of the Belgian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem led by Prof. Jean Baugniet, president of the group, who presented the King with the Golden Book of the Queen Elisabeth Institute of Archaeology at the university.

# U. S. JEWISH STUDENTS IN BELGIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY GET CHAPLAIN

BRUSSELS, July 15. (JTA) -- Rabbi Hillel Medalie, spiritual leader of the Jewish community of Antwerp, has been appointed chaplain for Jewish students at the Catholic University of Louvain. There are 150 students at the university, practically all of them American.

This is the first time that contact has been established between the Jewish students at the university and the local Jewish communities. Plans are also under way for the opening of a kosher restaurant in a community center in Louvain.

# SYNAGOGUE DEDICATED IN DUTCH RESORT; WAS BLOWN UP BY NAZIS 25 YEARS AGO

AMSTERDAM, July 15: (JTA) -- A new synagogue was dedicated today at the seaside resort of Zandvoort near here where, 25 years ago Dutch Nazis blew up an old synagogue.