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MAPAI COURT 'CANCELS' MEMBERSHIP OF BEN-GURION, THREE OTHER LEADERS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The Mapai Court of Honor handed down a ruling today "canceling" the membership of former Premier David Ben-Gurion and three of his followers for creating an independent list of candidates for the November 3 municipal and Parliamentary elections.

The charge of "self-expulsion" as "party splitters" had originally been made against seven Mapai personalities, but three of them resigned from the party last week. The court decision was directed at Mr. Ben-Gurion, former Deputy Defense Minister Shimon Peres, former Housing Minister Josef Almogi, and Mrs. Hanna Lamdan. The four said last week they were withdrawing from the hearing because they had found it impossible to defend themselves against the party-splitting charge under Court of Honor procedures. The three who resigned were Amos Degani, Gideon Ben-Israel and Yizhar Smilansky.

In announcing the decision, Court Chairman D. Herman did not use the term "expulsion." The ruling maintained that the four leaders "gave up their membership in Mapai, they themselves left the party and their membership, therefore, is canceled."

The court also held that it had been proved that Rafi, the Ben-Gurion Israel Workers List, "is a separate political party, and the four defendants are active members of Rafi. They do not accept Mapai's way. They left Mapai of their own free will and we cannot accept membership of individuals in two parties at the same time." Dr. Herman expressed regret that the election atmosphere had created "disturbances" during the course of the hearing.

Mr. Ben-Gurion met tonight with Moshe Dayan, who resigned as Agriculture Minister in support of Ben-Gurion's challenge to Premier Levi Eshkol's leadership of the party. Gen. Dayan has not, however, joined Rafi. The former Premier reportedly offered the top place on the Rafi list to Mr. Dayan if he would join Rafi.

EXPLOSION ROCKS ISRAEL BORDER; KIBBUTZ BLASTED TWICE IN SIX WEEKS

TEL AVIV, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- A tremendous explosion that rocked the entire border area occurred last night at Kibbutz Eyal, northeast of Kfar Saba, about a half mile from the Jordanian border. The blast wrecked the settlement's water pump, but there were no casualties. It was the second case of sabotage in this kibbutz in the last six weeks.

Both depredations at Kibbutz Eyal were almost certainly the work of terrorists belonging to El Fatah, the sabotage arm of the so-called Palestine Liberation Army, a band of Arab refugees organized for warfare against Israel. El Fatah has its headquarters in Syria, but most of its saboteurs in recent months seem to have been operating out of Jordan. After last night's explosion, footsteps of one person were found leading from the scene of the blast to the Jordanian border. Israel today filed a complaint with the Jordan-Israeli Mixed Armistice Commission, holding the Government of Jordan responsible for the action.

USSR SEEN AVOIDING BACKING FOR NASSER'S INVOLVEMENT IN NUCLEAR WAR

JERUSALEM, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The new Soviet commitment to provide Egypt with additional Soviet weapons, announced in a joint communique in Moscow at the close of Egyptian President Nasser's state visit, apparently avoided any Russian promise to provide Nasser with non-conventional weapons, Israeli experts indicated here today.

The preliminary study of the communique also stressed the clause mentioning the need to prevent nuclear proliferation, and indicated the belief that, under the new arrangement, Nasser will not get Soviet ground-to-ground missiles capable of delivering nuclear warheads.

Political sources here also noted that, while the communique expressed general Soviet support of Nasser's hostility toward Israel, it did not mention the Israel-Arab diversion dispute over Jordan River waters.

ISRAELI VISITOR TO USSR SAYS RUSSIAN JEWISH VALUES ARE 'WITHERING'

LONDON, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Mayor Oved Ben-Ami, of Nathanya, who led an Israeli delegation to a municipalities conference in Leningrad, expressed the belief here today, en route back to Israel, that Jewish values and the Jewish heritage of Soviet Jewry "are withering and dying before our very eyes."

He asserted that the 3,000,000 Russian Jews were "in danger of losing their identity in the vast isolation in which they find themselves. The image of God's children is fading in a land where God's spirit does not hover."

Mr. Ben-Ami reported that, in many ways, there was less discrimination against Jews and less anti-Semitism in Russia than in many Western countries. He declared also that, as citizens, Jews enjoyed the benefits of medical care, social services and educational facilities open to all Russian citizens. However, he said, the tragedy of Russian Jewry through the loss of Jewish values was "the greatest calamity that has befallen the Jewish people."

In a related development, it was reported here today from Lvov that all efforts by Lvov Jews to obtain permission to reopen a synagogue closed by Soviet authorities in 1962 have failed. The synagogue was forced to close after a violent Soviet press campaign attacking it as "a center of economic corruption and speculation." Lvov Jews have repeatedly appealed to both local and central authorities without success.

Soviet authorities have informed the Lvov Jews that the synagogue will be converted into a high school. The worshippers fear that, once the building is secularized, they will be unable to find another structure, even if the authorities would license them to open a synagogue again.

It was reported that the situation was looked upon in Lvov as a test case of the sincerity of Soviet officials in their reported concessions to the religious Jews in Moscow. It was understood that, whatever may happen in "show-case" Moscow, nothing has yet been done to relieve the distress of Jewish religious communities in provincial areas, where there are no synagogues at all.

SELF-GUARD PATROLS FOR LONDON SYNAGOGUES URGED DURING HIGH HOLY DAYS

LONDON, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews advised London synagogue officials today to make arrangements for volunteer patrols to guard their buildings from vandals at night, particularly during the coming High Holy Days.

The Board's action indicated that Jewish authorities had come to the conclusion that British Jewry could not rely solely on the police to protect synagogues from hoodlums. During the first seven months of 1965, it was noted, 11 synagogues have been targets of arson attacks and, in only one case, has there been an arrest.

The Association of Jewish Ex-Servicemen asked its members to volunteer for such guard duty. Such patrols have been set up for some synagogues since the rash of arson and vandalism began 11 months ago, but the arrangements have been only on an individual synagogue basis.

Some experts were reported as believing that the attacks on synagogues and a reported 55 instances of anti-Semitic poster placements and swastika daubings did not stem from a central organization.

12 TO FACE GERMAN TRIAL MONDAY FOR KILLING 250,000 JEWS AT SOBIBOR

BONN, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Announcement was made here today that a trial will open Monday, at Hagen, for 12 former Nazi guards at the Sobibor death camp in Poland. The defendants are charged with complicity in the murder of 250,000 Jews in the camp. Former SS Sgt. Kurt Bolender, 53, the chief defendant is charged with murder in 350 cases and complicity in 84,000 other murders.

Meanwhile at Kiel, the trial continued today for former SS Lt. Col. Martin Fellenz. He is on trial for a second time in connection with the wartime slaughter of 40,000 Jews in the Krakow area in occupied Poland in 1942.

The 55-year-old businessman was first tried in 1962 in Flensburg. He was sentenced to four years' imprisonment on conviction of aiding in two of the murders. He was released shortly afterward because the court had ordered deduction of his pre-trial detention period from his term. The Flensburg prosecutor's office ordered his re-arrest, and the Federal High court ordered the re-trial.

About 140 witnesses have been called for the second trial. Fifty are from Israel, and the others from the United States, France, Canada and Austria.

STUDENT QUEST FOR JEWISH IDENTITY FEATURES HILLEL SUMMER INSTITUTE

STARLIGHT, Pa., Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Participants in the 20th national Hillel summer institute, which is in the middle of a week-long series of sessions here, have indicated some vital areas of Jewish student concern, according to a mid-session evaluation made today. A determined search was seen as emerging among Jewish university students for the meaning of "Jewish values" and "Jewish identity," as distinguished from the generally accepted human values of America.

A total of 215 Jewish students from 123 American and foreign universities brought to the institute a quest which leaders of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation sought to answer. Most questions were aimed at finding a uniquely Jewish approach to life in an age marked by a universal quest for social justice. The students want to know, for instance, whether there is a separate or different Jewish approach to such problems as civil rights, the war on poverty and world peace.

Leaders noted that the students displayed a distinct commitment to social justice and human welfare, without consciously relating these concepts to Judaism. The students felt integrated in the general culture and wanted to learn what was distinct about Judaism as a current mode of life. A deficiency was seen by Hillel leaders in education that could link Judaism with current world developments.

Rabbi Benjamin M. Kahn, national Hillel director, stated that most of the students frankly admitted to being inadequately informed about Judaism, and appeared eager "to know who they are." The students appeared to him to lack a sense of conviction "of the uniqueness of being Jewish and knowledge of Jewish values; of what Judaism has to say to them as human beings."

Youths Do Not Apologize for Jewishness, Seek Its Meaning in Present Era

A point made by many students was that the Nazi holocaust and defiance to anti-Semitism were inadequate justification for being Jewish. They asked repeatedly "What is unique about being Jewish today?" Committed to a yearning for universal social justice, students said they could not see that it differed if a Jewish youth chose to serve in the U. S. Peace Corps instead of spending time on an Israeli kibbutz.

The students appeared to show greater personal security, did not feel a need to apologize for Jewishness, but wanted to know its meaning in today's world.

Rabbi Oscar Groner, assistant national Hillel director, pointed out that Jewish values have been incorporated into Western values, but that there was a special Jewish distinction in the emotion, sentiment, and warmth of Jewish commitment. In his answer to questions by students, Rabbi Groner said that Judaism's greatest counter-challenge to the world is that "we are here today discussing the questions raised concerning challenges to Judaism." He said that "more than physical survival, the continued Jewish presence means that the religious and intellectual ideas that we have carried in our collective entity as a people have survived as well, and their power is still felt among Jews and in the world in which we live."

Rabbi Groner pointed out that, in intellectual circles, there was not only great admiration for Jewish ideas" but it is even a yichus to have a Jewish great-great-grandfather." He said: "Our task here is not to justify our existence as Jews; being alive is justification enough; but rather to seek for the meaning which lies behind our continued existence as a people." He undertook to explain the meaning of existence as a Jew.

Among the universities represented were a number of Canadian institutions, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Oxford University of England, and more than 100 American universities. The institute will adjourn Sunday.

SHAZAR LEADS PROMINENT ISRAELIS AT FUNERAL SERVICES FOR DR. RACAN

JERUSALEM, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Leaders of Israel's cultural and political life, headed by President Zalman Shazar and Deputy Prime Minister Abba Eban, paid final tribute today to Prof. Yoel Racan at funeral rites for the late rector of the Hebrew University, who died earlier this week in Florence at the age of 53.

This morning, Dr. Racan's body lay in state in the Weizmann Plaza of the University, while the University Senate convened a special session at which eulogies were delivered by President Shazar and colleagues of the deceased. Led by President Shazar, the funeral procession left for Har Hamenuhot Cemetery, on the outskirts of Jerusalem, where Prof. Racan was laid to rest. Prof. Racan's remains were brought here from Rome, after religious rites had been conducted, with many dignitaries present, in the Great Synagogue at the Italian capital.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON SENDS PERSONAL LETTER TO PREMIER LEVI ESHKOL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Levi Eshkol was presented today with a letter from President Lyndon B. Johnson brought by the President's long-time friend, Jim Novy, of Austin, Tex. It is assumed that the letter was in the nature of a personal introduction rather than of major political significance. Mr. Novy also presented Premier Eshkol with a scroll certifying his honorary citizenship of Texas which he visited during his visit to the United States last year.

114 EAST EUROPEAN REFUGEES ARRIVE IN NEW YORK; AIDED BY UNITED HIAS

NEW YORK, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- A group of 114 Jewish refugees from Eastern Europe, the largest number of Jewish migrants to arrive in this country on any one flight, landed today at Kennedy Airport. They were met at the airport by Murray I. Gurfein, president of the United Hias Service, and James P. Rice, executive director of the agency which is helping to resettle the newcomers in 12 states across the country.

In welcoming the refugees, Mr. Gurfein noted that the United Hias Service had assisted 5,936 migrants during the first six months of this year. This compares with 2,484 refugees resettled in the same period last year.

The newcomers will be resettled in New York City with the assistance of the New York Association for New Americans, and in 18 other communities in this country. These are: Boston, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Detroit, Cleveland, St. Louis, Denver, San Francisco, Wilkes-Barre, Pittsburgh, Englewood, N.J., Linden, N.J., Baltimore, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Rochester, Buffalo and New Haven.

N. Y. CITY COUNCIL HEAD PROPOSES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL NEAR TIMES SQUARE

NEW YORK, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- New York City Council president Paul Screvane proposed last night that a memorial to the 5,000,000 European Jewish victims of the Nazi holocaust be placed on a site in Manhattan, near Times Square. Mr. Screvane, who is one of four candidates seeking the Democratic nomination for Mayor in the September 14 primaries, said Mayor Wagner supported the idea. Mr. Screvane said he had agreed to assist in obtaining the site following a meeting with Rabbi Max Schenck, president of the New York Board of Rabbis.

The city designated a site in Manhattan for such a memorial in 1947, but its sponsors were unable to raise funds for the project. Last February, the New York City Art Commission rejected a proposal to place in a park near the Hudson River a huge concrete and brass monument as a memorial both to the European holocaust victims and to the heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising in World War II. The commission said that the proposed memorial showed "so tragic" a representation that it might distress children playing in the park. That decision was sustained by Mayor Wagner and Mr. Screvane, but the Mayor said he would seek a suitable substitute site.

A paved mall between two streets in Manhattan, three blocks from Times Square, is the site Mr. Screvane proposed. Rabbi Schenck described the site as "ideally located." Rabbi Harold H. Gordon, chairman of the Committee for the Memorial for the Six Million, said his committee was considering sketches of new memorials to submit to the Art Commission.

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL RAPS ARAB BOYCOTT, URGES ACTION BY CONGRESS

BOSTON, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- The Boston City Council has adopted unanimously a resolution denouncing the Arab boycott of Israel, and urging Congress to enact a law "affirming a policy of open and fair trade and international cooperation in the market places of the free world."

The resolution, introduced by Councilman Christopher A. Iannelia, at the suggestion of the Boston Jewish Community Council, declared that the boycott and economic pressure against Israel were against the "American concept of fair business practices and our announced policy of economic cooperation as a means of establishing peace throughout the free world."

Copies of the resolution were sent to Massachusetts members of the House of Representatives; to Sen. Leverett Saltonstall and to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

DR. CHIEL ZWIERZYNSKI, NOTED RABBINICAL SCHOLAR, DIES IN GENEVA

GENEVA, Sept. 2. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held here today for Dr. Chiel Zwierzynski, prominent rabbi, scholar and author, who died here at the age of 53. Born in Lodz, Poland, Rabbi Zwierzynski lived for many years in Paris, where he taught at the Ecole Rabbinique. He has lived in Switzerland since 1939. He was the author of numerous essays and several pamphlets on Jewish subjects.