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PRESIDENT JOHNSON PLEDGES TO FINANCE ISRAEL'S DESALINATION PLANT

JERUSALEM, Oct. 19: (JTA) -- President Johnson has promised Premier Eshkol that the United States Government will take part in the financing and implementation of construction of the multi-million dollar Israel nuclear desalination project, it was learned here today.

Myer Feldman, who served the late President Kennedy as White House advisor on Jewish Affairs, met yesterday with Premier Eshkol and reportedly delivered to the Premier the President's pledge. It was assumed that Premier Eshkol would ask Mr. Feldman to deliver a personal reply to the President and that after that intensive negotiations would begin in Washington on steps for implementation. Construction of the nuclear desalination plant -- a joint American-Israeli undertaking -- is expected to start next year after study and planning phases are finished in the next few months.

The United States took part in the initial exploratory phases of the pioneering project through a joint United States-Israel Committee which was set up after Mr. Eshkol met with the President in Washington in 1964. While it had been widely expected that the United States would also participate in construction of the plant, the President's message was the first clear indication that it would do so.

ISRAEL FEARS U. S. AND FRANCE ARE PREPARING PLANS TO STRENGTHEN NASSER

JERUSALEM, Oct. 19: (JTA) -- Concern was expressed among Israeli sources here today over indications that the United States and France again were preparing to bail out Egyptian President Nasser whose fortunes appeared to have sunk to rock bottom in recent months.

Reports from Paris that the French Government was planning to extend a \$30,000,000 credit to the Nasser regime were viewed here as bolstering Nasser's prestige. Most of the credit reportedly will be used to buy jet cargo planes which will do little to solve Egypt's current economic crisis but such a demonstration of French support will, experts here said, most certainly be used for Egyptian propaganda purposes.

United States indications of plans to resume large-scale grants of surplus commodities, however, were viewed here as direct assistance to Nasser's economy. What particularly concerned Israelis here were reports that the proposed fresh United States aid stems from a belief in Washington that Nasser is the most stable leader in the "neutralist" camp.

(France and Egypt today announced in Paris that they will cooperate more closely in the cultural field and in aid to developing nations. A joint communique issued at the end of a five-day visit by Egyptian Vice-President Marshal Abdel Hakim Amer said it "marked a new and important stage in the development of relations between France and Egypt.")

U. N. TO DEBATE TODAY SOVIET PROPOSAL BRACKETING ZIONISM WITH NAZISM

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 19: (JTA) -- The U. N. General Assembly's Social Humanitarian and Cultural Committee postponed action today on a United States-Brazil sub-amendment to the draft convention on elimination of racial discrimination which would condemn anti-Semitism.

By adjourning the debate on that clause until tomorrow morning, at the request of the United States, the committee also postponed the consideration of the Soviet Union's sub-amendment which brackets Zionism with Nazism, condemning "anti-Semitism, Zionism, Nazism and neo-Nazism."

Jews in England Seek Government Stand on Soviet Move at U. N.

LONDON, Oct. 19: (JTA) -- Several Jewish organizations asked the British Government today to define its attitude toward the Soviet proposal in the United Nations which seeks to bracket Zionism and anti-Semitism. The Jewish organizations included the Board of Deputies of British Jews, the Zionist Federation and the Anglo-Jewish Association.

ARABS LOSE FIRST ROUND IN U.N. ON PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The Arab states tentatively lost a fierce battle today to have the Palestine Liberation Organization mentioned by name as the representative of the Arab refugees in the debate of that issue by the U.N. General Assembly's Special Political Committee. However, the fight was scheduled for resumption tomorrow morning.

The committee met this morning for its first scheduled full-scale debate on the Arab refugee issue, with the first order of business a promised statement by the group's chairman, Carlet R. Auguste of Haiti, regarding an Arab League letter presented last week. The letter asked a hearing for Ahmed Shukairy and Dr. Izzat Tannous, as respectively, chairman and deputy chairman of the PLC. All 13 members of the Arab League signed the request and Mr. Auguste had promised to recognize the Arab League letter today.

At the start of the session, Mr. Auguste told the 117-member committee that a hearing would be given "to any member of the group referred to in the letter in his individual capacity as a Palestine refugee." He pointed out that for a number of years the committee had heard Palestine refugees "as individuals and members of the Palestine refugee family." He referred to the fact that a so-called Arab Palestine delegation had been, for the last few years, permitted to send its representatives to address the committee but that they had always been recognized only as individuals.

Adnan M. Pachachi of Iraq immediately took issue with the chairman, arguing that there were many precedents in the United Nations for recognition of Shukairy and Tannous as representatives of the PLC. He insisted that there was "a difference between the present request and requests for hearings made by Palestinians in the past." While those Palestinians had come here previously as individuals, he said, "now they belong to an established organization."

Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative, replied that Iraq was "pressing so hard for the representatives of an organization set up to attack a United Nations member state to be heard here and not as individual refugees but as representatives of a political and military organization."

Soviet Delegate Supports Arab Request; U.S. Expresses Opposition

From that point on, and lasting for more than four hours, the fight raged with every member of the Arab League supporting the Iraq representative, the Soviet Union and several African states also favoring the specific use of the name "Palestine Liberation Organization" while the United States, Britain, France, Liberia, Costa Rica, Nigeria and several other members supported the chairman's suggestion.

After hours of debate, Mr. Auguste formulated his suggestion, which was that "the committee decides to authorize the persons mentioned in the document (the Arab League letter) to make statements on behalf of the Arab refugees of Palestine without this decision implying the committee's recognition of the political organization they represent."

The debate grew so heated that Mr. Auguste interrupted Mr. Comay twice on the grounds that the Israeli Ambassador was entering into a discussion of substantive rather than procedural matters and also interrupted Mr. Pachachi as well as Jamal Barroody of Caudi Arabia. Mr. Auguste pleaded repeatedly with Mr. Pachachi, who acted as chief spokesman for the Arab League in the debate, to accept the chair's formulation.

MOSCOW JEWS CELEBRATE SIMCHAT TORAH; THOUSANDS DANCE OUTSIDE SYNAGOGUE

NEW YORK, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Tens of thousands of Moscow Jews of all ages danced and sang for hours last night outside the Central Synagogue of Moscow in celebration of Simchat Torah, it was reported here today from Moscow. The synagogue itself was packed with 3,000 persons attending the three-hour services with many more unable to enter.

The assembly was about the same size as that of last year's Moscow celebration but the percentage of young Jews was higher, the reports stated. Some youths brought guitars and one brought a tape recorder on which he had recorded Yiddish melodies.

Two spotlights on the synagogue portico picked out light snow falling on the crowd which filled almost the entire block of the Arkhipova Street in downtown Moscow. Traffic stopped at both ends of the street. A few policemen wandered through the crowd but no one seemed to pay them any attention.

The high proportion of young people in the crowd was interpreted by foreign observers in Moscow as confirming the reports that a feeling of Jewish identity is growing among young Jews born under the Soviet regime despite the fact the Jewish cultural life is being suppressed in the Soviet Union.

TRIAL OF 10 NAZIS WHO KILLED JEWS IN TARNOPOL OPENED IN GERMANY

STUTTGART, Oct. 19: (JTA) -- Ten former Nazis went on trial here today on charges of participation in wartime murders of Jews in occupied Tarnopol in Poland. The principal defendant is Herman Mueller, 56, who was head of the Nazi elite guard troops in Tarnopol. About 100 witnesses, most of them from Poland and the United States, will give evidence at the trial which is expected to last about six months.

Elsewhere in West Germany trials of Nazi criminals are scheduled to open shortly. In Osnabrueck, Northern Germany, former members of the "Adolf Hitler Banner Brigade" will go on trial for the murder of Jews in Italy, while at Sapor, former Nazi leaders charged with the mass murder of Jews in Byelorussia and Eastern Poland during 1941-1942 will be tried.

The League of Human Rights in West Germany and the Organization of Political, Racial and Religious Persecutees joined today in protests to the Mayor of Rendsburg against a planned meeting in the North German town of former Waffen SS men. The meeting of the former members of SS troops who had active duty in the war is scheduled for next Sunday.

GERMANY TAKES UP SOVIET CHARGES OF NAZISM AGAINST CHIEF PROSECUTOR

STUTTGART, Oct. 19: (JTA) -- The State Government of Baden Wuerttemberg said today it had started an investigation into Soviet charges that Erwin Schuele, chief prosecutor for the Investigation of Nazi Crimes Center in Ludwigsburg, participated in Nazi war crimes in occupied Russia.

A spokesman for the state government said that documents in support of the Soviet charges had been submitted to the West German Embassy. He said all of that material was transmitted to the Stuttgart general prosecutor.

The Communist campaign against Dr. Schuele began last February when the East German Communist news agency charged that Dr. Schuele had been a member of the Nazi Party, served as a Nazi court judge and had been a member of the SS; Dr. Schuele called those charges "a pack of lies" and said he had only been a candidate for Nazi Party membership. The Baden-Wuerttemberg government then said it had confidence in Dr. Schuele.

The Soviet charges said that Dr. Schuele allegedly committed war crimes as a member of the German army in Tchudowa, a town near Novgorod. Dr. Schuele said those charges also were without foundation.

PLAY ON ATROCITIES IN AUSCHWITZ CAMP OPENS IN 15 GERMAN THEATERS

BONN, Oct. 19: (JTA) -- The atrocities committed in the Auschwitz death camp were presented today in 15 German theaters in the simultaneous premiere of "The Investigation," a documentary play by Peter Weiss, a German-born Jewish writer now living in Sweden.

"The Investigation" is called by its author "an oratorio in 11 cantatas" and is based on the testimony presented during the 20-month trial of 20 former SS guards and other camp personnel in which 17 were found guilty of participating in the killing of an estimated 4,000,000 victims, most of them Jews.

Erwin Piscator, head of the West Berlin Volksbuhne Theater, who accepted the play for the 75th anniversary of the Volksbuhne today, rejected arguments that the theater was not the place for the Germans to show penitance for the grisly crimes of the Nazis. After he announced the Volksbuhne would present the play, other companies in East and West Germany decided to follow suit.

Weiss emphasized in his play the role of German big industry in the Auschwitz camp, many large German firms having used Auschwitz Jews as cheap labor. Each of the 11 major scenes in the play deals with one aspect of the death camp's murder machinery, such as "Cantata of the Ramp," the "Cantata of the Fire Oven," and the "Cantata of the Bunker," where victims were chosen for death by gassing or other means.

The author said royalties will be placed in a trust fund which he said he would set up with publisher Suhrkamp Verlag in West Germany which will be used for Auschwitz survivors and for the education of their children.

CROWD THROWS EGGS AND TOMATOES AT NEC-NAZI LEADER IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Oct. 19: (JTA) -- An angry crowd of 1,000 persons spattered James Madole, head of the National Renaissance "party" with tomatoes and eggs last night, breaking up a rally of the neo-Nazis here. When the hostile listeners to his anti-Jewish diatribes began to move toward him, despite the presence of mounted police and foot patrolmen, he climbed off his rostrum and made a nasty retreat, followed by his adherents.

HAIFA, TECHNION ANNOUNCES FIVE-YEAR \$50,000,000 DEVELOPMENT PLAN

HAIFA, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The Haifa Institute of Technology announced plans today for a five-year, \$50,000,000 development plan to enlarge its undergraduate capacity to 5,000 students. Most of the money is to be raised by overseas friends of the Technion. The Israel Government has pledged to provide 25 percent of the total cost, according to Alexander Goldberg, Technion president.

Mr. Goldberg joined with vice-president David Ginsburg, who drew up the expansion plan, to report to a press conference on the Technion school year which opened today. The officials reported that of 1,440 candidates for admission, 820 had been enrolled. Dr. Goldberg also reported that the Technion was trying to recruit top-flight instructors in the United States to cope with the Technion teacher problem.

MONTREAL JEWS SEEK LEGISLATION FOR TEACHING YIDDISH IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MONTREAL, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The Montreal Jewish Labor Committee today sent Premier Jean Lesage a telegram praising his support of the cultural rights of ethnic groups on his tour in Western Canada and asking the Canadian Government to put that support into practice in Montreal.

Recalling its own support of the "traditional right of every ethnic group to maintain and cultivate its particular values and cultural heritage" before the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism, the Committee's telegram expressed hope that Mr. Lesage would implement his views by passing legislation which would enable Jewish children in Montreal public schools to learn Yiddish and Jewish cultural values.

NELLY SACHS, GERMAN-JEWISH POET, WINS 'PEACE PRIZE' AWARD IN GERMANY

FRANKFURT, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Nelly Sachs, the 74 year old German-Jewish poet and writer, was awarded the German Booksellers' 1965 "Peace Prize" here today at a ceremony marking the end of the annual International Book Fair.

Frau Sachs whose family died in a Nazi concentration camp, fled Germany in 1940 and found refuge in Sweden where she now resides; Her poetry deals mainly with the sufferings of the Jews under the Nazis. In conferring the award West German President Heinrich Lübke praised Frau Sachs for "contributing towards a new understanding between the German people and the Jews." Frau Sachs is the first woman to receive the "Peace Prize."

NEW HISTORY OF RADOM DESCRIBES DECIMATION OF JEWS IN THE CITY

LONDON, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- A new history of Radom, a Polish town marking its 810th anniversary, describes the decimation of Radom's Jews under the Nazi occupation, it was reported here today from Warsaw.

Prior to the outbreak of World War II, there were 32,000 Jews in Radom. In April, 1941, the Nazis established two ghettos in Radom. The number of Jews in the ghettos was augmented by roundups from neighboring townships between 1942 and 1943. A total of 36,000 Jews was deported from the Radom ghettos to the death camps of Treblinka, Maidanek and Auschwitz. There are less than 20 Jews now resident in Radom.

DR. SOLOMON G. MEYERS, NOTED DIAGNOSTICIAN, DIES IN DETROIT; WAS 68

DETROIT, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- Dr. Solomon G. Meyers, former chief of the Internal Medicine Division of Harper Hospital and an internationally known diagnostician, died at the age of 68 here.

Following his retirement from the Harper Hospital post in 1955, he served as consultant to the hospital, and to Mount Sinai Hospital, the Detroit General Hospital and Veterans Administration hospitals. A specialist in diseases of the digestive tract, he was considered by his peers the leading authority in the field of his generation.

He had been a professor of internal medicine at Wayne State University College of Medicine, vice chief of staff at Sinai Hospital and chief of staff at the North End Clinic.

BENJAMIN MEIROVITCH, EX-EDITOR OF SOVIET YIDDISH NEWSPAPER, DEAD

LONDON, Oct. 19. (JTA) -- The Soviet Yiddish writer Benjamin Meirovitch has died in Czernowitz at the age of 66, according to reports received here today from the Soviet Union. He was a former editor of the Yiddish daily newspaper "Der Stern" which was published in Charkov, Soviet Union, some 40 years ago.

"Der Stern" was one of the three daily newspapers which appeared in the Soviet Union in Yiddish prior to Stalin's liquidation of all Jewish cultural institutions. The other two newspapers were "Der Emes," in Moscow, and "Oktiabr" which appeared in Minsk.