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JEWISH VETERANS URGE FRENCH JEWS TO VOTE FOR DE GAULLE AS PRESIDENT

PARIS, Dec. 2: (JTA) -- The Association of Jewish War Veterans called today on its members and on the French Jewish community in general to support Gen. Charles de Gaulle in the Presidential elections December 5. The appeal was the first by a Jewish organization as such in the election campaign.

The move evoked a general feeling of unease among French Jews because, according to French electoral tradition, a Jewish vote as such has never existed in France, nor have Jewish organizations had a specific role in elections, except to oppose extreme rightwing and anti-Semitic movements. Correspondingly Jewish affairs have had no role in the long and bitter Presidential campaign.

ISRAEL MINISTER REPORTS TO KNESSET ON FAILURE OF HIS EUROMART TALKS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2: (JTA) -- Commerce Minister Haim Zadok reported to Israel's Parliament last night on the failure of his efforts and those of Agriculture Minister Haim Gvati to induce the European Common Market to rescind a regulation which would raise the consumer price for Israeli oranges in the six Euromart countries by 20 percent.

The "minimum reference price" rule went into effect yesterday at the behest of Italy, a Euromart member which also sells oranges in the Euromart countries. The two Cabinet Ministers together visited all of the Euromart countries last week in their futile effort to win a cancellation of the "reference price" decision.

Mr. Zadok warned, in his Knesset report, that international trade was a two-way proposition, a fact of which the European countries should take note. Israel currently is importing three times as much from Europe as it is exporting.

ISRAEL TAKES STAND AT U.N. AGAINST RHODESIA AND SO. AFRICAN POLICY

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 2: (JTA) -- Israel's unqualified opposition to the apartheid program of the South African Government and to the "illegal regime" in Rhodesia was reaffirmed here today by Joel Barromi, Israel's delegate to the General Assembly's Special Political Committee.

Speaking in debate on the South African apartheid policy, Mr. Barromi declared that Israel and the Jewish people reacted "instinctively" against the apartheid program as a threat not only against Africa, or against any given race but one against all mankind.

He said that to be a citizen of Israel "means to take a position" in the struggle against racial discrimination. As far as Israel is concerned, he told the committee, its place is in the "anti-racist front," which is the front of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Israel, he said, hoped that all members of the United Nations would be ready to make the sacrifices necessary to meet the challenge. He reported that on November 13, Israel advised the Security Council of its decision not to recognize "the illegal regime" of Rhodesia and to take immediate steps to sever ties with the breakaway regime of Ian Smith economically "or otherwise." He also said that Israel was ready to "consider earnestly" any proposal for further "serious and responsible international action."

ESHKOL'S PROSPECTS TO FORM COALITION GOVERNMENT SOON, CONSIDERED GOOD

TEL AVIV, Dec. 2: (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Mapai-Achdut Avoda alignment expressed optimism today over the prospects that Premier Levi Eshkol could form a narrow coalition soon, possibly excluding the National Religious Party. The religious bloc is a member of the caretaker Cabinet acting until the Premier forms a new Government following the November 2 Parliamentary election.

Other sources indicated that a meeting yesterday between religious bloc leaders and Premier Eshkol and alignment leaders, which was devoted to economic matters, was completely unsatisfactory.

CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS PROTESTS BONN'S DEFERMENT OF COMPENSATION

MONTREAL, Dec. 2: (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Congress appealed today to the West German Government not to defer the payment of \$50,000,000 in 1966 to Nazi victims who were unable to file claims for compensation before October 1953 -- the deadline in the original West German compensation legislation -- because they were isolated at the time in Iron Curtain countries.

The appeal was contained in a telegram sent by the Canadian Jewish Congress to Dr. Kurt Oppler, West German Ambassador to Canada. The representative body of Canadian Jewry stressed that the deferment would be "very disheartening and unfortunate. The \$50,000,000 payment was scheduled to be started in 1966 in accordance with a decision of the West German Parliament a few months ago to set up a special fund of 1,200,000,000 marks (\$300,000,000) to pay claims of Nazi victims who were in Iron Curtain countries and hence unable to file for compensation before October 1953. However, West German Finance Minister Rolf Dahlgren announced now that the 1966 payment would be deferred for a year or two because of "budgetary difficulties."

The Canadian Jewish Congress protest said the deferment would cause a serious deterioration in the West German indemnification program and would be "in direct contravention of promises for priority which will gravely affect widows, aged persons, indigent and other hardship cases and interfere with education plans of younger people."

The CJC also said the postponement proposal is "a breach of a solemn obligation." It "officially" called on the envoy "to convey our protest on behalf of the Canadian Jewish community to your government with our formal request that the proposed legislation" to implement the deferment plan "be withdrawn in the interest of those who are dependent on the legislation as well as in conformity with the canons of equity and moral obligation." The telegram was signed by Michael Garber, president, Dean Maxwell Cohen, chairman of the CJC foreign affairs committee, and Saul Hayes, CJC executive vice-president.

(In Buenos Aires, the DALK, the central organization of Argentine Jewry similarly protested today the West German plan to defer the 1955 payments. The protest was contained in a letter to Ernst Mohr, the West German Ambassador to Argentina, calling the proposal "irritatingly unjust.")

CANADIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION REPORTS ON TALKS ON JEWS IN MOSCOW

MONTREAL, Dec. 2: (JTA) -- A Canadian Parliamentary delegation, which visited Moscow recently, discussed human rights with Soviet leaders, including the religious rights of Jews in the USSR. M. Cadieux, Canada's Undersecretary for External Affairs, notified Rabbi S.M. Zambrowsky, chairman of the national religious affairs committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The letter to Rabbi Zambrowsky was in response to one calling attention of the Canadian Government to the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union. Rabbi Zambrowsky asked whether the parliamentary delegation had had an opportunity to discuss the denial of rights to Soviet Jewry when it visited the USSR.

In his reply, M. Cadieux noted that such a discussion of human rights and the religious rights of minorities had taken place. He asserted that the discussion was "likely to reinforce the tendency toward some relaxation in Soviet treatment of Jewish communities which had come about recently." He also indicated that the Department for External Affairs is "kept abreast of the situation in order to take any helpful action we can whenever the opportunity offers."

JEWS UNDER 30 BANNED FROM FREQUENTING SYNAGOGUE IN TASHKENT

LONDON, Dec. 2: (JTA) -- Jews in Tashkent in the Soviet Union under the age of 30 have been banned from frequenting the local synagogue on an order from the Tashkent Department of Religions, reliable tourists who recently visited the Soviet capital of Central Asia reported here today.

The tourists said that the report of such a ban was confirmed to them by several young Tashkent Jews who said they had personally experienced the ban order.

LOUIS PINCUS LEAVES FOR NEW YORK; WILL REMAIN IN U. S. FOR TWO WEEKS

LONDON, Dec. 2: (JTA) -- Louis Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, will leave here tomorrow for New York for a two-week visit to the United States during which he will address various national Jewish conferences. Mr. Pincus spent two days in London in consultation with British Jewish leaders.

JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE TO HOLD PLENARY IN JERUSALEM IN JANUARY

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2: (JTA) -- The plenary meeting of the Jewish Agency will open here on January 5 to precede the meeting of the Zionist General Council on January 11, it was announced here today.

U. S. JEWISH GROUPS DEFEND THEIR PROGRAMS FOR JEWS IN LATIN AMERICA

NEW YORK, Dec. 2: (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee and B'nai B'rith defended today their programs in South American communities against complaints from Argentine Jewish leaders that they had not been consulted before the programs were initiated;

The complaints were made known by spokesmen for Argentina's two major Jewish organizations, the D.A.L.A., the central representative body of Argentine Jewry, and the Kehilla. Together, the two organizations represent most of the 500,000 Jews in Buenos Aires and the rural settlements of Argentina's northeastern provinces. The objections were conveyed to members of a visiting American Jewish Congress delegation;

Dr. William A. Wexler, B'nai B'rith president, said the B'nai B'rith program for Latin America had been initiated at the request of the Latin American district of B'nai B'rith. "In announcing this program last week, the B'nai B'rith stressed that it would be locally planned and locally directed by Latin Americans through B'nai B'rith affiliates on the continent," he stated. B'nai B'rith has constituents in 15 Latin American countries, he stressed;

Morris B. Abram, American Jewish Committee president, declared in a statement that the organization's program in Latin America was started in 1948 "at the request of community leaders in Argentina, who sought assistance and know-how to help meet pressing problems." He added that the program had been preceded by "careful study of the challenges and potential areas of action."

He asserted that from the start, the Committee's program had been conducted "in close partnership" with autonomous "sister" organizations in Argentina and Brazil which hold views similar to our own. "From time to time, as financial resources permitted, we have worked with major groups in other countries as well," he pointed out. "The keynote has been cooperation, with the Committee primarily providing materials and other resources, and serving as adviser to local bodies that conduct their own many-pronged affairs."

Mr. Abram cited the criticism directed against his organization "particularly surprising" in view of the fact that D.A.L.A. officers wrote to him on August 27, 1964 after a three-week trip by a Committee delegation which he headed in four South American countries, in which the D.A.L.A. offered "warmest congratulations." He said that in the letter, the D.A.L.A. lauded the Committee delegation for declarations the group made at the end of the trip.

Mr. Abram also said that on November 16 he received a letter from officers of the Zionist Federation of Chile on the first anniversary of cooperation between the Committee and the Federation. The officers said in the letter that they wished to take the occasion "to extend our sincere thanks for the interest and valuable help, both material and scientific, which the American Jewish Committee has given us during this period."

The American Jewish Congress meanwhile issued a statement declaring that it believes that "each Jewish community in the world has the right and responsibility to work out its own destiny."

200 SCHOLARS HONOR EDITOR OF NEW 15-VOLUME ENCYCLOPEDIA JUDAICA

NEW YORK, Dec. 2: (JTA) -- Declaring that "the publication of a wholly new Jewish Encyclopedia in the U.S. is an expression of the cultural fruition of American Jewry," Dr. Nahum Goldmann, world Jewish leader, today introduced Dr. Cecil Roth, noted historian, to 200 scholars and communal leaders at a reception in his honor at the Graydon Hotel as chief editor of the new Encyclopedia Judaica.

Dr. Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization and the World Jewish Congress, is the honorary president of the Encyclopedia Judaica Research Foundation -- sponsors of the 15-volume, 9,000,000-word Encyclopedia Judaica. U.N. Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg is the honorary chairman of the Foundation's International Board. Jim Novy of Austin, Texas, is the Foundation's president; Rabbi Isadore Breslau, of Washington, D.C., and Jacob L. Barowsky, of Holyoke, Mass., vice-presidents; Edward Adams, of New York City, treasurer; Joachim N. Simon, of New York, secretary, and I.J. Carmin Karpman, executive director.

Pointing out that the world's leading international authorities, from 35 universities, are now writing and editing the most comprehensive presentation of the living heritage of Judaism, Dr. Goldmann announced that Prof. Alexander Altmann of Brandeis University and Prof. Benzion Dinur of the Hebrew University are co-chairmen of the Encyclopedia's editorial board, and Prof. William F. Albright of Johns Hopkins University is chairman of the editorial council.

"In our century the U.S. and Israel have emerged as the two greatest Jewish centers of culture and creativity, and it is only fitting that the new Encyclopedia Judaica is being compiled by 400 scholars in the centers of Jewish survival," Dr. Goldmann said.

AMERICAN NAZI SENTENCED IN WASHINGTON COURT TO 180 DAYS IMPRISONMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2: (JTA) -- The most severe sentence yet imposed on a member of the American Nazi Party in the District of Columbia was imposed today on "stormtrooper" Robert E. Bruce, 20, who was sentenced to 180 days in jail for disrupting a session of the U. S. House of Representatives last Sept. 24. Bruce was also ordered held for grand jury action for assaulting a police officer during the disturbance.

General Sessions Court Judge George B. Neilson sentenced Bruce on two disorderly conduct counts for throwing a Nazi swastika flag and racist pamphlets from the visitor's gallery at the Capitol building to the House floor and shouting slogans supporting George Rockwell. Judge Harold H. Greene ordered Bruce held on \$10,000 bond on the charge of assaulting a police officer who was attempting to arrest him.

The severe sentence followed expressions by Members of Congress who were angered when Nazis previously disrupted Congressional proceedings but were freed upon forfeiture of merely \$10 or \$20 in collateral. District authorities had apparently embarked on stricter policy of prosecution for offenses involving meetings of Congress when the Bruce incident took place.

U. S. PHILANTHROPIST ESTABLISHES CHAIR FOR EDUCATION AT HEBREW U.

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2: (JTA) -- The Hebrew University here announced today receipt of a contribution of \$150,000 from Samuel M. Melton, of Columbus, Ohio, for the establishment of a chair for secondary education. The chair, to be named after Samuel and Esther Melton, will aid the expansion of the university's teacher training program, it was stated.

The American Friends of the Hebrew University has secured \$3,000,000 in loans from American banks based on pledges by donors for the expansion of the university's science departments, it was reported here today. To this sum will be added another \$1,500,000 from the Israel Government under the terms of an agreement between the Government, the university and the American Friends organization providing for Government grants of one dollar to match every two dollars raised by the American group.

ISRAELIS TO RETAIN INTEREST IN TWO MERGED U. S. INSURANCE COMPANIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 2: (JTA) -- The three major Israeli insurance companies which participated in formation of the Citadel Life Insurance Company here are expected to retain a small interest in the company following its proposed merger with Trans World Life Insurance Company, Citadel officials said today.

The boards of the two companies, it was announced, have "approved in principle" merger of the two companies on the basis of an exchange of stock. The tentative ratio is one share of Citadel for three and a quarter shares of Trans World. Citadel was reported quoted in a narrow market today at \$28-\$30 a share and Trans World, at \$8 to \$9.

Three Israeli insurance companies, Hasneh, Migdal and Zion, originally provided 30 percent of the capital to organize Citadel Life in 1960. In recent months they have disposed of the greater part of their holdings, mostly to Investors Funding Corp. of New York, whose chairman, Jerome Dansker, became president of Citadel Life. The Israeli companies are believed to retain about seven percent of the stock in the company.

Trans World is a newcomer, having begun operations only in July, 1964. The two companies together, according to their joint announcement, have a combined total of nearly \$78,000,000 in life insurance in force and combined assets of \$3,737,000. If the merger proposals are approved by the stockholders of the two companies and the regulatory agencies, the combined companies are expected to operate under the Citadel name since Citadel is licensed in the states of New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania as well as New York. Trans World is licensed only in New York.

Mr. Dansker, who is chairman of the Israel Maritime League, will be president of the merged company. Moshe B. Pomrock, former Hasneh manager in Haifa, who has been chairman of Citadel Life since its inception, is said to be no longer active in the management although he continued as chairman after Mr. Dansker assumed the presidency.

ISRAEL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION VOTES TO INCREASE YEAR-END DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, Dec. 2: (JTA) -- The Board of Directors of Israel Development Corporation has voted to increase the year-end dividend for the six month period ended November 30, 1965 to 45 cents per share, payable January 15, 1966, to shareholders of record November 30, 1965, it was reported here today. For the same period last year, and prior to a two-for-one split of its \$25 par shares, a dividend of 75 cents a share (adjusted to 37-1/2 cents on basis of stock split) was declared for the same period. Directors of the affiliated company, AMPAL-American Israel Corporation, also declared a dividend of 30 cents per share on the 4 percent preferred stock. The dividend is payable January 31, 1966, to shareholders of record December 31, 1965.