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COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE AND TUITION RAISED IN ISRAEL; THOUSANDS AFFECTED

TEL AVIV, Dec. 27; (JTA) -- Two cost increases that will affect many families in Israel were announced here today. High school tuition fees, one announcement stated, will be increased by 20 percent. At the same time, the Association of Health Insurance Companies announced a 20 percent increase in the cost of its policies.

The tuition rise will affect the children of Israelis attending the secondary schools, although many Israeli youngsters receive scholarships based both on their scholastic ability and on the financial situation of their parents. In spite of such scholarships, however, the majority of high school students pay at least part of their total tuition.

In regard to health insurance, that increase will affect particularly the middle class, many of its members being covered by private firms offering a "Blue Cross" type of insurance. About half of Israel's population is covered by health insurance offered by Histadrut, the Israel federation of labor. No increase in the cost of Histadrut health insurance has, as yet, been announced.

ESHKOL'S EFFORTS TO FORM NEW CABINET HAMPERED BY RELIGIOUS BLOC

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27; (JTA) -- The executive committee of the National Religious Party, which has been in lengthy negotiations with Prime Minister Levi Eshkol over his efforts to include the NRP in the new coalition government which he is trying to form, decided today that further negotiations are required before a decision is taken on the issue. As "matters stand now," the committee decided, "there is no basis for entering the coalition" at this time.

The NRP leadership instructed its 13-member negotiating team to continue talks with Mr. Eshkol and with the other leaders of the Mapai Party-Achdut Avoda alignment, and to report back to the executive.

Mr. Eshkol had been given by President Zalman Shazar an extension until January 9 for reporting on his efforts to set up the new Cabinet, necessitated by the reshuffle of Israel's Knesset (Parliament) as a result of last month's elections. The principal dispute between Mr. Eshkol and the NRP concerns insistence by the religious group upon banning of all operations in the new port of Ashdod on the Sabbath. The NRP demands also other stringent Sabbath regulations.

ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTRY DENOUNCES SPREADING OF ANTI-NEGRO LEAFLETS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27; (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministry denounced sharply here today the distribution of leaflets voicing anti-Negro sentiments. The Ministry said that the Israel Government is "indignant" over such propaganda.

About 25 such unsigned leaflets had been found by police in Jerusalem and Nathanya in areas where African trainees are undergoing training as part of a broad Israel program to aid underdeveloped nations. Police authorities were trying today to trace the origin and sponsors of the hate literature.

Distribution of the leaflets, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry said here today, is "an act of provocation by elements unfriendly to Israel." The spokesman pointed out that no political party or responsible group in Israel holds such racist views. "Israel believes in full independence and self-determination for all African peoples," he stressed.

The executive of the Israel Students Association issued a statement after a meeting here today, expressing "abhorrence" over the leaflets. The leaflets were mimeographed on plain, white paper, indicating no source of their origin or sponsorship.

JEWS IN DALLAS CLASH WITH NAZIS PICKETING ISRAEL BOND DINNER

DALLAS, Dec. 27; (JTA) -- Three men, two of them professed members of the American Nazi Party, were arrested here last night when guests arriving at the Statler-Hilton Hotel for a dinner conducted on behalf of Israel bonds, clashed with five uniformed,

swastika-wearing members of the Nazi group. All were later released by the police. The Nazis picketed the hotel, where the Israel Foundation medallion was awarded to Morris B. Zale as a member of the community who has done most in the last year "to advance the economic interests of Israel." The clash took place when the Nazis displayed placards proclaiming anti-Semitic slogans.

EICHMANN'S SON SAYS GESTAPO CHIEF AND OTHER LEADING NAZIS ARE ALIVE

BOHN, Dec. 27: (JTA) -- The late Adolf Eichmann, hanged in Israel in 1962 after being convicted of crimes against humanity, went to his death believing that Hitler's right-hand man, Martin Bormann, and other leading Nazis, were alive, according to Klaus Eichmann, Adolf's son.

Klaus Eichmann made that statement in an interview in the magazine, *Quick*, published at Munich. He said his father believed that, among other leading Nazis still alive, was Heinrich Mueller, chief of the Gestapo.

The German Government has a \$25,000 reward posted for the capture of Bormann, who is reportedly in hiding in South America; Klaus Eichmann himself lives in Argentina. He also told the magazine that his father was convicted "unjustly." He said that, in Argentina, he had met "a whole raft" of former Nazis accused as war criminals.

PROSECUTION SOUGHT AGAINST 'SOLDATENZEITUNG' FOR ANTI-SEMITIC ARTICLE

BOHN, Dec. 27: (JTA) -- A demand that the West German Government punish the right-wing, extremist weekly, the *Deutsche Nationale Soldatenzeitung*, for publishing anti-Semitic articles that "disturb relations between peoples and slander the United States" was filed with the State Prosecutor at Munich today by Hans Grimmig, on behalf of the Coordinating Council of Societies for Christian-Jewish Cooperation in Germany.

The complaint referred particularly to an article in the December 3 issue of the newspaper, written by Willy Glasebock, foreign editor of the weekly, who supported claims made by a school teacher in the German town of Beuson. The latter had been quoted as saying that the gas chambers and crematoria in the Nazi concentration camps had been "fabricated by the Allies, especially the Americans."

In his article, Glasebock stated that the charges made by the teacher, a man named Endrichkeit, were true. The foreign editor also asserted that the crematoria had been built by Americans at the end of the war.

ROTHSCHILD SUIT AGAINST FRENCH AUTHOR IS SETTLED OUT OF COURT

PARIS, Dec. 27: (JTA) -- An out-of-court settlement of an effort by the Rothschild family to obtain suppression of Roger Peyrefitte's best-selling "The Jews," was announced here by attorneys for the family, the writer and the publisher.

The Rothschilds charged that the book contained anecdotes about the family to which they objected. The case was to have been heard January 7. Under the settlement, the writer agreed to eliminate from future editions two passages in addition to one which a Paris judge ordered eliminated last July.

After the July ruling, the Rothschilds, still dissatisfied, filed a new suit, demanding damages of 100,000 francs and bigger deletions in material in the book referring to them. The book claims such personalities as the British Queen, President Johnson and Gen. Charles de Gaulle have Jewish blood.

JEWISH CLASSMATE OF SOVIET LEADER URGES HIM TO CHECK ANTI-SEMITISM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27: (JTA) -- A Milwaukee Jew who, as a youngster, was a classmate of Leonid Brezhnev, first secretary of the Communist Party of the USSR, has written nine letters to Brezhnev appealing to him to halt anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union but has received no reply, the syndicated Drew Pearson column reported here today.

The column, written by Jack Anderson, Mr. Pearson's associate, reported that the letters had been sent to Brezhnev by Nathaniel Kruglak who had studied with Brezhnev in a schoolhouse at a Ukrainian factory town known as Kamenskoye, later renamed Dneprozerzhinsk. According to Mr. Anderson, Mr. Kruglak had "told his story to the State Department."

After failing to receive a reply from Brezhnev to his first eight letters, Mr. Kruglak wrote to the Soviet leader: "Public opinion here and in Europe is condemning your administration for persecuting 3,000,000 Jews in the USSR."

CHANUKAH CELEBRATIONS HELD IN SYNAGOGUES IN RUMANIAN CAPITAL

LONDON, Dec. 27: (JTA) -- Chanukah celebrations were held in a number of synagogues in Bucharest, Rumania, this past week, according to reports received here today. At the Baron de Hirsch Synagogue, pupils of the congregation's Hebrew school attended a lecture on the meaning of the festival, delivered by Rumania's Chief Rabbi, Dr. Moses Rosen.

JEWISH LEADERS ATTACK 'FRIENDS OF ANIMALS' STATEMENT ON SHECHITAH

NEW YORK, Dec. 27, (JTA) -- Prominent Jewish lay and rabbinical leaders today criticized sharply a paid advertisement that appeared in today's New York Times, dealing with so-called humane slaughter. The advertisement, placed by an organization called Friends of Animals, Inc., was called by the Jewish leaders "misleading," "intemperate," "destructive" and "divisive."

The advertisement urged all readers to call on their representatives in the New York State Legislature, which is to convene next month, to support a bill prefiled by Assemblyman Albert J. Hausbeck, of Buffalo, which, it was stated, "sets a humane standard for non-kosher slaughterers." The advertisement stated: "The Hausbeck bill eliminates shackling and hoisting in kosher slaughter without placing Jewish Orthodox statutes under civil law" and claimed: "This inspiration comes from Israel's ban on the import of U.S. kosher meat processed by the shackling and hoisting method."

Among the signers of the advertisement, in addition to Mrs. Alice Herrington Schmid, president of the Friends of Animals, Inc., were the honorary chairman of the organization, the famous French actress, Brigitte Bardot; a number of other artists prominent in various areas of show business; and two rabbis -- Rabbi Max Hausen, of Temple Beth El, Great Neck, L.I.; and Rabbi Edward Shapiro, of the Norwich Jewish Center at Norwich, N. Y.

The statements opposing the advertisement were issued today, among others, by Mortimer Brenner and Rabbi Max D. Davidson, co-chairmen of the Joint Advisory Committee of the Synagogue Council of America and the National Community Relations Advisory Council. Included among the members on the committee are representatives of the principal national associations of rabbis and congregational bodies of Conservative, Orthodox and Reform Jewry in the United States, as well as major national Jewish civic organizations and Jewish community councils throughout the United States.

Among the opponents of the Friends of Animals was also Agudath Israel of America, an ultra-Orthodox organization. Agudath Israel charged that Friends of Animals "besmirched Jewish religious practice by widely circulating its portrayal of Jewish ritual slaughter in such a derogatory manner that it reflects on the humaneness of the laws of Judaism, which are deeply rooted in mercy and kindness."

Slaughter Bill by N. Y. State Humane Association Acceptable to Jews

The Jewish organizations attacking the Friends of Animals for their advertisement against Shechitah charged that the advertisement could only mislead readers by creating the impression that its proposals for legislation to control slaughtering methods are the only ones currently being put forward. They pointed out that, in fact, the New York State Humane Association has agreed to sponsor in the next session of the New York State Legislature a humane slaughter bill that has been found acceptable by major Jewish religious groups in the state. They declared that Mrs. Schmid was the sole dissenter from a stand taken by the New York State Humane Association, at its statewide convention last October, when an entirely different type of legislation was advocated.

Mr. Brenner and Rabbi Davidson, in a joint statement, said: "The advertisement in The New York Times, sponsored by the so-called Friends of Animals, Inc., which its president, Mrs. Alice H. Schmid circulated widely in advance of its publication, can only serve to confuse public understanding of a complex and sensitive problem which virtually all of the humane societies of this state are seeking to resolve by legislation that is acceptable to the major Jewish organizations. Mrs. Schmid's efforts can only foment religious divisiveness."

Rabbi Harry I. Halpern, chairman of the Joint Commission on Social Action of the Conservative movement in Judaism stated: "The difficult and delicate process of formulating state legislation for humane slaughter that would offer no threat to the religiously prescribed Jewish method of kosher slaughter has occupied legislators and humane societies in New York State for many months. Just when that process is about to produce a bill endorsed by virtually the entire humane movement in the state, and acceptable to Jewish groups, the Friends of Animals advertisement, by avoiding any reference to that bill, can only lead the uninformed reader to believe that its proposals are the only ones that are concerned for the humane treatment of animals being slaughtered. The effect can only be needlessly divisive."

Rabbi Israel Miller, president of the Rabbinical Council of America (Orthodox) declared: "The Jewish practice of Shechita -- ritual slaughter of food animals -- has been universally recognized as a humane method, and has so been affirmed in legislation enacted in the U. S. Congress and a number of states. The large preponderance of the Jewish community in New York State is on record accepting humane slaughter legislation pro-

posed last year by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and which will be reintroduced in slightly revised form in the coming session of the New York State Legislature by the New York State Humane Association. That legislation was approved by a convention of the New York State Humane Association last October with only a single dissenting vote -- that of the main sponsor of The New York Times advertisement. That sole dissenter and her small following are outside the mainstream of the humane movement. Her ad and the legislation suggested in it are misleading and destructive of the best interests of the humane treatment of animals."

Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform), said that the advertisement "can only have the effect of impairing a painstakingly built harmonious relationship among groups seeking genuine humane slaughter legislation in New York State and cordial relations among religious groups. Mrs. Schmid gives the impression that no effort to assure humane treatment of animals is being considered, and that all who do not endorse her own totally impractical proposals are cruelly indifferent. It is regrettable that she should have so intemperately chosen to publicize her mistaken judgment. The Jewish community will remain committed by its religious precepts to the humane treatment of animals as it always has been."

A. S. P. C. A. Backs Jewish Ritual Method of Slaughtering

The bill being sponsored by the New York State Humane Association is similar in all essential respects to one sponsored by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in the last session of the New York State Legislature. It declares the Jewish ritual method of slaughter -- shechita -- to be humane. It stipulates that, in the preparation of beef animals, only humane methods shall be employed, specifically excluding the use of a manually operated hammer, sledge or pole axe as a means of slaughtering or render any animals unconscious, or shackling and hoisting of conscious animals.

The bill is applicable only to beef animals for which there is a restraining pen, acceptable to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, all of the major humane societies of the country, and leading rabbinic authorities. The ASPCA acquired the patent rights to the large animal restraining pen and to all similar devices. Among the patent rights it holds are those acquired by the Joint Advisory Committee as a result of its own research, which were assigned to the ASPCA gratis.

The ASPCA has made the "pen" available to all packing houses without royalty charges or license fees of any kind. The ASPCA is also continuing to sponsor research and experimentation at the Agricultural School of the University of Ohio on a similar device for smaller animals, calves and sheep. When such a device is perfected the law would be made applicable to small animals as well. In making these facts known, the Jewish spokesmen pointed out today that Mrs. Schmid's bill fails completely to take account of these very important developments, so carefully worked out."

(In Rochester, N. Y., today, C. Raymond Naramore, president of the New York State Humane Association, confirmed to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the last convention of his organization, held last October at Bath, N. Y., approved a proposed humane slaughter bill which has the backing of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and of the organized Jewish community. He said that the only dissenter on that action was Mrs. Schmid, who is a member of the Humane Association as an individual.

DOCUMENT SHOWING JEWS LIVED IN SICILY IN 11th CENTURY DISCOVERED

NEW YORK, Dec. 27; (JTA) -- Discovery of a document dating back to the year 1020 of the Christian Era, showing for the first time that Jews lived at that time in Sicily, under Moslem rule, was reported here last night at the annual meeting of the American Academy for Jewish Research, held at the Jewish Theological Seminary here.

The report was made by Norman Gold, assistant professor of medieval Jewish studies at the University of Chicago's department of Oriental languages and civilization. He found the parchment in the Bodleian Library at Oxford University, and deciphered it through the use of ultraviolet rays. The parchment was part of a collection recovered from the Genizah of Cairo nearly 70 years ago.

According to Mr. Gold, the document showed that a Jew named Elijah, living in Sicily, had taken an oath in the year 1020 in the synagogue at Syracuse, swearing that he was innocent of charges that he had misappropriated some silver ingots. Scholars of the American Academy for Jewish Research said it had been believed until now that there were no Jews living in Sicily during the period mentioned in the document.

JEWSHIP SHIPPING MAGNATE OF JAPAN TO OPEN MAJOR BRANCH IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 27; (JTA) -- Shaul Eisenberg, the owner of large shipping and mining interests in Japan, announced today that he will open a major branch of his company in Israel. Mr. Eisenberg said that he has settled in Israel in order to "assure the Jewish upbringing" of his six children.