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NEW EXECUTIVE OF JEWISH AGENCY ELECTED BY ZIONIST ACTIONS COMMITTEE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- The Zionist Actions Committee, policy-making body of the world movement between sessions of the World Zionist Congress, completed its organizational process here today, electing Aryeh L. Pincus as chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency and choosing 19 other members of the executive. The president of the World Zionist Organization, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, needed no vote, since he had been chosen by the last Zionist Congress;

Mr. Pincus has been acting chairman since the death of Moshe Sharett, and has now been given the post as the permanent incumbent. The members chosen to the executive, approved unanimously en bloc, were: Eliahu Dobkin, Yitzhak Harkavi, Dr. Raanan Weitz, Prof. Marie Syrkin and Abraham Cygel, all of Mapai; Itzhak Artzi, Leo Dultzin, Chaim Levanon and Dr. Emanuel Neumann, of the World Union of General Zionists; Dr. Israel Goldstein, Mrs. Rose Falprin and Woolf Perry, of the Confederation of General Zionists; David Beit-Arie, Rabbi Mordechai Kirshblum and S. Z. Shragai, of Mizrahi; Yosef Klarman and Dr. Joseph Schechtman, of Herut; Mrs. Cyvia Lubetkin-Zuckerman, of Ahdut Avoda; and Zvi Lurie, of Mapam;

Abraham Schenker, of Mapam, was elected as a deputy member. Andre Narboni was elected to the executive as a non-party member representing the Sephardic community; and Mrs. Raya Yaglom as a non-voting member to represent the Women's International Zionist Organization. Additionally, Supreme Court Justice Moshe Landau was elected president of the Zionist Court of Honor, to succeed Justice Shimon Agranat who has been chosen as president of the Israel Supreme Court, while Haim Grongrad was elected as legal adviser to the Zionist Congress, succeeding Dr. Pinhas Rosen, who had asked to be relieved of that post;

The Actions Committee, which is scheduled to adjourn tonight with the adoption of resolutions, is expected to nominate American and European non-party Zionists who will sit on the executive. It will also vote on a recommendation by the standing committee that one prominent Israeli non-Zionist be coopted. That post will go to a member of Israel's Cabinet.

A hitch took place today on the election of an American to represent the Reform movement of the U.S.A. among the coopted non-party members. The standing committee had recommended yesterday for that spot Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, of Boston, but the Zionist Organization of America proposed instead the name of Rabbi Leo I. Feuer, of Toledo. Voting on this nomination may be left to the executive. Also to be elected are two Latin American members, about whose identity there is no agreement.

52 SENATORS OPPOSE NUCLEAR WEAPONS FOR ISRAEL AND OTHER LANDS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- A resolution designed to prevent nations like Israel from perfecting nuclear weapons was introduced in the Senate today by Sen. John O. Pastore, Rhode Island Democrat, and cosponsored by 51 other Senators. As past chairman and long-time member of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, Sen. Pastore stressed that "we must bend every effort to discourage additional nations from joining the nuclear weapons club."

The Senator noted that five nations -- Israel, Argentina, Greece, Iran, and Norway -- signed an agreement for International Atomic Energy Agency inspection of equipment or material supplied for civilian purposes, but that these agreements are not yet in effect. Citing a proposed non-proliferation treaty presented by the United States to the Geneva Disarmament Conference last August, Sen. Pastore said this conference resumes January 27 and that the United States should offer stronger phrasing.

Tracing the development of nuclear power by the United States, Sen. Pastore gave credit to scientists of Jewish and anti-Fascist background. "We are grateful that America's freedoms brought to our shores such minds as Einstein, Bohr, Fermi, Szilard, Teller, Bethe, von Neumann and others," the Senator said. He pointed out that Nazi Germany had achieved knowledge of uranium fission but the Germans did not understand it. Fission but

HAIFA STEVEDORES START SLOW-DOWN STRIKE; MAY AFFECT CITRUS EXPORT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- More than 500 citrus fruit stevedores started a slow-down action in the harbor at Haifa today, to back demands for a wage increase of about 25 percent. The action is likely to reduce the rate of loading citrus aboard ships in the port of Haifa by a third or a half. The stevedores claim that the rate of loading requested of them is far beyond the normal rate.

The slow-down came at the height of the loading season, when the weather is perfect for such work. The United Port Services Company has rejected the claims of the stevedores, saying the demands have not been made through the usual channels and stating that the demands have not been approved either by the workers' committee or by the local labor council.

Meanwhile, the 24-hour strike of 1,000 workers employed by two of Israel's largest oil distributing firms, Paz and Delek, had been ended, and tankers delivered oil again to all filling stations by this morning. That strike was called off late yesterday, after Minister of Labor Yigal Allon had threatened to draft the workers under emergency measures authorized Sunday by the Cabinet. Under the settlement, Mr. Allon had undertaken to see to it that the higher wage demands of the Paz and Delek workers will be settled within two months after a new wage policy is fixed by Histadrut, the Israel federation of labor.

Prices in Israel will rise during 1966 by 8 percent, the Knesset (Parliament) was informed today by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir and the Bank of Israel. The notification of a general rise in the price index was contained in the national budget submitted to the Knesset by the Finance Minister and the bank. According to the two finance sources, Israel's unfavorable trade balance -- the gap between the value of imports and the value of exports -- is not expected to change this year. Although exports are expected to rise, that increase is expected to be offset by increasing imports, the Knesset was informed.

GERMAN ROCKET EXPERTS REPORTED SUPERVISED BY AMERICANS IN EGYPT

MUNICH, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- There are still some 20 or 25 West German engineers and technicians at work in Egypt on Nasser's rocket program, and they work "under American management," Dr. Alfred Seidel, attorney for the Social Union Party of Bavaria, said here today.

Dr. Seidel, who has appeared as defense counsel for a number of Nazi war criminals, is also the lawyer for some of the leading German scientists employed until recently by the Egyptian Government's projects for development of missiles and rockets.

All of the top German scientists, he said, have left Egypt. But those who remained are still at their jobs, he stated. Dr. Seidel is the legal representative, in Cairo, for some of the top German scientists who had come back home. He is very active in the political work of the Social Union Party, which is the South German branch of the dominant Christian Democratic Party.

SEN. JAVITS CALLS FOR PEACE OFFENSIVE TO PREVENT ARAB-ISRAEL WAR

DETROIT, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- Citing President Johnson's efforts and contacts with more than 113 nations to promote peace in Viet Nam, Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, told a United Jewish Appeal meeting here that a major international peace offensive is also needed to avert an Arab-Israel war.

Sen. Javits, who returned recently from Viet Nam, said the time is ripe for peace efforts in the Arab-Israel dispute like the "peace offensive" initiated by President Johnson to end the Viet Nam war. He called on the Administration to ask the United Nations to direct a peace offensive in the Near East "and to enlist the assistance of every possible nation in that tinderbox region and every nation that has interests there."

He noted that "the role of the USSR at the Tashkent settlement also gives hope that the Soviet Government might actively support a concerted effort for a Near East peace at this time. At the same time he cited new Egyptian acquisition of Soviet arms indirectly subsidized by American aid and "perhaps even some Americans" working in Egypt on missiles. He pointed to U. S. arms shipments to other Arab states.

He said that "monumental peace efforts should be made before smoldering resentments and frictions lead to open hostilities" between the Arabs and Israel. "Our Government must account to itself for its failure in 1963 to join in the move of the 16 Afro-Asian nations in the United Nations for direct peace negotiations between the Arab states and Israel," he stated, adding that it should now ask the U. N. Secretary-General to initiate a new peace drive.

TWO CONVICTED EX-NAZIS EXECUTED BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN RIGA

LONDON, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- Two former Nazis convicted of war crimes in a trial in Riga, Latvia, have been executed, according to a dispatch from Riga received here today by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The men were named as Jozef Basankovitz and Janis Krasovskis.

SWITZERLAND TO EXTRADITE TO GERMANY NAZI GENERAL WHO KILLED JEWS

BONN, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- The Ministries of Justice and Police of Switzerland notified West Germany today that they will hand over to West German authorities Erhard Kroeger, a former SS general, arrested in Zurich on German charges of personal responsibility in the murder of 3,045 Jews and mentally ill persons in Lemberg, Poland, in 1941. During the war, he was chief of a Nazi commando unit in occupied Russia.

Kroeger had come recently from Italy, where he was living, on a safe conduct guarantee, to testify in the trial of two former Nazis, charged as war criminals in a court at Wuppertal. The two, both former leaders of the SS, are Alfred Rendorfer and Wilhelm Babischek. They have been found guilty of complicity in the mass execution of Jews in Russia during the war, and are to face sentence next week.

They had pleaded innocent, saying that the Jewish children they had ordered shot, at Baranowice, were executed "not specifically" as Jews but were included among others who were not Jewish. Kroeger testified at their trial that he was not aware of any killings. He then left to return to Italy, under his safe conduct document. But, at Zurich, where he stopped to visit a son, the Swiss police arrested him on West Germany's request.

According to the Swiss notification, Kroeger will have to be given a hearing before he is turned over to the Germans. However, Switzerland recognizes the crime of which Kroeger is charged as extraditable; Italy, on the other hand, calls such a crime "political," and not extraditable. In 1963, a court in Bologna, Italy, refused to order Kroeger extradited when the Germans requested that he be handed over, terming the charge against him "a political offence."

JOINT ANTI-POVERTY BODY ESTABLISHED BY JEWS, PROTESTANTS, CATHOLICS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- Jewish, Protestant and Catholic groups today formally established a united front in the war against poverty by forming an Interreligious Committee Against Poverty at a closed meeting here attended by top-level leaders. Joining in the creation of the 45-member committee were the Synagogue Council of America in cooperation with other Jewish groups, the National Council of Churches and the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Louis Stern of Essex County, N.J.; past president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds; and Rabbi Seymour Cohen of Chicago, president of the Synagogue Council of America, are among the co-chairmen of the committee. They said combined efforts of both voluntary and governmental agencies are required to help eradicate poverty which they called "morally indefensible amid our national affluence."

The committee will not be a programming agency but will encourage, evaluate and coordinate efforts in the anti-poverty war, Mr. Stern and Rabbi Cohen declared. The Synagogue Council of America and cooperating Jewish bodies represent the organized Jewish community's coordinated anti-poverty program. Jewish groups have been extremely active in community action programs against poverty since the Economic Opportunity Act was passed in 1964. The committee will meet at regular intervals and will have headquarters here.

Leaders serving on the committee include Moses I. Feuerstein, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations; Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president, Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Aaron Goldman, chairman, National Community Relations Advisory Council; Philip Klutznick, former president of B'nai B'rith; Rabbi Israel Miller, president, Rabbinical Council of America; George Maislen, past president, United Synagogue of America.

Also: Max J. Routtenberg, president of the Rabbinical Assembly; Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein, president, Central Conference of American Rabbis; Mrs. Joseph Willen, president, National Council of Jewish Women; Jacob Blaustein, honorary president, American Jewish Committee; Milton Waldor, national commander, Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.; and Rabbi Joachim Prinz, president, American Jewish Congress; as well as Mr. Stern and Rabbi Cohen.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY AWARDED FEDERAL GRANT OF \$536,870 FOR HEALTH PLAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- Yeshiva University has been awarded a grant of \$536,870 by the Office of Economic Opportunity to help the institution continue its community health program in the South Bronx.

AMERICAN REFORM RABBIS TO TEACH STUDENTS IN GERMANY ON JEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- At the invitation of the State Ministries of Education of West Germany American Reform Rabbis are being sent this summer to the Federal Republic to teach students and teachers-in-training about Judaism, the Jewish people and the holocaust; it was announced here yesterday by Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

"There exists in Germany today a virtual vacuum on any information on Judaism, other than its victimization in the Nazi era," Rabbi Eisendrath said. "There cannot be anything but a warped view of Jews and Judaism, if the only contact with them is either to read of the tragedy, or of the lingering bitterness which one imagines besets the Jewish people in relation to Germany and the German people."

The program has received the endorsement of the boards representing the three constituent bodies of the Interfaith Commission: These are the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and the Jewish Chautauqua Society -- an arm of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods;

Plans for the project were outlined at a news conference by Rabbi Balfour Brickner, Director of the Commission on Interfaith Activities of Reform Judaism, and Rabbi Joseph Asher, Greensboro, North Carolina who proposed the project after a return visit in 1964 to Germany, from which he fled in 1936; Rabbi Brickner said in June and July of this year, at a time when the German academic year comes to a conclusion, between 10 - 15 Reform rabbis will be sent for a two-week stay to West Germany to lecture in the Gymnasiums to students on Jewish history, theology and religious practices; They would lecture in German and English and meet with smaller student groups to allow for greater personal contact and discussions;

AMERICAN NAZI PARTY TO MOVE ITS HEADQUARTERS FROM VIRGINIA

NEW YORK, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- George Rockwell's notorious American Nazi Party, whose Virginia headquarters were recently padlocked by the U. S. Government for failure to pay taxes, boasts it was "not wiped out" and expects to move its offices to a large city in either Texas or Louisiana, according to information made public today by the American Jewish Committee;

The Committee revealed that Rockwell, referring to "the Jews" in a recent "confidential" letter to his group's "inner circle of members and supporters," said that his party "will soon hit them again with full force. The blow will be far more telling when they believe we are out of action;"

JEWS IN SWITZERLAND TO CELEBRATE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF EMANCIPATION

GENEVA, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- The Swiss Federation of Jewish Communities announced plans here today for the celebration during the current year of the 100th anniversary of the official emancipation of the Jews of Switzerland;

It was in January 1866 that the Swiss people voted in a referendum to abolish the requirement in Federal legislation and jurisprudence that Swiss citizens belong to the Christian faith; This constitutional change, however, only sanctioned individual rights of Jews; The acknowledgement of Jewry as a religious community and the right of freedom of worship for non-Christians were recognized in 1874;

In 1893, the Jewish community suffered a setback with the introduction after a referendum of a ban on shechita or Jewish ritual slaughter, a measure regarded by Swiss Jews as discriminatory; The Swiss Federation of Jewish communities will dedicate its annual assembly in Zurich next May to the centenary of Jewish emancipation in Switzerland;

SYNAGOGUE BUILT BY JEWS FROM EGYPT BADLY DAMAGED IN RIO FLOODS

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- The synagogue in this city formed by Jewish immigrants from Egypt was badly damaged in last week's catastrophic rainstorms and rock slides, it was disclosed here today. The house of worship was located in the Copacabana district, where most of the heavy damage occurred during the storms;

Rocks from nearby mountains had gutted part of the synagogue; However, the Holy Scrolls in the synagogue had been saved before the rock slides occurred; A check today revealed that no other properties belonging to any section of the Jewish community had been damaged by the storms;

6,000 JEWS REPORTED LIVING IN DENMARK; 95 PERCENT ARE IN COPEHNGEN

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 18; (JTA) -- There are now 6,000 Jews in Denmark, and 95 percent of them live in the capital city, according to latest statistics, published here today. The remainder of the Jews are scattered through various towns in Denmark. There is only one Jewish school in the country, located here, with an enrollment of 150 pupils; There is also a Jewish kindergarten here, with 50 pupils; The Jewish community in Copenhagen recently celebrated its 300th anniversary;