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VICTORIOUS PARTY IN AUSTRIA DISASSOCIATES ITSELF FROM ANTI-CEMITISM

VIENNA, March 7. (JTA) -- An official of the conservative Austrian Peoples Party, which scored a major victory in the country's national elections yesterday, said today that his party had nothing to do with pamphlets showing "anti-Semitic tendencies" distributed during the election campaign. The Peoples Party has won a narrow parliamentary majority as a result of the elections.

Hermann Withalm, the party's general secretary, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he sharply condemned anti-Semitism. He made his statement in commenting on leaflets attributed to the Peoples Party which contained anti-Semitic remarks. He said that any such material had been "smuggled" into the party propaganda by "unknown adversaries" of the party.

Charges of anti-Semitism had also been made during the election campaign against the new Democratic Progressive Party. However, this faction received only 140,541 votes among the 4,800,000 ballots cast in the elections.

U. S. NOT READY YET TO TALK WITH ISRAEL ON DESALINATION FINANCING

WASHINGTON, March 7. (JTA) -- The United States Government has no current plans for negotiations with Israel on the economic feasibility of cooperation on a nuclear power-desalting plant for Israel and it is therefore premature to discuss conditions under which American assistance might be rendered, State Department spokesman Robert McCloskey said today.

Authorities in the field of atomic energy said that the delay of the United States in entering negotiations on financing arose from political considerations, linked with the desire of this country to ascertain that non-proliferation assurances will be forthcoming.

Official State Department sources said, meanwhile, that United States negotiations with Israel on nuclear desalination -- when and if commenced -- would be guided by President Johnson's statement of January 27 that the United States must continue to secure application of international atomic energy safeguards over peaceful nuclear activities and urge agreement that all transfers of nuclear materials or equipment for peaceful purposes to countries which do not have nuclear weapons be under the International Atomic Energy Agency or equivalent international safeguards.

The State Department announced today that the final report of the U. S. - Israel Joint Board's engineering feasibility and economic study has been received. The report was completed some time ago. It was performed by Kaiser Engineers of Oakland, Calif., in association with the Catalytic Construction Co., of Philadelphia. The study was sponsored by the Governments of Israel and the United States, the latter represented by the Atomic Energy Commission and the office of saline water of the Department of the Interior.

The joint board recommended that the final report be accepted, and submitted the study to the two governments. Details of the report were previously published. Mr. McCloskey said today that the report is yet to be analyzed by the United States Government and that no plans have been made for negotiations on nuclear economic feasibility.

The technical study envisaged as feasible a nuclear-powered plant of 200 megawatts of electricity and 100 million gallons of water per day, to be operational by 1972. An assumption was made of early initiation of design. The study, using 1965 prices, estimated the plant's capital costs at about \$200,000,000. Assuming a power credit of 5.3 mills per KWE, the resulting water costs would range from 29 cents to 67 cents per thousand gallons for fixed charge rates of 5 percent and 10 percent respectively.

ADENAUER WARNS BONN TO REACH 'SATISFACTORY' AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL

KOBLENZ, Germany, March 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Konrad Adenauer, West Germany's former Chancellor, warned here yesterday that, unless the present Bonn Government reaches "a satisfactory" agreement with Israel, as a result of the Bonn-Jerusalem economic talks opened last week, such a failure would affect West German relations with other countries. Dr. Adenauer said in his address that, during all the years of his chancellorship, he had maintained a policy of good relations with Israel and with France.

VATICAN PLANS VOLUME OF POPE PIUS' REACTION TO NAZI ACTS ON JEWS

ROME, March 7. (JTA) -- Informed sources at the Vatican indicated today that a third volume of data to be compiled from documents and letters left by the late Pope Pius XII, dealing specifically with the pontiff's reactions to the Hitler program for annihilation of European Jewry, is expected to be published this year.

The second book in the series, disclosing Pope Pius' correspondence during the war years, was issued yesterday, and showed very few mentions of Jews. The next volume, however, will deal with letters sent by Pius XII to Polish bishops during the World War II era and may refer to Jews, it was said.

In Volume II, issued yesterday, it was noted upon careful examination today that a footnote refers to letters and telegrams of thanks received by Pope Pius from "Jewish centers" for the Holy See's "salvation work." Among the Jewish communities that sent such messages were listed those of Bolivia, Costa Rica, South Africa, Chile and the city of Zagreb, Yugoslavia.

The entire series of papal correspondence in the Hitler era is being published by the Vatican as a response to criticisms against Pope Pius' inaction on the Jewish problem, contained in "The Deputy," the controversial drama by a German playwright, Rolf Hochhuth.

BRITISH STUDENTS REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF ANTI-SEMITIC GROUPS

LONDON, March 7. (JTA) -- Manchester University students who joined hate groups in Britain as undercover agents to gather information about them asserted today, in a report, that such groups were well organized and well financed.

The students said that they found connections between different individuals and organizations in the field which pointed to "systematic planning and financing" by a relatively small group of people. The report also declared that the links they found between a large number of groups, ranging from the "Racial Preservation Society" to the anti-Semitic British National Party, showed a coordinated propaganda drive.

EX-NAZI OFFICER SENTENCED IN GERMANY FOR KILLING JEWS IN RUSSIA

FRANKFURT, March 7. (JTA) -- Adolf Harnismacher, 56, a former SS lieutenant, was sentenced by a Frankfurt court to nine years at hard labor for complicity in the wartime murder of at least 380 Jews in occupied Russia.

The defendant was a member of an Einsatz Commando unit which murdered Jews near Mogilev. The total number of victims of the unit has been estimated at about 80,000. Harnismacher confessed he had shot Jewish men, women and children and to have led the firing squad in such killings.

A call for Jewish witnesses who might be able to testify against six Germans charged with war crimes at Busk, Poland, was issued here today by the public prosecutor. The official said that preparations are under way to try the men. He is looking for Jews who may have lived in Busk between 1941 and 1944.

EIGHT YUGOSLAVS ON TRIAL FOR AIDING NAZIS TO DEPORT JEWS TO DEATH

BELGRADE, March 7. (JTA) -- The trial of eight men on Nazi war crimes charges started in Zagreb, the capital of the Croatian province of Yugoslavia.

The defendants are charged with having prepared lists of names of Yugoslav Jews in advance of the German invasion of Yugoslavia and thus to have helped in the deportation and murder of Jews named in the lists. A number of Jewish survivors will testify during the trial.

MORE JEWISH CEMETERIES REPORTED DESECRATED IN WEST GERMAN CITIES

BOCHUM, March 7. (JTA) -- Another in a series of Jewish cemetery desecrations in West Germany was reported today from Osnabruck. Police said 60 tombstones were demolished in the Osnabruck Jewish cemetery and in a Christian cemetery in the immediate neighborhood. The vandals have not been found.

Other desecrations of Jewish cemeteries in West Germany during the past nine days were reported today at Hechingen, near Stuttgart, and Ottweiler, in the Saar. Vandals toppled 45 tombstones in the Hechingen cemetery. In Ottweiler, 28 tombstones were uprooted. Ottweiler blamed children or young people for the vandalism.

DR. PRINZ ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF 'PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE' FOR SECOND TERM

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- Dr. Joachim Prinz, president of the American Jewish Congress, has been elected to a second successive term as chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, it was announced today. The Conference is composed of presidents of 21 national lay and religious organizations. The Presidents' Conference deals in particular with American-Israel relations and also concerns itself with matters affecting the welfare and security of Jewry in other countries.

ISRAEL AMONG FIRST SIGNATORIES OF U.N. PACT AGAINST RACIAL BIGOTRY

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., March 7. (JTA) -- Israel was one of the first members of the United Nations today to sign the new International Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Intolerance. The instrument was opened for signature today in the office of Secretary-General U Thant. The Convention was adopted unanimously on December 21 by the last session of the General Assembly.

Ambassador Michael S. Comay, Israel's permanent representative here, declared that the new Convention is "of emotional and historical importance to Israel." Pointing out that 90 percent of Israel's population is composed of Jews "who belong to an ancient people which has been the classic victim of religious and racial bigotry for 20 centuries," Mr. Comay recalled the Hitlerian holocaust as he prepared to sign the anti-racist document.

At the same time, however, the Israeli envoy noted that the anti-racist instrument "does not refer expressly to anti-Semitism." During the debates leading to the adoption of the Convention, the United States, aided by Brazil, tried to add an amendment specifically condemning anti-Semitism among the racist trends in the world. That amendment was lost after the Soviet Union had presented a counter-move that would have equated anti-Semitism and Zionism with Nazism and neo-Nazism. As a result of the Moscow maneuver, it had been decided that no specific "isms," except for apartheid, would be mentioned in the Convention.

Mr. Comay contended that, despite the defeat of the effort by the United States and Brazil, "during the debate at the General Assembly, it was accepted that the general provisions of the Convention embrace a condemnation of anti-Semitism as well." "Israel," he stated, "particularly welcomes the total rejection in the Convention of discrimination based on color. Whether directed against Jews, Negroes, or any other group, discrimination is indivisible and repulsive."

In addition to Israel, the U.N. members which signed the Convention today were Byelorussia, Central African Republic, Greece, the Philippine Islands, Poland, Ukraine and the USSR. The instrument will go into force after a minimum of 27 states had acceded to it.

B'NAI B'RITH COUNCIL BACKS U.N. MOVE ON CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- Support for a proposed United Nations international Convention that would bar statutes of limitations on war crimes and crimes against humanity was expressed by the B'nai B'rith International Council at its executive committee session here today.

The proposed Convention favored by the Council would also bind signatory nations to assist each other in the prosecution of war crimes through extraditions and the "unconditional submission" of evidence to participating countries having jurisdiction in a war crimes case.

Maurice Weinstein, of Charlotte, N.C., chairman of the International Council, reported here that a memorandum detailing the proposed Convention had been submitted to the United Nations Human Rights Commission by the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations. CBJO, comprising B'nai B'rith and the Board of Deputies of British Jews, has non-governmental consultative status before the Human Rights Commission, which is scheduled to convene its session here tomorrow.

Another CBJO memorandum recommended to the Commission that anti-Semitism be "singled out for specific condemnation" in a draft Convention on "The Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance" on the Commission's agenda. The second CBJO statement noted the existence of "some 450" anti-Jewish organizations, 50 "extremist" periodicals with a circulation of more than 1,000,000, and the "persistent" use of anti-Semitism for "the disruption of peace and for open aggression" among the reasons for specific mention of anti-Semitism as a form of religious intolerance.

NATIONAL GROUPS ASK JOHNSON NOT TO ACCEPT ABBA SCHWARTZ'S RESIGNATION

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- Heads of national organizations, Jewish and non-Jewish, interested in the liberalization of immigration regulations by the United States Government, today telegraphed President Johnson, asking him not to accept the resignation of Abba P. Schwartz, who tendered his resignation yesterday from his post as administrator of the State Department's Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs.

After tendering his resignation, Mr. Schwartz said in Washington that he was quitting his post upon discovering that he was the principal victim of a State Department reorganization that would abolish his bureau. He is widely considered as one of the Administration's most vigorous advocates of liberal immigration, travel and refugee policies and was the principal architect of the new immigration law adopted last year, wiping out the discriminatory "national origins" quota system.

Mr. Schwartz said that the "reorganization" plan, presumably linked to Government "economy," had been in the works for "many, many months," but that he had known nothing about it until his return from a confidential mission abroad last weekend.

NEW YORK WOMEN RAISE \$1,500,000 FOR U.J.A. AT OPENING OF 1966 DRIVE

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- Contributions totaling \$1,500,000 were announced here today at a rally attended by some 4,000 Jewish women marking the opening of the 1966 campaign of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. The initial figure -- \$100,000 more than last year -- formally launched the Women's Division's efforts toward the UJA's nationwide goal of \$116,685,000 for this year.

Addressing the rally, Senator Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, called for a "peace offensive in the Near East, before, not after the storm." Sen. Javits said that the United States "should seek to create an opportunity to debate this question before the United Nations in the September session." He said it was "long past the time when the United States itself" should press for a constructive resolution on Mideast peace.

In another address at the rally, New York Mayor John Lindsay called volunteer participation in the United Jewish Appeal activity "the essence of good citizenship." Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., chairman of the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, stressed in his address the importance of UJA-financed programs of aid for the thousands of Israel's immigrants whose origins are in underdeveloped countries and who need intensive social services and education to give them the skills and knowledge required for full participation in a modern, industrial, democratic society.

LEAGUE FOR ISRAEL SEES NON-PARTY ZIONISM AS NEW DYNAMIC DIRECTION

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- Satisfaction with the inclusion of non-Zionist personalities as members of the Jewish Agency executive was expressed here by Samuel Daroff, president of the American Jewish League for Israel in an address at the League's Board meeting held at the Barbizon Plaza Hotel here.

Indicating that the League has advocated the policy of de-emphasis of the party key in countries outside of Israel since its inception, Mr. Daroff predicted further gains in this direction with the conclusion of the Reorganization Commission's recommendations on reconstructing the Zionist movement.

"Strong sentiment has been expressed by many leading voices in the North American section of the Commission favoring a single unitary Zionist organization in the United States," Mr. Daroff stated. "Only with this approach will the Zionist movement be able to recapture its position of pre-eminence in the world Jewish community, and attract to its fold all leaders and individuals devoted to the upbuilding of Israel and the perpetuation of the Jewish way of life. Non-party Zionism is now strongly on the move and there is ever-increasing agreement in the upper echelons of Zionist leadership that non-party Zionism in the Diaspora is necessary for the unification of the Zionist movement so that it may meet head on the threats of assimilation and loss of Jewish identity."

N. Y. FEDERATION INTENSIFIES EFFORTS FOR JOBS FOR SABBATH OBSERVERS

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- A concerted effort to increase employment opportunities for Sabbath observers has been launched by the Federation Employment and Guidance Service, the largest voluntary non-profit agency of its kind and one of the 116 health and welfare services affiliated with the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.

Setting up a special Sabbath Observers Job Development Committee of Orthodox, Reform and Conservative rabbis and lay leaders and professionals in employment and social work under the chairmanship of Edwin Freudenheim, a member of the Board of Directors, the FEGLS aims to create a better understanding and to stimulate a greater concern among employers for Jews who are committed to strict observance of the Sabbath.

As an organization which has pioneered many vocational and guidance projects geared to special needs of various groups in the community, the FEGLS believes that with the increasing number of those who adhere strictly to religious observance, the problems of job placement for Sabbath observers became a community problem. In conjunction with Federation's Commission on Synagogue Relations, the FEGLS plans to mobilize all communal resources to meet this need.

ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY TO BE CELEBRATED BY CHILDREN IN U. S.

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- A complete program guide for the celebration by American Jewish children of Israel's Independence Day which this year occurs on April 25 has been issued by Pioneer Women, the American Women's Labor Zionist Organization.

Noting that the celebration is aimed at children but involves the entire family, the guide calls for families to mark the occasion with a birthday cake, a specific ritual of songs, poems and games and special food items.