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PRESIDENT SHAZAR TO MEET WITH JOHNSON ON PRIVATE VISIT TO U.S.

JERUSALEM, June 6. (JTA) -- Authoritative sources at the Foreign Ministry here said today that President Zalman Shazar is expected to meet with United States President Johnson at the White House next month during a private visit to Washington.

Mr. Shazar notified the Israeli Cabinet today that, on his way back to Israel from a trip to South America -- which will take him on official state visits to four Latin American countries -- he will pay a "private visit" to the United States. The Cabinet decided that, during Mr. Shazar's absence, Kadish Luz, speaker of the Knesset (Parliament), will be the Acting President.

The itinerary for the tour, to be taken by President Shazar and a party of seven, including Mrs. Shazar is as follows: Uruguay, June 22-27; Chile, June 27-July 4; Argentina, July 4-12; Brazil, July 18-27. The President and Mrs. Shazar will rest for a few days in Uruguay between their visits to Argentina and Brazil. After visiting the United States, they are scheduled to return to Israel early in August.

In connection with the Cabinet's discussion of the details of the President's travel plans, Foreign Minister Abba Eban reported to the Government about Israel's relations with the governments of South America. He proposed that cooperation between Israel and Latin America be expanded by increasing the exchanges of experts and trainees between Israel and the various countries in South America.

PLOT OF ARAB PRISONERS TO ESCAPE FROM ISRAELI PRISON DISCOVERED

TEL AVIV, June 6. (JTA) -- A mass escape of Arab prisoners held at Ramleh Prison, Israel's largest institution of the kind, was prevented last night, it was announced here today by Aryeh Nir, commander of Israeli prisons.

Mr. Nir said that a routine check had disclosed that iron bars had been cut in one cell, and that the electric lines in the prison had been tampered with in such a way that a short-circuit might have occurred.

Many of the Arab prisoners at Ramleh are being held there "for security reasons." Two of the men in the cell where the bars had been severed, Mr. Nir said, are serving long sentences for "serious acts against the security of the country." One of those prisoners had been sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment, the other to an 11-year term.

ISRAEL CABINET ORDERS HAIFA DOCKWORKERS TO RESUME FULL WORK

JERUSALEM, June 6. (JTA) -- The 1,500 dockworkers in Haifa, who have been tying up the port for more than five weeks through a slow-down action in which they have reduced the amount of loading and unloading by about 50 percent, were given an ultimatum by Israel's Cabinet today. The Cabinet ordered them to resume full activities or face Government action "within the framework of its responsibilities and authority."

At the same time, the Cabinet also decided to reopen the port of Tel Aviv, and to speed harbor facilities in the new Port of Ashdod. Transport Minister Moshe Carmel told the Cabinet that the port of Haifa may have to be closed down, at least temporarily, until a solution to the labor dispute is reached. The workers at the Haifa port are demanding wage increases exceeding, by far, the 5 percent to 10 percent wage hikes approved for them by Histadrut, the Israel federation of labor.

According to the ship owners, the Haifa port tie-up, with loadings and unloadings delayed and the harbor congested, has, to date, cost them about \$2,000,000.

Meanwhile, the two parties in Israel's dominant political alignment -- Mapai and Ahdut Avodah -- agreed tentatively here today that industrial firms unable to pay additional cost-of-living allowances, beginning July 1, be permitted to pass on that extra financial burden to the Government. Additional cost-of-living allowances are to be granted at the beginning of next month to workers earning not more than 350 Israeli pounds (\$117) per month.

The agreement was reached at a conference held by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, who is Acting Premier; Mrs. Golda Meir, secretary-general of the Mapai Party; and Israel Galilee, representing Ahdut Avodah. There had been fears here that failure to agree on the vital issue of financing the cost-of-living increases might have endangered the future of the Mapai-Ahdut Avodah alignment.

U.S. PROVIDES \$32,000,000 IN FARM PRODUCTS TO ISRAEL; PACTS SIGNED

WASHINGTON, June 6. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman and Assistant Secretary of State Raymond Hare today signed Food for Peace agreements providing for the sale to Israel of \$32,000,000 worth of American farm products.

One agreement, under Title One of Public Law 480, provided for \$23,500,000 worth of products. Commodities included were feed grains, wheat and wheat flour, cotton seed or soy bean oil, and tobacco. The second agreement provided for a long-term dollar credit sale of \$8,500,000 worth of feed grains. This agreement is under Title Four of Public Law 480.

Payment under Title One will be in Israeli pounds. Seventy percent of the pounds generated will be available for social and economic development projects in Israel. Types of projects to be financed include expansion of schools and improvement of medical and health facilities. Twenty-five percent will be for U.S. Government uses, and 5 percent for loans to U.S. and Israeli private business firms. Under the Title Four agreement, the Israeli Government will repay the United States in dollars.

SYRIANS AND ISRAELIS EXCHANGE FIRE AT BORDER; NO ISRAELI CASUALTIES

TEL AVIV, June 6. (JTA) -- Another clash took place between Syria and Israel last night, when Syrian gun posts near the border opened fire against a group of Israeli workers in the Ashmora sector in Galilee. The Syrians used automatic weapons. Israeli forces returned the fire, and noted that some Syrian fields were ablaze after they had entered the fray. There were no casualties on the Israeli side.

The shooting exchange lasted an hour, until military observers representing the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization managed to effect a cease-fire. Israel entered a sharp complaint against the incident immediately with the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission.

TWO NAZI OFFICERS SENTENCED IN GERMANY FOR KILLING JEWS

HANOVER, June 6. (JTA) -- Two former SS officers on trial here for a week on charges of killing at least 4,000 Jews during World War II were found guilty today and given prison sentences, one to a term of seven years, the other to three years.

The men are former Major Friedrich Pradel, 65, who got the longer sentence, and his aide, ex-Major Harry Wentritt, 63. They had been charged with complicity in the murder of Serbian and Russian Jews in railroad cars that had been turned into gas chambers.

Pradel, according to the prosecution, had carried out Nazi Party responsibility for the introduction of the use of death railroad cars in which, it was estimated, a total of 100,000 persons, nearly all of them Jews, had been gassed.

JEWISH CONGRESS PLANS TO INTENSIFY ITS ACTIVITIES, LELYVELD REPORTS

NEW YORK, June 6. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress announced plans here today to "step up its programs against religious and racial discrimination and strengthen its activities in the fields of church-state separation, Negro-Jewish relations, peace, Soviet Jewry and the Middle East." The announcement was made by Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, newly elected president of the organization, at a press conference.

In the field of Jewish culture, Rabbi Lelyveld announced the establishment of a National Council on Art in Jewish Life, which will be staffed by the director of the organization's Commission on Jewish Affairs. He also cited a special research study already underway to determine the attitudes of Jewish collegians toward their Jewishness and the Jewish community. The study is under the direction of Professor Leonard J. Fein of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He said that the fifth annual American-Israel Dialogue of the Congress to be held in Rehovot, Israel July 27-29 would deal with "The Nature of Jewish Distinctiveness in Israel and America."

Asserting that the task of preserving traditional Jewish values could not be divorced from the need to apply them to contemporary issues, Rabbi Lelyveld said: "We cannot apply the ethics and imperatives of our faith unless we understand whence they have sprung and what they have meant in the heritage and history of our people. We cannot preserve these Jewish values unless we recognize them as vital, vibrant and pertinent to our day."

Rabbi Lelyveld said it was the "unique character of our faith that Judaism is the whole of the Jew's response to the world. We do not, and cannot, divide ourselves into Jewish and non-Jewish parts. It is significant that there is no word in classical Hebrew for religion, no word to distinguish or differentiate religion from life. Thus it is that we reject any separation between what is Jewish and what is worldly; between American activities and Jewish activities," he declared.

BUDGET OF TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY CURTAILED; WILL AFFECT ADMISSIONS

TEL AVIV, June 6. (JTA) -- The executive board of Tel Aviv University voted here Monday to curtail the institution's 1966-67 budget by nearly 4, 000, 000 Israeli pounds (\$1, 333, 000), below original estimates, fixing the fiscal year's budget at 20, 000, 000 pounds (\$6, 667, 000).

Hit hardest under the revised budget will be new appointments to the university's faculty. The number of new students to be admitted will also be reduced. The budget cut came in the wake of the Government's general tightening of all expenditures. That policy will, among other things, also reduce the subsidies expected to be given by the Government to all institutions of higher learning in Israel.

BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY GETS CHARTER OF RECOGNITION IN NEW YORK STATE

NEW YORK, June 6. (JTA) -- Bar-Ilan University of Ramat Gan has been granted an absolute charter of recognition by the Board of Regents of New York State, Dr. Joseph Lookstein of New York, acting president, and Philip Stollman of Detroit, national chairman, announced here today.

With issuance of the charter, the 11-year-old university's bachelor's and master's degrees in all subjects and doctoral degrees in Judaic studies are formally recognized throughout the United States. The coeducational school has 2, 208 students, 105 of them Americans.

As a result of the charter, American students at Bar-Ilan receive full credit on returning to or entering a United States institution of higher learning. The two American Bar-Ilan University leaders said they felt the new status would stimulate increased American student enrollment and attract leading American scholars to the university staff. The university is now engaged in a \$10, 000, 000 development program to provide for an enrollment of 4, 000 students within five years, Dr. Lookstein and Mr. Stollman said.

97 STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM JEWISH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 6. (JTA) -- Ten honorary degrees were awarded to Jewish scholars and spiritual leaders, and 97 students were graduated, as the Jewish Theological Seminary of America held its commencement exercises here yesterday. Among the graduates were eight citizens of Israel, who received various degrees in course.

The honorary degrees were awarded to Dr. Eli Ginzberg, professor of economics at Columbia University's Graduate School of Business; Dr. Oscar Janowksy, professor of history at the City College of New York; Dr. Meyer Schapiro, famous art expert who is University Professor at Columbia; Rabbi Harold H. Gordon, executive vice-president of the New York Board of Rabbis; Rabbi Judah Nadich, spiritual leader of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Also to Rabbi Max J. Routtenberg, spiritual leader of Temple Bnai Sholom, Rockville Centre, L.I.; Rabbi Morris B. Chapman, of Congregation B'nai Israel, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Rabbi Armond E. Cohen, Park Synagogue, Cleveland; Rabbi Reuben J. Magil, Temple Bet Zion-Beth Israel, Philadelphia; and, posthumously, the late Rabbi Joseph Warren, of Temple Beth El, Lowell, Mass. The degree to the late Dr. Warren was accepted by his daughter, Mrs. Martin Sokol, of Great Neck, N.Y.

N.Y. STATE ASSEMBLY APPROVES WELFARE SERVICES FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, June 6. (JTA) -- A bill which would give students in religious schools the same health and welfare services currently received by public school pupils was overwhelmingly passed by the New York State Assembly, and is currently being considered by the State Senate.

The legislation, which was introduced by State Senator Edward Speno and Assemblyman Arthur Hardwick, would provide students attending yeshivot and other non-public schools with assistance in such areas as psychiatry, psychology, speech therapy, social work and remedial service.

The Speno-Hardwick Bill may run into obstacles in the State Senate, however, according to the Agudath Israel of America. The organization issued a warning that the bill "may be bottled up in Senate Committee unless an alert public lets its voice be heard in Albany." The warning indicated that the Senate leadership is under heavy pressure from the bill's opponents and a massive counter-effort is necessary if the bill is to pass during this session of the Senate.

CANADIAN NAZI LEADER RESCUED BY POLICE FROM INFURIATED CROWD

TORONTO, June 6. (JTA) -- Mounted policemen came to the rescue of John William Beattie, self-styled Canadian Nazi leader, when a crowd of 3, 000 persons tried to break up an address he was yesterday delivering in Allen Gardens, one of Toronto's leading public parks.

MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE ADOPTS STRENGTHENED KOSHER FOOD LAW

DETROIT, June 6. (JTA) -- Stiffer enforcement of Michigan's kosher food laws is provided in a bill that has passed both houses of the legislature and been sent to Gov. Romney for his approval. Terms of the bill regulate advertisement of kosher foods. Any restaurant, grocery or food processor which advertised kosher food discovered to include non-kosher ingredients would be subject to fraud charges. By the same token, the failure to advertise the non-kosher ingredients would be presumed as an intent to defraud, a misdemeanor.

The bill originally called for a state commission on kosher food to police kosher food dealers and restaurants which sell kosher foods. It was altered because of church-state complications, one sponsor said. Provisions are designed to strengthen the state laws already in existence requiring the special preparation and packaging of foods under regulations of traditional Jewish law.

Hubert Sidlow, chairman of the Jewish Community Council internal relations committee, explained that for many years Michigan has had a law on the statute books defining "kosher" and characterizing certain acts of mislabeling and false advertising as illegal and a misdemeanor under the act. However, the act had proven to be ineffective in preventing widespread deception due to the lack of proper enforcement procedures. In addition, the old law referred only to meat preparations and left unprotected the great variety of kosher food products sold in Michigan.

Responding to complaints of deceptive practices regarding false advertising of kosher foods, the Jewish Community Council convened a meeting of interested community groups including the Council of Orthodox Rabbis as well as industry and union representatives. Working cooperatively with these groups and with the assistance of State Representative Jack Faxon, a number of recommendations were developed and presented to the House Agriculture Committee last March. These recommendations were eventually incorporated in the new bill.

ISRAELI MUSIC CRITICS REFUSE TO REVIEW CANTATA BY GERMAN COMPOSER

TEL AVIV, June 6. (JTA) -- The Israeli Music Critics Association announced here today that its members would not for the present review the Israel National Opera's production of "Carmina Burana," a cantata by a German composer, Carl Orff, who has been denounced as a Nazi collaborator by the Organization of Partisans and Anti-Nazi Fighters. The critics said they would withhold reviews until "a definitive statement" regarding Orff's status is made by a Government agency.

The Israel National Opera staged the premiere of the Orff work Saturday night, but the critics stayed away, while former partisans picketed the theater where the cantata was produced. The partisans, charging that Orff was a Nazi collaborator, had called on the public to boycott the production. The management of the Opera had called the charges against Mr. Orff "fantastic," pointing out that "Carmina Burana" has already been sung on the Israeli radio, which is operated by the Government, without objections.

FABIMAH SUSPENDS TWO VETERAN ACTORS FOR PLAYING IN OTHER THEATERS

TEL AVIV, June 6. (JTA) -- The Fabimah Theater today announced the suspension of two of its veteran actors, Shmuel Rudensky and Shlomo Bar Shavit, both of whom are now appearing on the Israeli stage in productions mounted by rival theatrical groups. Both actors have been with Fabimah 20 years, and are now on leave. Mr. Rudensky is playing Tevya in the Israeli production of "Fiddler on the Roof." Mr. Bar Shavit is appearing in "The Strange Case of Aliza Mizrachi," staged by Menachem Golan's Theater.

In announcing the unprecedented move to suspend the actors, the Fabimah management stated that its financial situation is now serious and "requires the mobilization of its top acting talent." "If we do not crack down now," the management added, "then tomorrow every Fabimah actor will decide he can pick up and choose the plays in which he will agree to perform."

A spokesman for Mr. Rudensky quoted the actor as saying: "After 20 years at starvation wages, the management did not find it necessary to call me to discuss why I refuse to return to Fabimah. I did not want to appear in a particular play for personal reasons. The first notification I had of my suspension came from a newspaperman. I will not take it lying down. If necessary, I will protest to the Labor and Education Ministries. I want at least a right to a hearing."

U.S. JEWISH WAR VETERANS TO ESTABLISH A MEMORIAL FOREST IN ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, June 6. (JTA) -- The Jewish War Veterans will plant a Memorial Forest in Israel of 100,000 trees, through the Jewish National Fund, Milton A. Waldor, national commander, announced today. Ben Kaufman of Trenton, New Jersey, past JYW national commander and holder of the United States Congressional Medal of Honor, will serve as national chairman of the Memorial Forest Committee. The Forest will be located on a site near Jerusalem.