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AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE RE-JOINS THE N.C.R.A.C.; ABSENT 14 YEARS

WASHINGTON, June 27. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee today became a member agency of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, coordinating body of Jewish community relations organizations. The number of national agencies affiliated with NCRAC was thus increased to nine.

Announcement of the affiliation was made by Philip E. Hoffman, chairman of the board of governors of the American Jewish Committee, and Aaron Goldman, chairman of the NCRAC, at a closing session of the NCRAC plenary meeting. The affiliation followed formal action by the AJCommittee board of governors which ratified an earlier executive board vote, and by the NCRAC's executive committee.

The event is significant in terms of organizational relationships, bringing together all the major Jewish bodies in the field of community relations for consultation and coordination. Other agencies affiliated in NCRAC are the American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith-Anti Defamation League, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, National Council of Jewish Women, Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, United Synagogue of America, and 79 Jewish community councils in cities throughout the country. The number of affiliated Jewish community councils was increased from 78 to 79 by the election to membership of the Tucson, Arizona Jewish Community Council at today's closing NCRAC session.

The American Jewish Committee, which had been one of the charter members of the NCRAC, withdrew from membership in 1952, following a study that recommended a division of functions among the member agencies of the Council -- a recommendation the AJCommittee felt would limit its autonomy and freedom of action. It was accompanied in its withdrawal by the B'nai B'rith-Anti Defamation League, which rejoined the NCRAC last year.

Mr. Hoffman, said the Committee's reaffiliation was made possible through mutual accommodation of the Committee policies with those of the NCRAC through a series of negotiations. "The NCRAC present policies provide for fruitful consultation while assuring the autonomy of each of its member agencies," he declared. NCRAC chairman Goldman termed the reaffiliation of the Committee "a most welcome and gratifying asset to cooperative endeavors among Jewish community relations agencies."

Mr. Hoffman said that in joining the NCRAC his group was "pleased to be entering into a cooperative relationship with other Jewish organizations pursuing similar general objectives of better human relations, human rights and human freedoms. The times challenge us all to use our knowledge, judgment and resources as wisely as possible in taking advantage of the enormous opportunities now open for the furtherance of those objectives."

Mr. Goldman said "All of us are engaged in a common cause, that of making equality of opportunity, freedom of opportunity, freedom of conscience and equal justice under law realities in American life, of improving relationships among groups in our free society, and of fostering creative Jewish living. We in the NCRAC regard voluntary cooperation among independent Jewish organizations as vital to the attainment of that common cause. The wisdom of our joint judgments will be enhanced by the wise counsel and large resources that the American Jewish Committee can contribute to our processes."

SHAZAR ARRIVES IN CHILE; SUSPECTS ORDERED TO LEAVE CITY DURING HIS STAY

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, June 27. (JTA) -- Israel's President Zalman Shazar arrived here this afternoon from Uruguay for an eight-day state visit.

The newspaper La Tarde reported that federal and city police authorities had rounded up suspected opponents of the honors scheduled for the reception of the Israeli President, requesting them to leave the city for the period Mr. Shazar is to spend here. La Tarde hinted that Arabs living here might be involved in plans against the Israeli President. The mass circulation daily, Clarín, also reported that police "are on the alert against Nazi commandoes."

Anonymously-sponsored pamphlets villifying the Israeli President made their appearance in the streets of this city yesterday. Police authorities confiscated many of

the pamphlets and initiated an investigation as to the authorship of the material and the source of its distribution center.

The international airport here, lavishly decorated with the flags of Israel and Chile, was out under extra guard of both police and military units as the plane carrying Mr. Shazar, his wife, Mrs. Rachel Shazar, and an official party of five other Israelis touched down after an uneventful trip from Montevideo. As Mr. and Mrs. Shazar stepped off the plane on to a red carpet flanked by a guard of honor, a military band played the national anthems of Israel and Chile. The visitors were greeted by Chile's President Eduardo Frei.

After the Chilean President welcomed the visitors in warmest tones, and professed this country's friendship toward Israel, Mr. Shazar told Mr. Frei that Israel "admires the well-known and proverbial democracy of Chile." Still heavily guarded, the motorcade carrying the Israeli President and his party, drove to City Hall here, accompanied by the Chilean President. On the steps of the City Hall, President Shazar was greeted by the Mayor, who presented Mr. Shazar with a key to the city.

At a state dinner tendered in his honor, President Shazar predicted "tighter relations" than ever between Israel and Chile. He stressed that both the Israeli and the Chilean cultures combined old civilizations with new -- Israel consolidating the modern era with the ancient Jewish culture, while Chile has integrated the new with the old Spanish culture.

El Mercurio, the most important daily in this country, also printed a Page One editorial, declaring "Israel has the rank of first importance in the modern world. The friendship binding our country with Israel gives the presence of these distinguished visitors a significance of undeniable value." Other newspapers in Chile welcomed President Shazar in the same vein.

LEADING BRITISH INTELLECTUALS PROTEST SOVIET ACTION ON JEWS

LONDON, June 27. (JTA) -- Thirty-two of the leading intellectuals in Britain sent a protest which appeared today in a letter to the editor of The Times of London, objecting to the Soviet Embassy's rejection of a petition on behalf of greater religious and cultural freedoms for Russian Jewry. The petition, presented to the USSR embassy here a month ago by 5,000 British university students, had been rejected on the grounds that "there is no Jewish problem" in Russia.

At the same time, 127 members of Parliament, representing all political parties, filed a motion in the House of Commons today, calling upon the British Government to secure for the Jews in the Soviet Union "the basic human rights afforded to all other citizens of the USSR." The motion deplored "the continuing difficulties confronting the Jews in the USSR."

Today's joint letter to The Times was signed by some of the country's leading authors, playwrights, critics, university professors and political personalities. The letter declared:

"It has been recognized for some years, even by good friends of the USSR in the West, that the survival of Soviet Jews as an historic nationality is threatened by practices which deny them cultural and religious rights equal to those given other Soviet national and ethnic minorities. It is also known that the Soviet Union has lagged behind other East European countries which allow Jews victimized by the Nazis to reunite with relatives abroad.

"The world is beset by many serious problems that press for solution, and injustices can be found in many places. But it would be indefensible to remain indifferent to the plight of those Russian Jews who escaped annihilation in the last war and are now hindered from the perpetuation of their national existence by denial of Jewish literature, theater, schools and communal institutions.

"We are aware that the Soviet authorities regard this as a purely internal affair. But, surely, it would require only the application of Soviet laws and the Soviet Constitution to alleviate the difficulties of Soviet Jewry." Among the signatories are Kingsley Amis, David Astor, Lord Boothby, Brigid Brophy, Lawrence Durrell, Max Hayward, Iris Murdoch, Herbert Read, Leonard Schapiro, Sybil Thorndike, Kenneth Tynan and Angus Wilson.

AUSTRIAN VICE-CHANCELLOR GOES TO ISRAEL; WILL DISCUSS TRADE

VIENNA, June 27. (JTA) -- Austria's Vice-Chancellor and Minister of Commerce Bock announced here today he will go to Israel Wednesday to attend the Tel Aviv International Fair and, incidentally, to discuss with the Israel Government the possibility of increasing Austro-Israeli trade.

'MORE REVOLUTIONARY REFORM JUDAISM' URGED AT J.C.A.R. CONVENTION

TORONTO, June 27. (JTA) -- Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, urged his Reform colleagues "to be candid enough to confess that a new, more revolutionary Reform Judaism is needed" and that "otherwise, we are frozen in a neo-Orthodoxy."

He spoke before the 500 delegates to the 77th convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis which closed here yesterday with the reelection of Rabbi Jacob Weinstein as president. He deplored that Reform rabbis, "once aflame with the fiery passion of Isaiah, are now concerned with how best to observe Hamisha Aser B'Shvat in January, or how frequently to introduce Yiskor in services or to cling tenaciously to the Bar Mitzvah as the sole reason for observance of the Sabbath."

He also said he opposed the trend toward "Jewish separatism" in increasing numbers of Jewish day schools, Jewish country clubs and Jewish universities. He called the trend a "misguided response" to the "admittedly grave problem" of modern social trends. He insisted that Jews "can not go home again to the 'Shtetl' of pre-Hitler Europe."

"We must recognize that intermarriage was always with us, even in the closed societies of the past," he added. "We must accept this painful reality and we must help our congregations wean our people away from the primitive and provincial custom of emotionally, if not physically, sitting shiva. We must also learn to accept fully the convert to Judaism." "It is quixotic," he said, "to delude ourselves into believing that our rabbinic interdicting of interdating and our more stringent resolutions against intermarriage will deter those who are determined to wed even if every rabbi within this conference becomes a conscientious objector. We rabbis are not omnipotent. Indeed, the very opposite is unhappily the case." He said that rabbinic and secular leaders were "tilting at windmills" if they failed to realize "the reality that a certain amount of intermarriage, of drifting from our fold is inevitable in an open society."

The Central Conference of American Rabbis pledged full support of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry and established a special committee to work with the Conference and coordinate Reform Rabbinic efforts in the general Jewish community programs to help Soviet Jews. The CCAR also called on the Johnson Administration to "actively support" the seating of Red China at the forthcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly. They lauded the Administration's efforts to foster economic and cultural relations with Red China which "may pierce the barrier separating" the two countries.

NEW YORK RABBI TO BE OFFERED POST OF CHIEF RABBI IN BRITAIN

LONDON, June 27. (JTA) -- The selection committee of the Chief Rabbinate Conference, which is charged with finding a candidate to succeed British Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie, who retired last year, decided last night to approach Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, spiritual leader of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue in New York, to find out whether he would be prepared to let his name be presented to the Chief Rabbinate Conference.

Dr. Jakobovits, who is a former Chief Rabbi of Ireland, will be contacted officially by representatives of the selection committee within the next few days. During private, exploratory talks with Sir Isaac Wolfson and other leaders of British Jewry, Dr. Jakobovits was reportedly indefinite about his decision on the matter. If the New York rabbi accepts the offer, his name will be put forward by the selection committee to the Chief Rabbinate Conference.

The decision to offer the Chief Rabbinate to Dr. Jakobovits was adopted at last night's meeting of the selection committee with 31 of its 36 members present after the five representatives of the Federation of Synagogues decided to boycott the meeting. The voting members included representatives of the United Synagogue, the largest of Britain's synagogue bodies.

STATUS OF KARAITES IN ISRAEL TO BE CLARIFIED BY GOVERNMENT BODY

JERUSALEM, June 27. (JTA) -- Israel's Cabinet voted today to name a special committee, to be headed by Supreme Court Justice Moshe Silberg, to study and clarify the situation of the Karaites in Israel.

The Karaites, an ancient sect, are not recognized by Israel as a separate religious community, and some rabbis in this country will not permit them to marry into the Jewish faith without prior conversion to Judaism. Opinion on this point is divided among the Karaites themselves. Some request that they be regarded as Jews. Others insist on perpetuation of their beliefs and their interpretation of the Jewish religion, which declines to recognize the holiness of the Talmud and the Mishnah.

MONTREAL PARENTS SEEK STATE SUPPORT FOR JEWISH DAY SCHOOLS

MONTREAL, June 27. (JTA) -- Jewish parents of children of school age have organized a committee in the suburb of Chomedey to try to get financial support from the government of Quebec for Jewish day schools, it was announced here by Israel Akerman, president of the new group, formed under the name of the Committee for Tax Supported Jewish Schools.

There are more than a dozen Jewish day schools in the Montreal area, Mr. Akerman said, with a total enrollment of about 4,000 students. He said the Jewish day schools are independent institutions providing essentially the same academic program as that given by the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal. At the same time, he pointed out, the Jewish day schools give courses in Jewish culture and religion. None of the Jewish schools, however, get government support.

"The parents who send their children to Jewish day schools," he stated, "must pay the full cost of their children's religious and secular education. In addition, we pay school taxes like everyone else. It is our feeling that we should be reimbursed that amount which the state would pay if we sent our children to the state-supported schools."

Mr. Akerman said that reimbursement to the Jewish parents could be made either by refunding the school taxes to the parents directly, or by subsidizing the Jewish day schools. "All we are asking for," he said, "is that providing education for our children not be more expensive for us than for other parents in Quebec." The committee has 40 members. It is backed by the local sections of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations and the Rabbinical Council of America.

40 STUDENTS ENROLL IN UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN FOR HEBREW STUDIES

MADISON, Wis., June 27. (JTA) -- The University of Wisconsin reported today that 40 students enrolled in the University's first Summer Institute in Hebrew Studies have left for an eight-week study tour of Israel. The Institute is directed by Prof. Menahem Mansoor, chairman of the university's department of Hebrew and Semitic studies.

The 40 summer institute students came from 14 universities, colleges and seminaries in the United States. Institute instructors are drawn from American and Israeli schools and are all experts in the teaching of Hebrew by the intensive method. Special classes in Arabic and Aramaic will be offered to graduate students. The Institute is supported by the Wisconsin Society for Jewish learning and by the Federal Government as an activity within the State Department's cultural exchange and international study program.

JOINT COMMITTEE FORMED TO PERPETUATE SHARETT'S NAME IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, June 27. (JTA) -- A joint committee was established here today by the Government of Israel and the Jewish Agency to find ways of perpetuating the name of the late Moshe Sharett, who died July 7, 1965. Mr. Sharett was, at his death, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive. Previously, he had been Israel's Foreign Minister and, for a time, Prime Minister.

Representing the Government on the committee are Foreign Minister Abba Eban, Education Minister Zalman Aranne, Minister Without Portfolio Israel Galili, Minister of Finance Pinhas Sapir, Minister of the Interior Moshe Shapiro and Minister of Posts Eliahu Sasson. The Agency members are Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the Agency executive; and the following Agency executive members: Y. Artzi, Dr. Israel Goldstein, E. Levanon, Zvi Lurie and Joseph Klarman.

JOSEPH LEFTWICH, FORMER LONDON J.T.A. EDITOR, HONORED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, June 27. (JTA) -- Joseph Leftwich, noted English-Jewish author and former London editor of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, was honored here last night at a reception given to him by the Yiddish P.E.N. Club, organization of American Jewish poets, editors, essayists and novelists. Several hundred Jewish literary men and women attended the event which was addressed by a number of noted Yiddish writers.

Aaron Leyeless-Glanz, president of the Yiddish P.E.N. Club, in greeting Mr. Leftwich, outlined his role in Jewish literature and in translating the works of numerous Yiddish writers into English. Mr. Leftwich, who came to the United States to attend the recent International P.E.N. convention, spoke of the role of Jewish literature in world culture.

RABBI ZALMAN SOROTZKIN, VENERATED ORTHODOX LEADER, DIES IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, June 27. (JTA) -- Rabbi Zalman Sorotzkin, chairman of the Moetzet Gedolei Batorah, the Council of Sages of the Agudath Israel movement, died here last night at the age of 85. He was taken ill three months ago but, according to his followers, he refused to enter a hospital fearing a possible autopsy. Dozens of heads of yeshivot in Israel and members of the Council, were at his bedside when he died. He was born in Russia and served as Chief Rabbi of Lutzk, in prewar Poland, until 1939 when he emigrated to Palestine.