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## ISRAEL PRESIDENT ADDRESSES JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS IN CHILE

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, June 28. (JTA) -- Israel's President Zalman Shazar assured a joint session of the Chilean Congress here today that his Government, always "a pursuer of peace," will continue along that path, driving toward "direct negotiations between countries as the surest road toward the solution of all problems and the welfare and progress of all mankind."

Mr. Shazar voiced that pledge, obviously aimed at a hope for ultimate direct peace negotiations with the Arab states -- without mentioning any country specifically -- as he spoke from the podium of the joint session, this morning, of the Chilean Senate and Chamber of Deputies.

Today was the second day of President Shazar's scheduled eight-day visit to Chile, his second stop on a six-week tour of four Latin American states. The Israeli President arrived at Santiago's international airport four and a half hours late, yesterday, after a stormy trip from Montevideo, Uruguay. He received a very hearty reception from the Government. His official host on the state visit is President Eduardo Frei.

The Chilean President's welcoming committee included the leaders of the Cabinet and Congress, Catholic dignitaries and the commanding generals and admirals of Chile's armed forces. With great fanfare, his cavalcade, headed by one automobile carrying the two Presidents, and a second car with the wives of the Presidents, was driven to the Government's official, palatial residence for the most honored foreign guests.

In spite of his rough air trip from Montevideo, topped by the ceremonies attendant upon his arrival here, the 76-year-old Israeli President was reported to have had a good night's rest. This morning before he appeared at the joint session of Congress, Mr. Shazar participated in a solemn ceremony before the monument to Chile's national hero, Bernardo O'Higgins, where he laid a wreath at the base of the memorial.

So far, President Shazar and President Frei have had only one short, private talk, when they conferred briefly last night. They are scheduled to confer at greater length before the official visit is over.

President Shazar and his advisers were today considering the possibility of canceling his forthcoming visit to Argentina in view of the political crisis which erupted there yesterday. A spokesman for the party said that they were watching for further developments in the situation. President Shazar was scheduled to arrive in Argentina next Monday. (In Buenos Aires, the Israel Embassy informed the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today that preparations for the visit by President Shazar were "continuing as before" despite the political unrest in that country.)

## JERUSALEM MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES THREATEN TO START TWO-DAY STRIKE

JERUSALEM, June 28. (JTA) -- Jerusalem's municipal employees warned the city council here today that they would declare a two-day strike tomorrow unless their demands for salary increases are met "immediately." The employees contend that the city council had refused to grant them wage rises, although the demands fall into the maximums authorized by the national Government.

The high economic cost of strikes and lock-outs in Israel was spelled out today in a report by the Social and Economic Research Institute of the Histadrut, the Israel federation of labor. According to the report, a total of 205,000 days of work were lost in Israel in 1965, due to strikes and lock-outs. These disputes were reported as having involved 90,000 workers.

Meanwhile, Israel's Cabinet deferred action on a request by Minister of Labor Yigal Allon for approving in principle new legislation that would guarantee work to every able-bodied Israeli. Some of the Ministers in the Cabinet argued that the principle is one that the Government supports but that it would be folly to support such legislation since such a law could not be implemented unless public works were established.

JEWISH AGENCY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS CURTAILMENT IN SETTLEMENT DEPT.

JERUSALEM, June 28. (JTA) -- A special, eight-man committee named by the Jewish Agency executive last March to investigate the activities of the Agency's settlement department recommended today the abolition of some of that division's sub-departments and the consolidation of other sub-departments with Government ministries engaged in the same type of work.

The committee, headed by Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, also called for personnel reductions, but gave no figures on the number of employes who may face discharge. However, a spokesman for the Agency said that about 25 percent of the department's 1,300-member staff are "redundant."

The committee's principal recommendation for immediate action proposed the formation of two steering committees. One of these groups would coordinate the department's activities with those of the Government's Ministry of Agriculture, involving the abolition of the Agency department's parallel work. The other group would work toward the economic consolidation of the settlements in Israel with agricultural projects. The committee recommended that about 400 settlements in Israel become completely independent of the Jewish Agency within the next four years.

Among the sub-departments recommended for abolition are those concerned with tractor stations, water works and housing. "The Agency settlement department," said Mr. Ben-Aharon in submitting the committee's report, "still has important tasks to fulfill, especially in development areas. But the department's organization must be streamlined, and personnel must be reduced."

At a luncheon tendered here today to Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, by the press attaches of Israeli Ministries, Mr. Pincus declared that Agency staff curtailment would be "only the first step in the direction of reorganization." He said the Agency felt the need for reorganization and has "started to examine how this can be effected." He also reviewed the Jewish Agency's cultural activities abroad.

CONVENTION OF HERUT PARTY REVEALS INNER FLIGHT; ATTENDED BY ESHKOL

TEL AVIV, June 28. (JTA) -- A vigorous fight for vital changes in the constitution of the right-wing Herut Party developed here tonight at the Herut convention. The convention, which opened Sunday night in Jerusalem, is being conducted at Ramat Gan, near Tel Aviv, where an opposition faction has, so far, won two significant ballots against the party's leadership.

The opposition insists that, hereafter, the convention, instead of its central committee, elect the party chairman and nominate the party's candidates for election to the Knesset (Israel's parliament). In two test ballots, opposed by Herut's leader, Menachem Begin, and the convention chairman, Avraham Shechterman, the opposition won by votes of 253-149 and 257-97.

Aside from the inner-party fight, the most dramatic occurrence at the convention was the appearance at the opening session in Jerusalem of Prime Minister Levi Eshkol. It was the first time that an Israel Prime Minister had accepted an invitation to attend a convention of Herut. On the dais with him were some of the Cabinet members, those belonging to Mapai, the National Religious Party and the Independent Liberal Party.

Cabinet members belonging to the two other political groups in Israel's current coalition Government -- Achdut Avodah and Mapam -- had refused to attend the Herut rally. Also attending were Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, and Aharon Becker, secretary-general of Histadrut, Israel's federation of labor. Both are members of Mapai.

HABIMAH REJECTS CENSORSHIP BOARD'S REQUEST TO CANCEL PERFORMANCE

TEL AVIV, June 28. (JTA) -- Habimah, Israel's foremost theater, rejected today a demand by the Board of Film and Theater Censorship that it refrain from playing "The Good Life," a drama by a Belgian playwright, Felician Marceau, whom the board accused of cooperation with the Nazis over a period of 15 years.

The Habimah management announced it has no intention of withdrawing "The Good Life," which was scheduled for its Israeli premiere tonight. "We will not change our plans," the management stated, "since we have information that Marceau was cleared four years ago of the charges of cooperation with the Nazis."

SENTENCE OF NAZI WHO KILLED JEWS IN CRACOW BECOMES EFFECTIVE

BONN, June 28. (JTA) -- A seven-year prison sentence imposed last January on Martin Fellenz, a former SS officer convicted of participation in the mass murder of Jews in Cracow during World War II, went into effect today.

U.S. EXPERTS FIND ISRAEL REACTOR IS NOT PRODUCING ATOMIC WEAPONS

WASHINGTON, June 28. (JTA) -- Engineers on the staff of the United States Atomic Energy Commission have inspected Israel's atomic reactor, at Dimona, for the third time in as many years, and found "tentatively" that the plant is not being used for producing atomic weapons, it was disclosed here.

The latest inspection, like those conducted in 1964 and 1965, were called officially only "visits," because Israel refuses to allow any foreign power to inspect its atomic installation officially. However, to prove to Washington that it is not using the Dimona plant for making an atomic bomb, it has permitted "visits."

The "tentative" nature of the AEC conclusions is due to the fact that an inspection once a year is said to be inconclusive. Israel's facility at Dimona is a 24,000-kilo-watt plant, of the natural uranium, heavy-water moderated type, particularly suited for the production of plutonium. While Israel has always insisted that it is using the Dimona facility for peaceful purposes only, the reactor is said to be capable of producing enough material for two relatively small atomic bombs every year.

CANADIAN SENTIMENT ON SOVIET JEWS PRESENTED TO MOSCOW DELEGATION

TORONTO, June 28. (JTA) -- A Soviet parliamentary delegation visiting Canada under the chairmanship of Dimitri S. Polyansky, vice-chairman of the Moscow Government, has received a plea from the Toronto Telegram, one of the leading newspapers in the Dominion, for lifting restrictions against Russian Jews.

Under the heading "Let the Russians Heed this Call," The Telegram ran a four-column editorial yesterday, stating: "One obstacle to understanding (between Canada and the USSR) is anti-Semitism, the only area of Soviet life that appears to have escaped the liberalizing effects of the loosening of the Stalinist straitjacket. This is perplexing not only to Canadians but also to progressive Soviet citizens."

The editorial was addressed to the 11-man Soviet delegation which arrived for its official visit to Ottawa just as the newspaper here issued its call. The Soviet group came to Ottawa to repay a visit made to Moscow last year by a parliamentary delegation from Canada. Noting that Russian Jews must carry passports identifying them as Jews, the editorial protested the fact that Soviet citizens of the Jewish nationality do not receive rights equal with those given to other nationalities such as the Georgians, Ukrainians and Armenians, existing as "an ethnic and cultural group only in form, not in content."

The newspaper mentioned the denial to the Russian Jews of the rights to perpetuate and teach to their children the Jewish "languages, literature and value patterns." It complained against the "systematic dispossession" suffered by Russian Jewry in regard to cultural institutions and agencies. It called also for "compassionate" action to permit Soviet Jews separated from their families through the Nazi holocaust to reunite their relatives abroad.

SERIOUS SHORTAGE OF RABBIS IN U.S. STRESSED AT RABBINICAL CONVENTION

FALLSBURG, N. Y., June 28. (JTA) -- The serious shortage of rabbis in the American Jewish community was deplored here today by Rabbi Pesach Z. Levovitz, the newly-elected president of the Rabbinical Council of America.

Addressing the annual convention of the Orthodox rabbinical group, Rabbi Levovitz said that the lack of spiritual leaders may jeopardize the entire religious structure of the American Jewish community. If the trend continues, he told the 600 delegates, the lack of rabbis "will deprive the community of leaders to tackle the acute problems which constantly call for solution, explanation, guidance and direction."

At an earlier session, Rabbi Israel Miller, the outgoing president of the organization, announced the establishment by the Rabbinical Council of America of a \$3,000,000 research center in Israel for American rabbis. The new facility, to be known as the Rabbinical Council Center, will comprise an advanced institute for research with facilities for 100 young American rabbis who will spend a year at the institute immediately following their ordination.

JEWS COMMUNITY IN BELGIUM CELEBRATES 100th ANNIVERSARY OF SYNAGOGUE

BRUSSELS, June 28. (JTA) -- The smallest Jewish community in Belgium, the 65 Jews of the Ardenese town of Arlon, celebrated the 100th anniversary of its synagogue, the oldest in Belgium. The community was among the most active and flourishing in the country in the 19th century.

The mayor and all of the town officials, as well as many Catholic, Protestants and lay leaders attended the ceremony. The Jewish communities of Belgium and Luxemburg also were represented. They included Paul Philippson, president of the Jewish consistory and Chief Rabbi Robert Dreyfuss of Belgium.

MANITOBA ELECTIONS BRING FOUR JEWS INTO PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

WINNIPEG, June 28. (JTA) -- Four Jews were elected to the provincial legislature of Manitoba, according to the final tabulations today of last week's province-wide elections. They are Saul Cherniack, Saul Miller, Sydney Green and Sydney Spivack.

All but Mr. Spivack are members of the New Democratic Party. Mr. Spivack, a member of the ruling Progressive Conservative Party, succeeds Maitland Steinkopf, also a Jew, who announced recently that he is retiring from political life and from the Manitoba Cabinet. The previous Manitoba Legislature had three Jews. One of them was Mr. Cherniack, who has now been chosen again. The two others were Mr. Steinkopf, and the late Morris Gray, who died while in office.

Prior to the elections, the Canadian Jewish Congress had issued a statement dissociating itself from proposals that had been made advocating the formation of a political, civic action body comprised of ethnic groups. The CJC reiterated its traditional attitude regarding elections in this country, noting that Canadian Jews vote as citizens and not as members of an ethnic or religious group.

FARBAND ESTABLISHES FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CULTURAL WORK IN U.S.

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- The establishment of a Foundation by Farband-Labor Zionist Order to foster Jewish educational and cultural work in America, was announced by Jacob Katzman, general secretary of the national fraternal order, at the concluding session of the biennial conference of the New York branches of Farband held at Highland Mills, N. Y. Mr. Katzman said that the foundation would seek an initial capital of minimum \$1,000,000, to be raised in the ranks of Farband in the next two years, and that \$200,000 has already been assured.

Mr. Katzman asserted that among the activities in which the Farband Foundation will engage will be the following: 1) help strengthen and enlarge the already existing Jewish folk schools in the network maintained by Farband; 2) help establish new schools, and particularly Jewish day schools, in key communities around the country; 3) enlarge the summer camping program carried on by Farband and its youth affiliate, Fabonim; 4) establish an Institute for Positive Jewish Living which will engage in research, conduct workshops and "laboratories," and prepare material to enhance the Jewish content in the family life of young American Jews, and in the life of the Farband organizations and institutions.

An immediate goal, Mr. Katzman said, would be the establishment of Jewish day schools in those places where Farband and the Labor Zionist movement already have centers that can provide the physical facilities and in which there already are afternoon schools. In describing the function of the Institute for Positive Jewish Living, Mr. Katzman made clear that this is in no way intended to "compete" with the synagogue but rather to seek to make Jewishness more meaningful for large numbers of young Jews, whether affiliated with synagogues or not, who have been questioning, "What does it mean to be a Jew today?"

N. Y. GOVERNOR DEVISES NEW PLAN FOR TEXTBOOKS FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- A compromise has been worked out between New York State officials and Catholic and Orthodox Jewish leaders, on a bill to provide state funds for supplying textbooks to students in religious schools. The original bill, which would amend the 1965 Textbook Bill by increasing state aid for textbooks from \$10 to \$25 per child for the 1966-67 semester, was opposed by State budget officials who asserted that the addition of \$25,000,000 to the budget was not feasible.

Governor Rockefeller now devised a new plan, which he sent to the Legislature yesterday for action, which would spread the increase evenly over a three year period. Instead of the original bill which calls for a grant of \$25 the first year and \$10 in the succeeding years, the new compromise would provide for the first three year period the same overall \$45 total of funds, at a rate of \$15 per pupil for each of the first three years.

NEW YORK COURT FREES ROCKWELL OF DISORDERLY CONDUCT CHARGES

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- George Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi Party, was free today of disorderly conduct charges after the New York District Attorney, the Nazi's defense counsel and a three-man panel of Criminal Court judges agreed that there was no possibility of obtaining a conviction of the man, due to several questions of constitutional law.

The charges against Rockwell dated back to 1960 when, in the rotunda of the Supreme Court Building here, he made some anti-Semitic remarks and allegedly threatened a vice-chairman of the Jewish War-Veterans, Lester Fahn, now an assistant-district attorney in Brooklyn.

Judges Simon Silver, Thomas G. Weaver and Daniel Hoffman, of the Criminal Court, ruled yesterday in a 19-page memorandum that Rockwell's case be dismissed. All parties concerned, including the court, the office of the New York District Attorney and the defense counsel, agreed that they "abhor" Rockwell's principles.