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ARGENTINE POLICE RELEASES ALL OFFICIALS OF CREDIT INSTITUTION

MONTEVIDEO, July 6. (JTA) -- All of the 18 officials of a Jewish-led credit union cooperative in Buenos Aires who were arrested last week were released yesterday, it was reported here today from Buenos Aires.

It had been reported that most Argentine commercial bankers are opposed to the credit unions and asked the new military junta which overthrew the Illia regime last Tuesday to curb the growth of the cooperatives. However, the arrest of the 18 officials was reported here today to have stemmed from overzealous police officials rather than from the economic fight between the bankers and the credit unions.

WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT BACKS AMBASSADOR'S CRITICISM OF ISRAEL

BONN, July 6. (JTA) -- Gunther Von Hase, the West German Government press spokesman, said emphatically today that Dr. Rolf Pauls, the West German Ambassador to Israel, had expressed the opinions and policy of the federal government in his speech last week at the Tel Aviv Fair criticizing Israel.

Dr. Pauls' address, in which he criticized Israel for its recent public support of the Oder-Neisse line as the permanent boundary between Germany and postwar Poland and in which he said Israel had failed to recognize its "debt of gratitude" to West Germany, has roiled Israeli opinion.

Von Hase made his comment in reply to a question from a correspondent about the West German Government's reaction to criticism in Israel against Dr. Pauls' address. The spokesman said that the federal government identified itself completely with Dr. Pauls' remarks and that government officials felt that the formulation and content of the Pauls speech were well-balanced.

The hostile Israeli reaction to Ambassador Pauls' speech has increased tension in Bonn and political sources here were reported as being very unhappy about the chill in Israeli-West German relations. Dr. Pauls left Israel last night for seven weeks of home leave.

(In Israel, a spokesman for the West German embassy told journalists today that Dr. Pauls did not wish to amend or discuss a speech he made last week at the Tel Aviv Fair criticizing Israel. Israeli sources said the home visit had been planned some weeks ago and it was not the result of widespread criticism in Israel of Dr. Pauls' speech. The Israel Government has decided to refrain from issuing any formal reply to the speech.)

BRITAIN CRITICAL OF TRAINING ARAB REFUGEES FOR MILITARY PURPOSES

LONDON, July 6. (JTA) -- The British Government stated officially in the House of Commons today that the monies it contributes annually for the relief of Arab refugees "are not intended to support political or military activities" by the refugees, "whether directly or indirectly."

The statement was made in Parliament by Mrs. Irene White, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, in answer to a question by Leo Abse, a member of the Labor Party, who requested clarification of the Government's stand regarding contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees. He requested specifically that the Government report on how much of its UNRWA contributions went to Arab refugees "being trained in the Palestine Liberation Organization, which is pledged to the annihilation of Israel."

In her reply, Mrs. White dissociated the British Government from backing any military participation by the Arab refugees. However, she said, there was no way to know how much of Britain's UNRWA help went to such people. She also said that British money is "intended only to provide for relief of refugees."

She added that Britain has repeatedly expressed its concern for UNRWA's failure to rectify its relief rolls. Such continued failure, she warned, "can only lessen confidence in the agency's ability to carry out its task effectively." She reported that, the calendar year 1965, Britain had contributed nearly \$5,800,000 to UNRWA.

ISRAEL REGRETS TRUMAN'S INABILITY TO ATTEND CEREMONY IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, July 6. (JTA) -- The news that former President Harry Truman has canceled plans to come to Jerusalem Monday was received here today with "deep regret but with understanding." The former President had been scheduled to attend ground-breaking ceremonies for the Truman Center for Peace at the Hebrew University.

Although Hebrew University officials were reported as deeply regretting Mr. Truman's change of plans, dictated by concern over the possible effects of the lengthy journey on a man of 82, they said the ceremony would proceed as scheduled.

In New York, Samuel Rothberg, head of the American section of the National Committee for the Center, said: "We are deeply grieved by Mr. Truman's inability to participate in the ground-breaking of the noble structure which will bear his name but we must respect his desire that we go ahead." He added he was certain the people of Israel and the many others who are traveling to Jerusalem for this ceremony will be happy in Mr. Truman's choice of U.S. Solicitor-General Thurgood Marshall as his representative at the ceremonies.

SAUDI ARABIA ORDERS FORD AUTOMOBILE AGENTS TO LEAVE COUNTRY

LONDON, July 6. (JTA) -- Saudi Arabia has ordered Ford automobile agents to leave that country within three months unless the company "changes plans for a branch in Israel," it was reported here today from Riyadh. Last month, the Ford Motor Company of Detroit announced that it was negotiating with an Israeli firm to assemble Ford trucks and tractors in Israel.

(In Detroit, the Ford Motor Company said that it has no operations in Saudi Arabia but that "several dealers market the company's products in that country.")

GERMAN WHO SAVED JEWS FROM NAZI HANDS GETS ISRAELI MEDAL IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 6. (JTA) -- A modest and unique ceremony took place at the Consulate General of Israel here today when Eberhard Heimrich, a former member of the German occupation army in Poland, now a New York resident, was awarded the Righteous, given to Gentiles who saved Jews during World War II. The award was presented by Michael Arnon, the Consul General.

Based on evidence gathered over several years and presented to the Committee of the Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Authority in Israel, the Yad Vashem conclusion was reached that Mr. Heimrich worked extensively to save Jews during the occupation of Poland.

In 1941-44, he was director of the Economic Department of the Nazi occupation army in Drohobicz in Galicia, Poland. While directing agricultural work in the area, he set up a labor camp to save Jews. He also helped the Drohobicz ghetto inhabitants.

Survivors of the Nazi holocaust have testified that Mr. Heimrich supplied food to the Jewish hospital in that city during a severe food shortage. He also ordered his subordinates to behave humanely to inmates at the labor camp at Byrówka, which was under his supervision. He gave help to individuals in many cases, transported Jewish children to hiding places in his official car and even hid them in his house.

He also saved the lives of Jewish girls by offering them jobs with his family in Germany, where they passed as "Aryan" housemaids with forged certificates. During the days of the big German military victories and while the holocaust was at its peak, Mr. Heimrich displayed liking and respect toward Jews, encouraging them to work and deed. He eventually married a Jewish girl whose life he had saved.

Survivors related he always acted for reasons of humanity and not for self-interest. In several cases, he paid for food, clothing and transport for survivors he managed to smuggle to safe hiding places. It was established that he carried out these activities at great personal danger. Had they been known to the Gestapo his fate would have been different.

The committee citing the Righteous, headed by Supreme Court Justice Aharon Barak -- who presided at the Eichmann trial -- has decided to award to Mr. Heimrich in the light of the above, a Medal struck by Nathan Karp, an Israel artist. The design illustrates the Talmudic teaching: "He who saves a single soul, it is as though he had saved the entire world."

PLAN TO CELEBRATE BEN-GURION'S 80TH BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCED IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, July 6. (JTA) -- A special committee of all political parties and movements in Israel has been formed to organize celebrations for the observation of former Premier David Ben-Gurion's 80th birthday on October 1. The 35-man committee will handle preparation of the observance of "the old man's" birthday.

U.J.A. YOUNG LEADERSHIP MISSION LEAVES TODAY FOR SURVEY ABROAD

NEW YORK, July 6. (JTA) -- A group of 86 American Jewish men and women will leave New York tomorrow in the Sixth Annual Leadership Mission of the United Jewish Appeal for a 26-day survey of Jewish immigration and absorption needs in Israel and refugee aid programs in France, Italy and Greece aided by UJA funds.

Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, UJA executive vice-chairman, will lead the mission which is by invitation to young men and women in the 25 to 40 year bracket, who demonstrate "leadership potential" in their home communities. Each is paying his own way. Herbert J. Garon of New Orleans, associate chairman of the UJA Young Leadership Cabinet, is chairman of the 1966 mission.

Mission members will see at first hand the workings of the life-sustaining program carried out by the Joint Distribution Committee and the Jewish Agency for Israel, the two major beneficiaries of the annual UJA fund-raising campaigns.

JEWISH AGENCIES SPONSOR PROJECT FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

GENEVA, July 6. (JTA) -- A group of ten American Jewish college students completed here today the orientation period of the first Overseas Fellowship Study Tour co-sponsored by the American Joint Distribution Committee, the Jewish Agency, the World ORT Union and the United HIAS Service. All four agencies receive funds from the United Jewish Appeal.

The fellowships were granted to the group on the basis of their academic records and their potential for future leadership on campus and in their home communities. Initiated by director-general Charles Jordan of the JDC, the study tour project was undertaken by the sponsoring agencies as an experiment which they anticipate will eventually lead to an expanded program of overseas service opportunities for young American Jews.

The group will devote the summer to a study of the programs of migration, resettlement and social assistance to Jewish refugees and settled populations in Europe, Israel and North Africa which the agencies operate as a team and which are given financial support by the United Jewish Appeal.

While in Geneva, the tour members were briefed on the history, development and current problems of Jewish overseas welfare work by the directors and European staff members of the sponsoring agencies. In addition to Mr. Jordan, these included Max A. Braude, director-general of World ORT; Eran Laor, European director of the Jewish Agency and Henry Levy who heads HIAS operations in Europe and North Africa.

WORLD ORT UNION HOLDS SESSION IN GENEVA; ACTS ON BUDGETARY PROBLEMS

GENEVA, July 6. (JTA) -- An extraordinary appeal to member groups of the World ORT Union for aid to help meet a budgetary crisis threatening the extensive ORT vocational training network of schools in Israel has received a favorable response, a two-day meeting of the executive committee of the organization was told here today.

Max Braude, director-general of the World ORT Union, reported on the budgetary problems and on the response to the appeal. Members of the executive committee, from 30 countries, studied ORT's role and perspectives in 21 countries of operation in the light of the major Jewish demographic shifts of recent years. They also evaluated the importance of changes in technology and teaching methods in maintaining superior standards at ORT training centers. The sessions were led by Daniel Mayer, chairman of the World ORT Union, and Dr. William Haber, Dean of the University of Michigan, who is president of the ORT central board.

Delegates took part in graduation ceremonies at the Central ORT Institute for instructors and technicians, including the first group of teachers for technical school in Guinea and Mali. The schools are operated by ORT under a technical assistance agreement with the United States Government. James Roosevelt, United States Ambassador to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, addressed the session.

The meeting declared October 16, the tenth anniversary of the death of Dr. Aron Syngalowski, a founder and longtime leader of the World ORT Union, as Syngalowski Day. The anniversary will be observed in ORT schools and organizations throughout the world. Greetings were extended to Charles H. Jordan, executive vice-chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, which provides funds for the ORT programs. In addition to Dr. Haber, a number of other delegates from the United States participated in the two-day deliberations. The executive committee of the World ORT Union is composed of members representing the local ORT organizations in various countries.

WORLD CONFERENCE OF LIBERAL JEWS DISCUSSES OBSTACLES IN ISRAEL

LONDON, July 6. (JTA) -- A six-day international conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism opened here last night with an appeal to the Soviet Union to end its restrictions against Russian Jews and announcement of plans for a legal beth din in Israel to enable Liberal rabbis and congregations to perform such ministerial functions as marriages and funerals.

Rabbi Jacob K. Shankman of New Rochelle, N. Y., president, urged the 500 delegates to act to make direct representation to the Soviet Union about the World Union's "deep concern" for the plight of Russian Jews. He also called on the organization to seek to "arouse the conscience of mankind and the sensitive moral spirit of the world to this threat of Jewish extinction." He declared that to remain silent on the "is to commit a grave moral sin."

He reported that the organization's seven Israeli congregations and four rabbis were prepared to take legal steps to obtain full rights to perform their ministerial tasks. He said that the Liberal laymen and rabbis in Israel had formed a National Progressive Religious Council and had won some support in the Israel press and from members of Parliament. They "are ready now to demand, and become embattled for, recognition as rabbis by Israel's Chief Rabbinate," he said.

Liberal Israeli groups, he told the convention "have stood up heroically and unflinchingly against petty annoyances, political obstructionism, irritating and costly litigation and even official religious opposition and hostility." The seven congregations conduct regular religious services, hold religious school classes for children and also conduct extensive youth activities, lecture on Liberal Judaism at schools and colleges and have published their own prayerbook, mahzor and haggadah, he said.

He indicated that the world organization planned to advise the Liberal rabbis in Israel "to work patiently and creatively to build their congregations and teach the children, and through the spoken and written word ever widen the understanding and meaning of progressive Judaism. We shall support and encourage their efforts on this firing line," he declared.

MOSCOW AUDIENCE JOINS ISRAELI SINGER IN HEBREW SONGS AT CONCERT

JERUSALEM, July 6. (JTA) -- The 1,400 spectators, mostly Jews, present at the Estrada theater in Moscow last Monday night for the performance by two Israeli artists joined in singing Hebrew songs in an atmosphere of enthusiasm, it was reported here today from the Soviet capital.

The audience members, most of them young people, applauded wildly at each Hebrew song sung by Geula Gil and frequently burst into song in accompaniment. The report said the audience members knew the words of such melodies as "Havenu Sholem Aleichem," and "David Melech Israel Hai V'Kayom," declaring that Israel still lives.

Miss Gil also sang Yiddish songs which brought tears to the eyes of many of the listeners. The hall was sold out and hundreds who were unable to buy tickets joined the adjoining streets to hear the performance through the open windows of the theater. The other artist is Jacob Abkin, a mimic. Posters about the performances have appeared throughout Moscow.

NAZIS PICKET N.A.A.C.P. CONVENTION WITH ANTI-JEWISH SLOGANS

LOS ANGELES, July 6. (JTA) -- The annual convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People here was disturbed by four American Nazi storm troopers who shouted anti-Semitic slogans. The Nazi group appeared in front of the Statler Hilton Hotel where the NAACP held its 57th annual convention and shouted: "It is time for the whites and the blacks to stand up together against the Jew. Don't let a Jew lead you." Negro delegates expressed their regrets over the anti-Semitic shouting.

PROFESSOR BER MARK, NOTED JEWISH HISTORIAN, DIES IN POLAND; WAS 58

NEW YORK, July 6. (JTA) -- News reaching here today from Poland reports that Professor Ber Mark, noted Jewish historian and director of the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw, died in the Polish capital on Monday after a lengthy illness. He was 58 years old.

Born in Lomzha, Poland, he was working in the pre-war years on the editorial staff of Der Moment, large Jewish daily which appeared in Warsaw. He became active after World War II for his books on the revolt against the German occupation army in the Warsaw Ghetto and other works dealing with life of the Jews under the Nazis in Poland. He is also the author of a two-volume History of the Jews in Poland. He visited Israel where he lectured at the Hebrew University. Some of his works have been translated into English, French, Spanish, German and Portuguese.