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NEW GOVERNMENT ORDER IN ARGENTINA THREATENS JEWISH ECONOMIC LIFE

BUENOS AIRES, July 10. (JTA) -- An order which may have serious effects on Jewish economic life and on the existence of the highly developed Jewish school system in Argentina was issued by the newly established government of President Ongania. It empowers the Argentine Central Bank, highest official financial authority, to exercise control over all credit cooperatives and, in certain circumstances, even to close them.

Although the credit cooperatives and their parallel banking system are being used also by non-Jewish business enterprises, they are a major factor in Jewish commercial life. The measure against them was already prepared last November under the Illia Government which was ousted about ten days ago by General Ongania, but it was not put into operation because of the strong opposition against it by numerous economic groups.

The credit cooperative movement is divided mainly in two groups: One is the Instituto Movilizador, rumored to be communist-infiltrated, whose several officials had been arrested a few days ago but were since released. The other is Ente Economico de la Federacion de Cooperatives, which is composed mainly of Jewish non-leftist elements. The latter, besides constituting the financial basis for small Jewish middle class business enterprises, also provides financial support to the Jewish schools here which are among the best Jewish schools in the world.

While the precise effect of the order on the Jewish ... businesses was difficult to estimate until normal business operations are resumed tomorrow, it was widely feared today that the move would create irreparable problems. The wide publicity given the measure over the radio and in the press alarmed many of the clients of the cooperatives who could completely break the cooperative system if an extensive run of withdrawals develops.

Chief of Police Pays Cordial Visit to Jewish Institution

Yesterday, Federal Police Chief General Mario A. Fonseca visited the Jewish Old Age Club here. He was received by Mrs. Elisa Kohan, president of the Institution and Samuel Glaserman, vice president of the Buenos Aires Kehilla, the city's official Jewish community organization. This was the first instance of a senior official of the new regime visiting a Jewish institution.

In a special statement issued yesterday on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of Argentine independence from Spain, the DAIA, the central representative body of Argentine Jewry, said that the Argentine Jewish community, "an inseparable part of the nation, associates itself jubilantly with the celebrations" affirming its aspirations for a peaceful life "and its ideals of human solidarity which the Ninth of July symbolizes." The statement declared:

"The 150th anniversary unifies in its fervor all citizens of the Republic without distinction of origin, race or creed. The principles which guided the Fatherland's birth always protected the essential dignity of the human condition, protecting it from individual mistreatment which, at the same time, would have undermined the nation's unity."

ISRAEL REJECTS MOSCOW'S CHARGE OF INTERFERING IN SOVIET AFFAIRS

JERUSALEM, July 10, (JTA) -- Israeli political circles today rejected as "utterly unfounded" Moscow Radio's claim that Israel interest in the condition of the Jews in the Soviet Union amounts to "interference into the internal affairs of the Soviet Union."

At the same time Israel's radio, Kol Israel, carried a broadcast pointing out that just as the Soviet Government continues to call upon all Armenians in other countries to return to Soviet Armenia, Israel has the right to call upon all Jews to return to their homeland.

WORLD COUNCIL ON JEWISH EDUCATION PARLEY FAVORS JEWISH DAY SCHOOL

GENEVA, July 10. (JTA) -- The presidium of the World Council on Jewish Education approved a statement here today under which the Council will give special emphasis to the promotion of Jewish day schools in its permanent program.

The day school issue evoked a lengthy debate at the meeting hereof presidium members and 37 leading Jewish educators from 12 countries. The presidium is preparing a statement of objectives to guide the activities of the Council when it becomes formally constituted probably next year.

The educators were unanimous in agreeing that the Jewish day school provides the most intensive form of Jewish education and that its growth needs to be encouraged. However, American delegates were sharply divided on the wording of the Council's statement which singled out the day school for preferential emphasis. The statement was approved overwhelmingly.

The statement declared that the new world Jewish education body "will give support to every form of Jewish educational practice. It will seek to promote especially the Jewish day school as a more intensive form of Jewish educational practice. It will seek to promote especially the Jewish day school as a more intensive form of Jewish education, and it will encourage establishment of such schools and other institutions committed to maximal Jewish education, wherever possible."

Some of the American educators, each of whom endorsed the day school as an essential and intensive form of Jewish education, dissented from the statement for several reasons. Isaac Toubin, executive director of the American Association for Jewish Education, argued it was unwise for an international body devoted to the advancement of Jewish education "to express a preference for any one form and, in the process, denigrate the role of other forms."

Another dissent was based on the fact that the movement in the United States has 260 schools with 60,000 pupils. All but seven are under Orthodox auspices. It was argued that proliferation of the movement in the United States might tend to isolate the Jewish child from the values of the public school system.

JEWISH COMMUNITY BUILDING IN BERLIN SET AFIRE; GASOLINE USED

WEST BERLIN, July 10, (JTA) -- West Berlin's Lord Mayor Heinrich Albrecht assured the city's Jewish community here today that the police will do everything in their power to apprehend the vandals who set fire yesterday to a building in the Jewish community complex which houses the offices here of the *Allgemeine Wochenzeitung Der Juden*, the Jewish weekly newspaper published in Dusseldorf.

The perpetrators of the arson set fire to the building by pouring gasoline on various parts of the structure. The fire brigade extinguished the flames before much damage was done. In his statement today on the incident, the Lord Mayor expressed "profound regret" over the crime and pledged speedy action by police.

EAST GERMANY REPORTS EXECUTION OF AUSCHWITZ 'SELECTION' PHYSICIAN

BERLIN, July 10, (JTA) -- Dr. Horst Fischer, 53, a member of Hitler's SS and a former Auschwitz concentration camp doctor, has been executed in East Germany for "crimes against humanity," the A.D.N., official East German news agency, reported. The report said he was sentenced to death by the East German Supreme Court March 25, however it did not reveal when the execution took place.

Dr. Fischer was accused of selecting for extermination with Zyklon B gas of thousands of inmates of the Auschwitz camp between November, 1942 and January 1945. When he was arrested last year, he was practicing medicine as a country doctor under an assumed name.

BONN PROBE ESTABLISHES GERMAN DIPLOMAT IN ISRAEL WAS NO FASCIST

BONN, July 10. (JTA) -- The West German Foreign Office announced here today that its own disciplinary investigation had found no evidence to support charges that Dr. Alexander Toeroek, counsellor at the West German embassy in Tel Aviv, had been a member of the Arrow Cross, the wartime Hungarian Fascist organization. The charges were made shortly before Bonn opened its embassy in Tel Aviv last year. Dr. Toeroek, who is currently serving as Charge d'Affaires while Ambassador Rolf Pauls is on home leave, had requested the Foreign Office investigation of the charges.

The Foreign Office statement, which was officially forwarded to the Israeli Embassy here, stressed that Dr. Toeroek had been fully rehabilitated as a result of the investigation. Throughout the probe, the Hungarian authorities refused to grant both West German and Israeli experts access to requested documents.

WIDENING GAP BETWEEN NEGROES AND JEWS DEPLORED; WARNING VOICED

NEW YORK, July 10. (JTA) -- The widening gap between Negroes and Jews was deplored here today by Dr. John Slawson, executive vice president of the American Jewish Committee. He urged that the gap be closed lest it lead to a weakening of America's liberal coalition.

Dr. Slawson was one of four participants in a discussion on "Anti-Semitism and the Negro" conducted on the "Open Mind" television program over WNBC-TV. "I urge that the friendship between Jew and Negro be restored," he said. "If it is not restored, this is going to weaken the entire liberal movement, and it is going to be bad for the Negroes and bad for the Jews and bad for America."

Joining with Dr. Slawson on the program, which was moderated by Dr. Eric Goldman, Professor of History at Princeton, were Dr. Kenneth B. Clark, Professor of Psychology at City College of New York; Dr. Alex Rosen, Dean of the Graduate School of Social Work of New York University, and Bayard Rustin, executive director of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute.

This liberal coalition -- representing, among others, church groups, labor, students, and minority groups -- had, according to Mr. Rustin, a Negro leader, been responsible for the success of the 1963 "March on Washington," which he organized, and for passage of the Civil Rights Bill of 1964, and the Voting Rights Bill of 1965. "As the war on poverty must be increased," he said, "It can be increased only if those same forces, including Catholics, Jews, labor people, students, and others continue."

Discussing the question of increased Negro hostility toward Jews -- a point on which there was general agreement that it existed -- Dr. Clark, a Negro educator said: "I think what we are witnessing may be a different form, a different expression of anti-Semitism. In the 1940s I think the problems of Negroes and Jews seemed to be largely in the area of employment. Today the problems involve more complex and subtle aspects of relationships, rather than the specific concrete areas of difficulties of 20 years ago."

Young Negroes Seek Professions Held by Jews; Rivalry Seen

Dr. Rosen, said there are the young Negroes since World War II who have moved into the race for professions, who are now schoolteachers or social workers, government officials, inter-group relations experts, and so on. "They are moving into the professions which for historical reasons Jews seemed to have preempted," Dr. Rosen pointed out. "There is a bit of rivalry, of competition for the good things in life or for prominence in these various professions."

Dr. Slawson, explaining that prejudice and discrimination are "irrational," said: "We all know that the Jew has been a very convenient target for the white Christian, and the Jew is a very convenient target for the Negro Christian in the ghetto. It is a particularized kind of target. Even if we eliminate all the landlords and all the merchants, you still would have Negro anti-Semitism. We always walk a treadmill when we try to attribute anti-Semitism to the prejudice of the victim. It is the fault of the bigot."

To Dr. Slawson's question, "Why is there such great resentment on the part of the Negro civil rights leadership that Jews are in the civil rights movement?" Mr. Rustin answered: "Nobody appreciates more than I do the great work Jews have done in this field. I know you built schools and libraries and helped us when no one else would, but there comes a time when every person has to face what A. Phillip Randolph said. Unless the minority that is being persecuted stands up, takes the leadership, and says, 'We want now to take the leadership for ourselves no matter how badly we do it' -- until that happens, nobody will take him seriously."

Dr. Slawson commented: "I happen to know a number of Jews all over the United States who are angry at the fact that their helpfulness not only is not appreciated but resented. There is no feeling of welcome, and the leadership of both groups have got to get together and work things out."

CATHOLIC COUNCIL FINDS JEWS AND NEGROES MISREPRESENTED IN TEXTBOOKS

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 10, (JTA) -- A committee of Catholics here reported yesterday that the views of Negroes and Jews are distorted in three geography textbooks used in parochial schools. The distortions, said the committee, were sufficiently serious to warrant a review of all textbooks used in the Pittsburgh diocese. Sponsored by the Catholic Interracial Council, the committee was made up of eight persons, including five members of the Duquesne University.

60 YOUNG AMERICAN JEWS GO TO ISRAEL FOR ONE-YEAR VOLUNTEER SERVICE

NEW YORK, July 10. (JTA) -- Sixty young Americans left here Saturday night for a one-year mission to Israel to participate actively in the absorption program of new immigrants. The mission is under the auspices of Sherut La'am (Service to the People), an aid program fashioned after the U.S. Peace Corps.

Dr. Aryeh Neshet, an Israeli social scientist now directing the activities of Sherut La'am in North America, said upon their arrival in Israel, the youths will embark upon three months of intensive study in a kibbutz where they will study Hebrew and the social and economic problems of Israel. Later, they will be assigned to kibbutzim and to teaching positions in villages, development towns and youth aliyah centers.

The volunteers pay their own round trip transportation from New York to Israel. In Israel, they receive full maintenance allowance and pocket money. Dr. Neshet said that those selected for the group "have been chosen after severe screening tests, and have been recruited from every major city in the United States and Canada."

AMERICA-ISRAEL CULTURAL FOUNDATION ABSORBS AMERICA-ISRAEL SOCIETY

NEW YORK, July 10. (JTA) -- The America-Israel Cultural Foundation, headed by violinist Isaac Stern, has taken over the activities of the former America-Israel Society and will continue the Society's activities as part of its own cultural exchange program between the United States and Israel, it was announced today. The president of the Society and one of its founders, Theodore R. McKeldin, at the time Governor of Maryland, and now Mayor of Baltimore, joined the Board of the America-Israel Cultural Foundation together with other leaders of the Society.

The decision to take over these activities was made to avoid an unnecessary duplication of efforts. The America-Israel Society, an interfaith organization, was founded in 1954. Its purpose was "to foster greater understanding and friendship between the people of the United States and the people of Israel." Outstanding national leaders in government, labor, religion, communal work were the founders of the group. In 1964 the Society moved its headquarters from Washington to New York and expanded its activities by incorporating the American Christian Association for Israel and the Interfaith Committee on Israel.

The America-Israel Cultural Foundation which organizes cultural exchanges between the United States and Israel, has given during the last 26 years over \$20,000 for projects in some 50 cultural institutions in Israel and has provided more than 1600 scholarships representing an amount of \$250,000. In addition to intensifying these activities, it collects art treasures for showing in Israel's museums and conducts an important building program.

WORLD CONFERENCE OF REFORM RABBIS APPEALS TO ISRAEL FOR RIGHTS

LONDON, July 10. (JTA) -- The World Union for Progressive Judaism, now holding a six-day international conference here, this weekend adopted a resolution urging the Israel Government to grant Reform rabbis in Israel the right to perform marriages and similar functions.

The conference also urged that Reform congregations in Israel be given "equal treatment by the Ministry of Religious Affairs and no longer be discriminated against in applications for aid, such as funds for synagogue buildings." The conference decision and challenge to the existing religious system in Israel came from 500 delegates representing 800 Reform congregations in 20 countries.

SOMERS CONGREGATION DESECRATED FOR SECOND TIME; SWASTIKAS SMEARED

SOMERS, N. Y. July 10. (JTA) -- The Hebrew Congregation here was desecrated yesterday for the second time in six months. Several swastikas and the words "Hitler Forever" and "Nazi Youth of America" plus a number of obscene epithets were painted on the building with black paint.

The discovery of the desecration was made by Rabbi Joseph Schapiro when he arrived for Sabbath services. Six months ago, vandals broke several windows in the synagogue which is located in the town of Shenorock in Westchester County near the Connecticut border. Saul Schwartz, president of the congregation, expressed hope that some member of the community would volunteer information as to the culprits. State police are investigating yesterday's desecration.