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TRUMAN PEACE CENTER DEDICATED IN ISRAEL; BOURGUIBA SENDS MESSAGE

JERUSALEM, July 11. (JTA) -- Former President Harry S. Truman called today for a halt in the world nuclear arms race and for better relations between Israel and the neighboring Arab countries.

The former President expressed his sentiments in a message read for him at the dedication of the Harry S. Truman Center for the Advancement of Peace at the Hebrew University. The President, who had planned to come here for the dedication, changed his mind on advice of his doctors, and sent U.S. Solicitor General Thurgood Marshall to represent him.

The Truman message was brought to Israel by Mr. Truman's personal representative, David Noyes, who read it during the cornerstone laying ceremony. Attending the ceremony were Premier Levi Eshkol, Acting President Kaddish Luz, Mr. Marshall and many other dignitaries. Premier Eshkol praised the former President as "one of Israel's best friends."

A unique development at the ceremony was a cable to Mr. Truman from President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia which was considered here as the most "heartening" of all the messages sent to the ceremony. The Tunisian leader, who rocked the Arab world last year with several public calls for the Arabs to negotiate peace with Israel, said in his message that "ulterior engagements" prevented him from assisting in the Jerusalem ceremony.

After the ceremony in the Wise Building at the University, the participants walked to the site where the Truman Center will be built. A scroll stating the nature of the purpose of the Center -- "Peace, understanding and harmony between nations"-- was buried on that spot. The American visitors were luncheon guests of the Premier and attended a reception tonight given by Acting President Luz at the Presidential residence. It was reported that \$4,000,000 had been raised so far for the multi-million dollar Center.

Some 50 American Jewish leaders, including several "central founders" attended the ceremony. Central founders are the 41 American Jewish leaders who contributed \$100,000 each to the center. Speakers included Mr. Marshall and Samuel Rothberg of Peoria.

Eshkol Cites Truman's Efforts for Israel; Truman to Visit Israel

Premier Eshkol recalled Mr. Truman's part in announcing the United States recognition of Israel "which kindled a flame in Israel's spirit which is still burning." Immediately after the ceremony, the Premier sent a cable to Mr. Truman in Independence, Mo., on behalf of the Government and people of Israel. The cable offered "every good wish for your health and for many happy years," and added, "Through your friendship, you have become part of our people's inner consciousness and your vision of peace through Jerusalem is shared by the people."

In his message, the former President also said he would visit Israel next autumn. University sources indicated a belief he would make the visit next spring if his health permitted. Mr. Truman's physicians barred the visit today because they feared the trip might be too taxing for a man of Mr. Truman's age. He is 82.

Mr. Truman's message stressed two themes: the urgent need in a nuclear-armed world of measures to control the arms race and an equal need for peace between Israel and the Arab countries. In urging more peaceful relations between the Arab states and Israel, the former President cited the history of relations between the United States and Mexico "in which we had many bitter quarrels in the past."

He warned that a third World War "could be unprecedented calamity, threatening the very existence of the human race on the surface of the earth." He said that the existence throughout the world of an ever-growing arsenal of missiles with nuclear warheads capable of mass destruction made it evident that there was no other means to ensure the world's survival than by halting the nuclear arms race. In view of this "terrific situation," he declared, there was no logical reason why any government should refuse to reach understanding with its neighbors.

ISRAEL PRESIDENT LEAVES CHILE; PROCEEDS TO URUGUAY FOR WEEK'S REST

SANTIAGO, Chile, July 11. (JTA) -- Israel President Zalman Shazar left today from the resort of Vina del Mar for Montevideo to begin a week's rest in the Uruguayan resort of Punta del Este. On hand to bid the Shazar party farewell after his triumphant two-week visit to Chile was Foreign Affairs Secretary Gabriel Valenzuela and other senior Chilean officials, Israeli embassy officials and leaders of the Jewish Community here.

President Shazar had been scheduled to leave Chile last Monday but when his scheduled visit to Argentina was canceled because of the political coup in that country, Chilean President Frei asked Mr. Shazar to extend his stay in Chile. Before his departure, President Shazar sent President Frei a message expressing his appreciation for the cordial hospitality shown the Israeli Chief of State during his visit.

ISRAELI EMPLOYEES WILL NOT GET ALLOWANCES FOR RISE IN COST OF LIVING

TEL AVIV, July 11. (JTA) -- The Mapai-Achdut Avoda Alignment formally endorsed a proposal today under which cost of living allowances paid to Israeli workers in addition to basic salaries will not be increased this month despite a rise in the cost of living index estimated at between five and six percent over the past six months. Normally, the allowances would be increased every six months following such a rise in the index.

Under the proposal, employees earning up to 1,400 pounds (\$467) monthly will be compensated for the higher cost of living by increasing old age pensions and family allowances administered by the National Insurance Institute. The present cost of the living system would remain in force through 1967.

MERIDOR ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF HERUT EXECUTIVE; SEEKS UNITY

TEL AVIV, July 11. (JTA) -- Yaacov Meridor was elected chairman of the national executive of the rightwing Herut party last night in a last minute effort by the central committee to preserve party unity. A new opposition group, led by Tel Aviv attorney Shmuel Tamir, emerged at the party's annual convention last week to challenge the leadership of Menachem Beigin, who resigned during the convention as party chairman.

Mr. Meridor said he would try to form a new party executive within four days but said he was not optimistic about his chances of success. Yohanan Bader, a Member of Parliament, was elected chairman of the central committee.

The two factions waged an intensive campaign in the past few days over election of the new executive chairman, with lobbying continuing until a few minutes before the central committee was convened. Mr. Tamir was asked by several party members to agree not to join the new executive "to help smooth out internal differences" but he refused.

C.O.J.O. PARLEY HEARS REPORTS ON ANTI-SEMITISM IN VARIOUS LANDS

GENEVA, July 11. (JTA) -- Reports on anti-Semitism in various countries were represented today at the plenary session of the World Conference of Jewish Congresses (COJO).

One of the reports was on West Germany. It was given by Dr. Stephen Rosenthal, European Director of the World Jewish Congress. He told the delegates that the rise of the neo-Nazi National Democratic party was due to a gradual diminishing of political and economic factors which had served to deter extremism in West Germany in the early postwar era.

Arnold Forster, general counsel of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, reported on rightwing extremism in the United States. He charged that the racialist movement was spending millions of dollars in a sustained attack on the United Nations.

A crash program for an additional 1,000 Jewish day schools throughout the world in the next decade was advocated at a session which opened the plenary of COJO. It ended the meeting of the World Council on Jewish Education. The proposal was made by Rabbi Joseph H. Lookstein of New York, chairman of the World Council president. The Orthodox rabbinical leader said he was offering his proposal "as the most effective means of ensuring the preservation of Jewish life and Jewish tradition."

BERLIN MAYOR ANNOUNCES REWARD FOR FINDING ARSONISTS OF JEWISH CENTER

WEST BERLIN, July 11. (JTA) -- West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt today announced a reward of 5,000 Deutschmarks (\$1,250) for information leading to the apprehension of those responsible for setting fire to a building of the Jewish community center here last weekend.

JEWS LEADERS IN ITALY APPEAL FOR FULL RIGHTS FOR SOVIET JEWS

ROME, July 11. (JTA) -- A committee of five Italian Jewish leaders issued an appeal to all Jews and friends of Jews in Italy to make known to the new Soviet Ambassador to Italy their concern over the situation of Russian Jewry.

The committee was made up of Astorre Mayer, president of the Standing Conference of European Jewish Communities; Judge Sergio Piperno, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities; Mario Stock, president of the Trieste Jewish Community; Prof. Gianfranco Tedeschi, president of the Rome Jewish Community; and Bruno Zevi. They outlined a letter for that purpose which they urged should be sent also to the Italian Communist party secretary.

The draft letter expresses best wishes to the new envoy for a successful tour of duty in Rome. The communication then expresses anxiety and pain over the fact that Russian Jews are still denied the rights of which Stalin "arbitrarily deprived them" and which are now enjoyed by all nationalities which were also "persecuted by Stalin."

"We request the authorities to put an end to the closing down of synagogues, to authorize a central representative organ of the Jewish religion--just as other religions have--to reinstitute schools and cultural institutes and to encourage Jewish parents to educate their children in their mother tongue and in their cultural and national tradition," the letter continues. It also urges Soviet officials "to permit the re-union of Jewish families" separated by the Nazi holocaust.

"The contribution in blood that Soviet Jews gave to the Soviet state, the martyrdom of millions massacred by the Nazis, their contributions to their host countries and so also to the Soviet Union, and in particular to its scientific and technological progress, fully authorize us to request emphatically that the school of thought represented by Judaism be allowed to continue to live in the Soviet Union," the letter adds.

The letter acknowledged "the condemnation of anti-Semitism" by Soviet Premier Kossygin and the article in Pravda, the Communist party organ, on September 5, 1965, similarly denouncing anti-Semitism. The letter expressed gratitude "for the permission to bake matzoh" in some Soviet cities this spring but stressed that "much more fundamental, serious and continuous steps must be taken to give justice to a nation which has every right to it."

CANADIAN MINISTER CHALLENGES SOVIET DEPUTY PREMIER ON JEWS IN RUSSIA

TORONTO, July 11. (JTA) -- Soviet Deputy Premier Dmitri Polyansky and Ontario Minister of Reform Institutions (prisons and reformatories) Allan Grossman became involved in a heated argument on the situation of Soviet Jewry at a dinner given here for the visiting Soviet Parliamentary delegation by the Ontario Parliament.

Mr. Polyansky who is visiting Canada in connection with Canada's recent wheat sale to the Soviet Union, urged at the dinner that freedom be given to the people of Viet Nam. Mr. Grossman suggested that freedom be given to Jews in the Soviet Union. He pointed out that Soviet Jewry is subject to restrictions in religion and custom.

The Soviet Deputy Premier retorted through an interpreter that there are Jews in the Soviet hierarchy, Mr. Polyansky snapped: "It is not the hierarchy I am talking about, it is the common people." The Deputy Premier then said that Jews in the USSR can worship in their synagogues, "eat their matzoh" and occupy prominent positions in science and other professions. At one point, Mr. Polyansky told Mr. Grossman he was not sufficiently informed to discuss the subject. Mr. Grossman retorted, "Don't get excited - don't get rattled." He told Mr. Polyansky that Canadians are concerned about the position of Jews and other minority groups in Russia.

The incident climaxed an evening of jovial back-slapping and hand-shaking as the Soviet delegation met members of Parliament and diplomats. During the dinner, Premier Robarts said he had enjoyed the quick wit and rapid rejoinders of Mr. Polyansky and was delighted with the opportunity to sit down and exchange ideas.

CHAIRMAN OF AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT ACCEPTS KNESSET INVITATION

VIENNA, July 11. (JTA) -- Alfred Maleta, chairman of the Austrian Parliament, announced here that he has accepted an invitation from Kadish Luz, speaker of Israel's Parliament, to attend the inauguration ceremonies to be held in Jerusalem on August 30 dedicating Israel's new Knesset (Parliament) building.

Mr. Maleta, who was imprisoned by the Nazis in a concentration camp for a number of years, due to his vigorous opposition to the Nazi campaign against Jews, has been an outstanding fighter against neo-Nazism and anti-Semitism in Austria throughout his career in parliament.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA HOLD FOUR-DAY CONFERENCE

SAN SALVADOR, July 11. (JTA) -- A four-day convention of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Central America and Panama concluded here today. Reports of the status of the Jewish communities of Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama and El Salvador were presented during the sessions.

Among the issues which the delegates discussed were the effect of the Central American Common Market on Jews in the area, the nature of Judaism and Jewish consciousness, the Jewish declaration by the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, anti-Semitism in the Central American countries, problems of integrating Jewish youth, particularly Jewish university students, into Jewish communal life, Jewish youth and Israel, the halutz ideal and its influence on Jewish youth in Central America and Jewish education.

Participants in the conclave included also Israeli Ambassadors Shmuel R. K. and Col. Izhak Shany, Dr. Woodrow de Casto, president of the Federation, Manuel Tenenbaum, president of the regional council of the Jewish Youth of Latin America, and Mark Turkow of the South American Executive of the World Jewish Congress.

ANGLICAN CHURCH IN WINNIPEG REACTS TO SWASTIKA SMEARINGS ON SYNAGOGUES

WINNIPEG, July 11. (JTA) -- The All Saints Anglican Church of Winnipeg has reacted to swastika smearings of two Winnipeg synagogues by sending letters of sympathy and contributions to the two houses of worship.

The church sent the letters and contributions to Shaarey Zedek and Rosh Pina synagogues. Rector R. Desmond Kimmit said in the letters that the clergy and wardens of the church were dismayed that such smearings could happen and added that the Nazi slaughter of European Jewry could not have happened if the church over many centuries had not contributed "to a total environment of anti-Semitism." He added that the contributions were sent "as symbolic of that new understanding" among all creeds "which thankfully seems destined to be born in our day."

President Ben B. Cantor of Congregation Shaarey Zedek responded that if people could be generally educated to think as did the congregation and officers of the All Saints Church, "the brotherhood of man would be a reality and not a dream."

950 JEWISH CHILDREN REPORTED ATTENDING MISSION SCHOOLS IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, July 11. (JTA) -- The Public Council for Combatting Christian Missions in Israel launched a campaign today to enlist public backing for its goals.

Shlomo Bukai, Council chairman, declared that 950 Jewish children were being educated in mission schools in the greater Tel Aviv area. He said the Council wanted each of the 700 synagogues in the area to "undertake the cost of removing at least one child from a mission school and supporting and educating the child until the age of self-support."

The Council is a central agency for organizations of anti-mission groups. It includes among its members leaders of the Tel Aviv Religious Council, Members of the Knesset, Parliament and other public figures.

HARTFORD INSURANCE COMPANY PURCHASES \$100,000 IN ISRAEL BONDS

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA) -- The Security Insurance Company of Hartford purchased \$100,000 in Israel Bonds, it was reported here today by the Israel Bond Organization. The large purchase of Israel bonds was made "in tribute to Israel's 18th anniversary of independence."

ISRAELI TO LECTURE AT UNIVERSITIES OF CALIFORNIA AND MINNESOTA

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA) -- Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, a leader of the Histadrut General Labor Federation of Israel and a member of the Knesset arrived here today to lecture and hold discussions with labor and management leaders, clergy, faculty and students in seminars at the Universities of California and Minnesota. Mr. Ben-Aharon's lectures are being jointly sponsored by the universities and the American Histadrut Cultural Exchange Institute.

HAYIM HAZAZ, ISRAELI WRITER, WINS NEW YORK UNIVERSITY PRIZE

NEW YORK, July 11. (JTA) -- Hayim Hazaz, a prominent Israeli writer, has been named the recipient of this year's annual Irving and Bertha Newman Prize of the Institute of Hebrew Studies of New York University. The \$1,000 prize will be presented to Mr. Hazaz next month in Jerusalem for his book "B'kolar Echad" (In One Collar Chain), which depicts the patriotism and self-sacrifice of the illegal underground during the period before the establishment of the State of Israel.