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MOSCOW BELIEVED PLANNING NO FURTHER ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL DIPLOMAT

JERUSALEM, Sept. 7. (3TA) -- Informed sources here said today that reports from Moscow seemed to indicate that the Soviet Government planned no further moves against Ephraim Paz, the third secretary of the Israel Embassy in Moscow. Izvestia, the Government newspaper, accused Paz Monday of distributing "dirty Zionist propaganda" in the Soviet Union.

Those reports, the sources said, indicated that the Soviet authorities did not intend to expel Paz or to declare him persona non grata, as they did with Second Secretary David Gavish in August.

It was believed here that the Izvestia attack on Mr. Paz and the expulsion of Mr. Gavish were undertaken at the urging of the Soviet Secret Service which wants to discourage as completely as possible the expected attendance by Russian Jews at High Holy Day services.

Meanwhile, another anti-Israel attack was published in the Soviet press today. Sovietskaya Byelorussia published an article charging that Israelis were living under a "capitalist and imperialist regime."

SOUTH AFRICAN JEWRY MOURNS TRAGIC DEATH OF ASSASSINATED PREMIER

JOHANNESBURG, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- South African Jewry "shares the national shock and grief" over the assassination yesterday of Premier Hendrik Verwoerd, "Teddy Schneider, president of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies, declared today in a telegram to Mrs. Verwoerd.

"The South African Jewish Community is deeply shocked by the tragic national calamity and offers you and your children heartfelt condolences," the telegram said, "We mourn the passing of a dedicated son of his country." The Board sent a similar message to the State President.

Rabbi Bernard Casper, Chief Rabbi of the Federation of Synagogues, sent a message expressing the "profound sense of sorrow and dismay of the Jewish community. We think of Verwoerd, the patriot, the devoted son of his country, respected even by his opponents. Fis eye was not dimmed nor his force abated."

South Africa's senior Reform rabbi, Arthur Super, in a message, paid tribute to the slain Premier's dedication and said that South Africa's Reform congregations were arranging special mourning services.

Edel Horowitz, chairman of the South African Zionist Federation echoed the "grief" of South Africa and conveyed "deepest sympathy toward the Government and the widow."

His message added that "we can only pray that God will preserve the peoples of this republic at this critical time, and that the peace and democratic progress of all of us will not be imperiled by this evil act."

Jewish Physician Was First to Give Medical Aid to Premier

The first physician to reach the stricken Premier was a Jewish Member of Parliament, Dr. Ephraim Fisher, who described the scene in these words: "I saw somebody rush toward the Prime Minister and appear to lean over him. I then realized he had been injured. I rushed over to his bench and found him bleeding profusely from four chest wounds.

"I tried to stop the bleeding. Other medical MPs came to help. We gave mouth-tomouth breathing and tried artificial respiration. Dr. Verwoerd also was given four heart stimulant injections -- I had my medical bag with me. We continued until the ambulance came but by that time, he had no pulse -- it was hopeless."

The assassin, Dimitri Tsafendas, reportedly born in Mozambique, is partly Portuguese and partly Greek. The shocked country is reacting soberly.

PLAN TC BUILD AIRPORT FCR JERUSALEM APPROVED; LOCATION DESIGNATED

JERUSALEM, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- Jerusalem's Town Planning Authority decided today to build an airport for Jerusalem after many years of debate on the proposal. The airport will be for internal flights and small aircraft only. It will be located in a residential area between Beit Hakerem and Ein Nif.

ISRAEL TO STUDY POSSIBILITY OF CANAL BETWEEN RED SEA AND MEDITERRANEAN

JERUSALEM, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- The Finance Ministry has allocated 100,000 pounds (\$33,000) for a preliminary feasibility study on the possible construction of a canal seaway across Israel linking the Mediterranean port of Ashdod with the Red Sea port of Eilat, it was reported here today.

Coming at a time of retrenchment and austerity, the grant for the study indicates the importance which the Government attaches to such a canal which would enable ocean-going vessels to bypass the Egyptian-controlled Suez Canal. Actual construction of the 200-mile-long Israeli canal would cost an estimated \$,000,000,000 and would require three years merely for the preliminary survey work and planning.

Although the project when first proposed seemed utopian to many, Israeli circles are now reported interested in the proposal. Interest has also been expressed by officials of the United States Embassy in Tel Aviv.

SOUTH KOR EAN GOVERNMENT WANTS TO BUILD THREE SHIPS IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- The Republic of South Korea will order three 13,000-ton ships from the Israeli Shipyards at Haifa if the Israel Government will approve payment terms suggested by South Korea. The two countries signed today a tentative agreement for the order.

The South Koreans proposed that 80 percent of the total cost of \$9,000,000 for the three vessels be paid out over a 10 to 11 year period. The negotiations were handled in South Korea by J. Livertowsky, director of the Israel shipyards, who will return to Israel next week to discuss Israel's side of the proposed transaction.

The Israel Government will seek to try to minimize the credit terms and shorten the payment period proposed by South Korea. The Government's economic committee is expected to make a decision on its counter-offer next week.

JEWISH AGENCY EXECUTIVE GETS DRAFT BUDGET BASED ON REORGANIZATION

JERUSALEM, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- Aryeh L. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, presented to the executive today the Agency's draft budget for 1967-68. Although no details were disclosed, it was believed that the new budget was based on the departmental reorganization plan approved yesterday at the Agency's plenary session.

The budget was understood to be slightly more than \$105,000,000, smaller by 12-1/2 percent than the current budget of \$120,000,000. The new budget was understood to be based on the assumption there would be 1,000 fewer Jewish Agency employes next year. Mr. Pincus said, in presenting the budget, that no new debts would be incurred by the Agency for the first time in many years. The budget was expected to be approved with only minor changes.

Earlier today, the joint Israel Government-Agency coordinating committee met under the chairmanship of Premier Levi Eshkol to consider ways to encourage and increase immigration from western countries. Mr. Pincus informed Mr. Eshkol about the Agency's reorganization decisions. Debate followed on the proposals submitted previously by the Agency.

These proposals dealt with both the Agency's and the Government's functions in the important fields of customs, schooling, national insurance and labor. The coordinating body decided to turn the proposals over to a subcommittee for elaboration. The subcommittee will begin meetings next week.

The plenary heard a plea against cutting budget allocations for the Agency's Youth and Hechalutz department from a delegation of Falutzic World Young Organizations. Members of the delegation submitted data to show that their activities in other countries actually fostered immigration, particularly to Israeli collectives.

The delegation consisted of secretaries of Fabonim, Hashomer Hatzair, Dror, Bnai Akiba and Hanoar Hatizioni. Mr. Pincus promised their views would be given serious consideration during the Agency's budget debate.

ISRAEL PARTICIPATES IN INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION PARLEY

VIENNA, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- Israel is one of the 27 countries participating here in a conference on isotope use in plant nutrition and physiology convened by the International Atomic Energy Commission. The conference will last several days.

JEWISH COMMUNAL WORKERS GET 'BLEAK' PICTURE ON JEWISHNESS IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- The role of Jewish communal services in strengthening Jewish identification was emphasized here tonight at the opening session of the International Conference of Jewish Communal Service, organization of Jewish communal workers, which is being held here concurrently with the biennial International Conference of Social Work.

It was announced at the opening session that the conference of the organization next year will be held in Jerusalem, in August. Dr. Bertram Gold, president of the National Conference of Jewish Communal Service, opened the parley tonight at which Graenum Berger, consultant of the New York Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, was the principal speaker.

Declaring that "strengthening of Jewish identification is the raison d'etre for Jewish communal service, "Mr. Berger told the Jewish communal workers that the continuity of Jewish life depended upon the success of Jewish welfare, educational and religious organizations in educating the Jewish layman to greater "Jewish knowledge, Jewish belonging and Jewish behavior."

Mr. Berger said that the problem of educating the Jewish layman Jewishly "is a major problem confronting the Jewish community in the future, and this, not so incidentally is the first task of the professional working in the Jewish field." He presented a "bleak" picture of the lack of strength of Jewish life in the world today.

"Somehow," he said, "we have failed to communicate diligently to our children the reason why the Jewish people must continue." He added: "Jews are gradually becoming indistinguishable from our neighbors in that we are losing the distinctive features which made us a light unto the nations." He warned that, in the years ahead, "the pace of conformity will be so much stronger as to make the process of assimilation, not aculturation, even more pronounced than it is today."

Mr. Berger attacked the viewpoint long held by many Jewish social service practitioners that the main reason for Jewish social welfare organizations is "merely a rendering of service to those who come to our doors for assistance." He said that assimilation has been breeding upon such factors in Jewish community life as the declining birth rate, intermarriage, a breakdown of the traditional pattern of Jewish family life, and the disruption and dislocation of old Jewish neighborhoods. He saw the growth of a Jewish day school movement as promising, but concluded that "the overall picture for most Jews is bleak."

Israelis Address Conference of Social Workers in Washington

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7. (JTA) - Extensive Israeli participation highlighted various aspects of the 13th International Conference of Social Work in session here with delegates from more than 60 nations including Arab states.

Dr. Moshe A. Kurtz, the official head of the Israeli delegation, is director general of the Israeli Ministry of Social Welfare. Dr. Kurtz served as a member of the permanent committee that planned the conference attended by over 3,000 delegates and helped change the constitution of the group to broaden its scope. He took part also in the meeting of representatives of Ministries of Social Welfare concerned with international social welfare.

Dr. Louis Miller, director of mental health services of the Israeli Health Ministry, addressed the ICSW general meeting on "special programs to deal with the stresses of urban life -- mental health aspects." Dr. Miller is a prominent Israeli psychiatrist.

Mrs. Nava Arad, general secretary of the Union of Israeli Social Welfare Workers, served as rapporteur in a study group on the role of the school. Dr. Israel Katz, director of the Hebrew University School of Social Work, attended the international meeting of schools of social work. Jona Rosenfeld of the Hebrew University school of social work was a panel member of a meeting on research in urban development.

Another Israeli attending the conference was an Arab citizen, Ary Arbid, who is temporarily working in Toronto, Canada for the Jewish Family Welfare Agency. Other Israelis participating are Pinchas Frank, head of the communal welfare department of "Amidar" Housing Company; Dorothy Cohen, of the Tel Aviv Municipal Department of Social Work, Raya Fein of the Faifa Municipal Department of Social Work, Raya Fein of the Faifa Municipal Department of Social Work, Dina Lieberman and Chana Weil of the Hebrew University school of social work and Mordechai Wertheimer, deputy director general.

24 NATIONAL YOUTH GROUPS FORM NORTH AMERICAN JEWISH YOUTH COUNCIL

NYACK, N.Y., Sept. 7. (JTA) -- A North American Jewish Youth Council was formally established today by representatives of 24 national youth groups from the United States and Canada at a three-day conference held here at Camp Ramah.

The Council will seek to initiate and develop projects which will enrich the programs of the constituent national Jewish youth organizations; provide an exchange of information, ideas and experiences among the groups; contribute to the strength of Jewish life; and

deepen the concern of American Jewish youth for world Jewry, with special emphasis on the relationships between American youth and Israel."

The Council decided to operate principally in these areas: 1) The enrichment of American-Jewish life; 2) The support of Soviet Jewry's fight for equal rights; and 3) The strengthening of the ties of American Jewish youth with Israel.

The 24 member organizations of the Council are: Atid; Betar; B'nai B'rith Fillel Foundations; B'nai B'rith Youth Crganization; AZA, BBG, BBYA; B'nai Akiva; Canadian Council of YM-YWHAS; Canadian Young Judaea; Dror; Hashomer Hatzair; Ichu Eabonim; National Jewish Welfare-Board-Jewish Community Centers; Junior Hadassah; Leadership Training Fellowship; Masada of ZOA; Mizrachi Hatzair; National Conference of Synagogue Youth; National Federation of Temple Youth; Student Zionist Organization; United Synagogue Youth; Yavneh; Young Israel; Young Judaea.

AMERICAN JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO BE LOCATED AT BRANDEIS CAMPUS

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Fistorical Society is to be located on the campus of Brandeis University according to an announcement made today by president Leon J. Chermayer of Philadelphia. Plans for a new Society and Library building are now being drawn with construction to be completed in 1967, the organization's 75th anniversary year, Mr. Obermayer said.

Founded in 1892, the Society is composed of 2,600 members who encourage the study of the history of Jews on the American continent. It collects and publishes materials relating to the settlement and story of Jews in the United States and the other countries of the Western Hemisphere maintaining these items in a research library of more than 25,000 volumes.

The library also contains original letters, scrap books and relics, as well as an art collection. A selection of the Society's American colonial Jewish paintings is on long term exhibition at the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art, and materials relating to immigrants in New York City have been made available to the Jewish Museum for an exhibit on the East Side "hettor." The Society publishes the American Jewish Fistorical Quarterly.

PAPER ON EICHMANN'S MENTALITY READ AT CONGRESS OF PSYCHIATRY

LONDON, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- Adolf Eichmann was described yesterday by an Israeli psychiatrist, who interviewed and tested the Nazi in an Israeli prison, as a man who killed Jews because he "hated life," it was reported here today from Madrid.

Dr. I.S. Kulcsar, director of the psychiatry department of the Tel Hashomer General Hospital, offered that analysis in a paper on "The Psychopathology of Adolf Eichmann," presented in Madrid at the World Congress of Psychiatry. The paper was the first public presentation of the findings of 21 hours of interviews and tests of Eichmann between January and March, 1961. Eichmann was hanged in 1962 after he was convicted by an Israeli court for his part in the slaughter of European Jewry.

The psychiatrist said that Eichmann killed impersonally, in a bureaucratic way. He said the Nazi practiced a "dehumanized sadism" and called Eichmann "an extreme example of the deeroticized destructor in our time." He said his research showed Eichmann to be of "average intelligence" but a man who was "lifeless, mechanical, formalized and dehumanized." He quoted the Nazi as telling him that "all my life I felt fear but I did not know of what."

JEWS PROTEST OPENING UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS ON ROSH HASHANA

BOSTON, Sept. 7. (JTA) -- A protest against the University of Massachusetts scheduling of the opening of its next semester on Rosh Eashana was filed today by Laurence S. Locke, president of the New England region of the American Jewish Congress.

In a letter to Dr. John W. Lederle, president of the university, Mr. Locke took note of the fact that the next semester is scheduled to open officially on September 15, which is the first day of Rosh Hashana. Expressing regret that the university had not checked the calendar to avoid the conflict, Mr. Locke stated that many of the students will want to spend the Jewish New Year at home, and declared:

"The University should not confront its Jewish students with the intolerable dilemma of observing our holy day or reporting for the semester. If the university cannot now change its calendar, we urge that a special schedule be arranged for Jewish students who cannot appear in time." The Congress president requested also that Jewish students should not be penalized if they arrive late, due to Rosh Fashana, and asked that students, parents and the community be notified about what steps the university intends to take to rectify the situation.