MOSCOW CANCELS TOUR TO RUSSIA OF ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

JERUSALEM, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The Soviet Government, in a surprise move, has canceled the scheduled tour of Russia by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Experts here interpreted the action as a new effort at intimidating Soviet Jewry. The orchestra had been scheduled to leave for Moscow November 10.

The decision, which appeared to be final, was conveyed yesterday by A. Yakushenko, the Soviet Charge d'Affairs in Israel, to the Israeli Foreign Ministry. The Soviet diplomat gave as the reason "the wild anti-Soviet campaign launched by Israel" on the subject of the situation of Soviet Jewry. Last June, the Soviets postponed the tour four days before its then scheduled departure on the pretext of inability to find suitable concert halls.

Israeli political sources expressed "deep regret and disappointment" over the Soviet action. They said that criticism voiced by Israel on the treatment of Soviet Jews had been more moderate than those voiced by various Western Communist parties and liberal groups. They said it appeared that the cancelation was aimed at intimidating Soviet Jews from contacts with Israel or Israelis, rather than as evidence of a new anti-Israel stance by the Soviet Government.

ISRAEL'S AND EGYPT'S MILITARY STRENGTH REVEALED IN BRITISH SURVEY

LONDON, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- A survey by the Institute of Strategic Studies indicated today that Israel was spending nearly 12 percent of its gross national income on defense and that such spending accounted for 30 percent of the Government's total expenditures. The Institute said Egypt was spending nine percent of gross national product, or 18 percent of all Government outlays, on defense. Egypt was the only other Middle East country included in the survey.

The survey, entitled "Military Balance, 1966," asserted that Israel's defense outlays rose from $271,000,000 in 1964-65 to $382,000,000 last year and to $447,000,000 during the current year. The survey put Israel's regular military forces at 71,000 personnel which could be expanded in a few days by mobilization to 275,000.

Israel was said to have 800 tanks, compared with 600 reported in a previous Institute survey. The additions, according to the Institute, were mainly American Patton tanks. The Institute reported that Israel had 350 combat aircraft, 200 self-propelled guns and two battalions equipped with American-made supersonic air-to-ground Hawk missiles as against one such battalion last year.

Egypt's combat aircraft were reported as totaling 500, down 50 from the prior year but that Egypt now had 130 Soviet-made MIG-21's compared with 52 of the MIGs last year. The number of Egyptian tanks was cited as 1,200, which was the same total as last year but the Egyptians have replaced older types with more modern tanks. Egypt is thought to have about 100 missiles, the Institute said, but there is no evidence that the Egyptians have reliable guidance systems for the rockets and none are yet deployed.

POSSIBILITY OF 65,000 UNEMPLOYED SEEN BY ISRAEL'S LABOR MINISTRY

JERUSALEM, Sept. 22. (JTA) - The Manpower Authority of Israel's Labor Ministry estimated today that unemployment would probably grow from an average of 33,000 jobless last year to 51,000 and possibly to 65,000 if Israel's current economic crisis continues.

The Authority said it expected Israel's labor force would increase during the current year by 32,000 new workers. Last year, the Authority said, 11,400 new jobs were available. Even if that increased ratio is maintained next year, the Authority noted, 30,000 more people will be jobless. According to other Ministry estimates, employment will continue to decline and no additional jobs will be available.

Ministry statistics showed that unemployment had affected first skilled workers and professionals, especially mechanical and chemical engineers and workers, as well as skilled workers in industry, construction and clerical occupations.
ARSON ATTEMPT ON SYNAGOGUE IN SPAIN PROVOKES CONCERN IN LONDON

LONDON, Sept. 22. (JTA) - World Sephardi Federation officials expressed concern here today over the fact that three men who set fire to a synagogue in Barcelona, Spain, in August had not been found by Spanish police.

Reports from Barcelona indicated that there was little likelihood of apprehending them. The synagogue, which suffered damage to its doors and windows, houses both the Sephardi and Ashkenazi congregations of Barcelona. Gasoline-soaked copies of the London Times were used to start the synagogue.

The Sephardi Federation sent a letter today to the President of the Barcelona Jewish Community, expressing "deep regret that those responsible for this outrage had not yet been caught." The letter noted that the arson attack was "the first attempt of its kind in Spain since reestablishment of Jewish communities."

EICHMANN TRIAL LEFT LITTLE UNDERSTANDING OF NAZI ACTS, SURVEY SHOWS

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) - The trial of Adolf Eichmann in Israel, in 1961, which had been thoroughly reported in all American news media, generated a "sympathetic response toward Jews" but failed "to deepen understanding of the horrors of the Nazi era," the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith reported here today on the basis of the findings of a scientific study.

The study, conducted under an ADL grant but developed and conducted as an independent work of scientific research, was made by the University of California Survey Research Center. It will be published this month by Harper and Row under the title "The Apathetic Majorit". The authors are three sociologists: Charles Y. Glock, director of the research center, Gertrude J. Selznick and Joe L. Spaeth.

The study was based on 443 hour-long interviews with a representative sample of the population of Oakland, Calif., after the evidence at the Eichmann trial in Jerusalem had been reported, but before the Israeli court had rendered a verdict in the Eichmann case. Oakland has one daily newspaper but is served also by considerable circulation of the two dailies published across the bay in San Francisco. In addition, it is served by more than 20 Bay Area radio stations and five television channels.

The study revealed that, although 84 percent of those queried were aware of the trial, and 77 percent of these thought it was "a good thing" that Eichmann had been brought to trial, only 13 percent were knowledgeable enough to be able to answer correctly four elementary questions on the trial's details and background.

After more than a year of headlines at the time the study was made in 1961, 41 percent did not know that Eichmann was a Nazi, and 9 percent thought he was Jewish. Sixty-eight percent did not know he was captured in Argentina; 50 percent did not know that Israel had arrested him; 67 percent did not know the number of Jews killed by the Nazis.

Citing as the dual purpose of the trial, "to bring a criminal to justice" and to serve as "an educational instrument" for understanding the Nazi era, the sociologists declared that the proceedings failed to involve a compliant public and to achieve their educational objective.

ARGENTINE JEWRY CONFIDENT OF PRESIDENT'S STAND ON ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) - An Argentinian Jewish leader, visiting New York, told the World Jewish Congress today that the Argentinian Jewish community had "confidence in President Ongania's recent statement in which he promised us there would be no anti-Semitism in the country."

Dr. Eliezer Tenenbaum, the president of the Rosario DAIA, Jewish Representative Council, said that President Ongania had stated, in a message to Argentinian Jewry, that there was no room for "extremism of any sort in the country." The Argentinian Jewish leader said that the entire community numbered about 550,000, of whom between 350,000 and 400,000 lived in Buenos Aires with smaller numbers in Rosario, Cordoba, Mendoza and other centers.

FITLER'S 'MEIN KAMPF' PRINTED IN COPENHAGEN IN DANISH TRANSLATION

BONN, Sept. 22. (JTA) - Five thousand copies of Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf," in a Danish translation, have been printed in Denmark and are reportedly now being distributed in that country, the West German Foreign Ministry said here today. Bonn's Ambassador to Copenhagen had tried and failed to persuade the Danish authorities to halt distribution of the Hitler book, on the grounds that Danish publication of the book violated German ownership of the copyright. It was emphasized in the report issued by the Foreign Ministry here.

U.J.A. MISSION TO SURVEY CONDITIONS IN GERMANY, POLAND, MOROCCO, ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Sept. 22, (JTA) -- More than 200 Jewish leaders from 37 communities in 21 states, constituting the United Jewish Appeal's Twelfth Annual Study Mission, will convene in Israel on October 9, for a 13-day survey of the extensive immigrant absorption programs of the Jewish Agency for Israel, it was announced today by Max M. Fisher, UJA General Chairman, who is leading the Mission.

Prior to that date, studies of the large-scale relief, welfare and reconstruction programs conducted by the Joint Distribution Committee in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East, will be completed by various groups of Mission members. Among the countries to be visited by these sub-Missions are Germany, Poland, Iran and Morocco. On October 5, all Mission members will gather in Geneva, Switzerland, to be briefed by JDC officials. From Geneva, they will fly to Israel. Each member pays his own way throughout the fact-finding survey tour.

The UJA Mission's presence in Israel will enable it to focus special attention on the massive efforts being made both by the Jewish Agency and the people of Israel to receive and integrate the vast numbers of unabsorbed newcomers among the 250,000 who have entered the country over the past five years. The unmet needs of these immigrants far exceed the funds which the UJA and Israel's taxpayers are able to provide for their resettlement and absorption.

The absorption in Israel, as well as the relief and rehabilitation programs in other countries, has been adversely affected by the ending of West German repayment payments, causing an annual loss of $10,500,000 to the Jewish Agency and one of $7,000,000 to the JDC. The United HIAS Service which also receives funds from UJA campaigns for the transportation of Jewish refugees going to countries other than Israel, has also lost $500,000 in annual income from the same source.

During their stay in Israel, Mission members will meet with officials of the Jewish Agency and of the Israeli Government who are directly concerned with absorption. They will journey to every part of the country to see for themselves how the various facets of this important program are being carried out. Of particular interest will be their visits to a number of the new development towns which were built to house nearly 300,000 immigrants. They will also visit border settlements, farm villages and kibbutzim as well as Israel's major cities.

Top UJA officials who will participate with Mr. Fisher on the Mission include: Dewey D. Stone, honorary chairman; Rabbi Kerbert A. Friedman, executive vice chairman; Joseph M. Mazur, an honorary Special Fund chairman, and Jack D. Weiler, a national chairman. Participants also include ranking members of the UJA national executive committee and Campaign Cabinet. UJA's top policy-setting bodies; presidents of central Jewish community organizations; current and former community campaign chairmen, and many of the country's leading contributors to their community campaigns, of which the UJA is a major beneficiary.

JEWSIN AGENCY REORGANIZATION ANALYZED BY MRS. HALPRIN IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Sept. 22, (JTA) -- The plans for the reorganization of the structure of the Jewish Agency for Israel adopted at the recent meetings in Jerusalem were characterized today as "a major step forward" by Mrs. Rose L. Halprin, chairwoman of the Jewish Agency-American Section. Speaking at a press conference, Mrs. Halprin said that the September meeting of the executive of the World Zionist Organization was "probably the most important meeting held by the group since the early days of Israel's Statehood.

"For some years now," she said, "the Zionist movement has been considering a reorganization of its legislative bodies, and its executive arm, the Jewish Agency. Such a reorganization is inevitably a painful and difficult experience, and any organization that does so willingly on its own should be applauded.

"The changes, reducing the Jewish Agency structure from sixteen to eight or nine departments, are designed to make the Jewish Agency viable in a Jewish State almost twenty years old; they represent a change in program and function and will result in greater efficiency and economy. The reorganization is more than a matter of economy -- though the fact that the Jewish Agency budget will be reduced by $15,000,000 in the process must not be overlooked.

"The projected reorganization of the Jewish Agency, which places all immigration settlement and absorption programs under one department, streamlines the techniques to facilitate and expedite the reception, settlement and absorption of new immigrants. The work of absorption must be intensified and expanded; the new immigrants from North Africa and from oriental countries must be completely integrated. There must be only one Israel, with all its citizens equal in opportunity and training. There is also the need of developing new and better techniques for the handling of Western aliyah."

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CANADIAN ZIONISTS EXPLAIN THEIR REJECTION OF TERRITORIAL FEDERATION

MONTREAL, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The Zionist Organization of Canada explained today why 75 of the 80 members of its national executive had voted against proposals for a Zionist territorial federation in Canada sought by the World Zionist Organization.

Lawrence Freiman, ZOC president, said that he and Sol D. Gransky, ZOC executive vice-president, had accepted an invitation from Aryeh L. Pincus, Jewish Agency executive chairman, to go to Brussels to negotiate on the proposals. He said negotiations in Canada and in Brussels "were necessitated by the action taken by the Labor Zionist Movement of Canada, Mizrahi HaPoel Hamizrachi Organization of Canada, Achdut Avodah and Mapam, signifying their intention of forming a Zionist Federation in Canada based on the party system."

The proposal for a Zionist territorial federation was one of several approved by the last World Zionist Congress for most areas of the world in which there are Zionist groups. The proposal for Canada, made by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, and Mr. Pincus, called for a territorial Zionist federation based on free elections and the political party system, and that a founding convention for the federation be held by June 30, 1967.

In the interim, according to the Goldmann-Pincus proposal, the Labor Zionists, Mizrahi-Hapoel Hamizrachi, Achdut Avodah and Mapam would be given 50 percent representation and the ZOC-Canadian Hadassah-WIZO would receive 50 percent representation on the ZOC national executive. Votes resulting in a tie would be referred to the chairman of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem for arbitration. If one of the smaller Zionist parties voted with the ZOC, this would also be considered a tie vote subject to the same arbitration procedures.

Refuse to Accept Proposed Procedure of Voting on a Party Basis

Mr. Freiman said the proposals "would have introduced a new procedure, alien to the ZOC, namely of voting on a party basis rather than each member of the executive casting his or her vote in accordance with their understanding of the issues under discussion." He said the meeting at which the proposal was rejected included representation in Zionist, fund-raising and communal affairs throughout Canada.

Mr. Freiman said he had placed the issues before the executive, emphasizing the gravity of the situation and outlining the possible eventualities if the Goldmann-Pincus proposals were rejected, particularly in regard to decisions which might be taken in Jerusalem by the Jewish Agency which could jeopardize the historic relationship between the ZOC, the Keren Hayesod and the Jewish Agency.

The vote rejecting the proposals indicated that the majority of ZOC executive members believed that the ZOC "must continue to relate to the total needs of Zionism and Israel to enable Zionists in Canada to serve Israel and Zionism in accordance with the historic non-party position of the ZOC," Mr. Freiman stated.

The resolution rebuffing the proposals declared that they ignored "the historic position of the ZOC and would necessitate changing its character in a manner which would not be supported by the vast majority of Canadian Jewry." The resolution added that the ZOC was prepared "to consider an organizational solution which would further Zionist activities in Canada based on the widest cooperation."

The resolution stressed that the "desire of the ZOC leadership to bring about Zionist unity in Canada is a matter of record. For years, Zionists of various ideologies and political groups were members in their personal capacity of the national executive of the ZOC, enjoying full status. Even today senior positions in the ZOC are held on an ad personam basis by Zionists who also hold office in other organized Zionist groups, and the ZOC continues to welcome their participation."

CANADIAN JEWISH CHRONICLE ACQUIRES THE OTTAWA HEBREW NEWS

MONTREAL, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- The Canadian Jewish Chronicle, an Anglo-Jewish weekly published here, today announced the purchase of the Ottawa Hebrew News, a quarterly published in the Canadian capital, which will appear as a weekly Ottawa section of the Montreal paper. Max Bookman, who founded the Ottawa Hebrew News in 1928, will be the editor of the Ottawa section.

JEWISH CONCILIATION BOARD REELECTS DR. ISRAEL GOLDSMITH AS PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Sept. 22. (JTA) -- Dr. Israel Goldstein, Rabbi Emeritus of Congregation B'hai Jeshurun New York City, was elected to his thirty-seventh term as president of the Jewish Conciliation Board of America at its annual meeting held here today. Also reelected were: Mr. Charles Frost, Dr. Leo Jung, Dr. Julius Mark and Judge Jacob Panken as vice presidents; William Sachs as treasurer, Jacob Goodman as associate treasurer, and Ruth Richman as executive director.