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S.Y. AGNON, NELLY SACHS, BOTH JEWS, SHARE NOBEL LITERATURE AWARD

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Shmuel Yossef Agnon, Israel's leading Hebrew writer, and Miss Nelly Sachs, a Jewish poet, novelist and playwright, who fled Nazi Germany to settle in Sweden, were named today as joint winners of the Nobel Prize for Literature. Not only were they the first Jewish writers to receive what is regarded as the world's most distinguished literary award, but they also were both chosen for their portrayals of the struggles of the Jewish people. The writers, who have never met, will share the \$60,000 cash prize which goes with the honor.

The citation for the Hebrew author said he was given the Nobel Prize for his "profoundly characteristic narrative, used to convey motifs of Jewish life." The citation to Miss Sachs said she was honored for "outstanding lyrical writing which interprets Israel's destiny with touching strength."

Mr. Agnon, 78, lives modestly in a suburb of Jerusalem. Miss Sachs, 75, lives in Stockholm.

(Mr. Agnon, who has twice previously been nominated for the Nobel Prize, said in Jerusalem that he probably would not go to Stockholm to accept the award because "my doctors won't let me." He added he was happy about the award because "the Jews will have to start taking an interest in me.")

Born in Galicia, Mr. Agnon emigrated to Palestine in 1908. His many books range in theme from 17th Century pogroms in Poland to modern life in Israel. He has written much about life in Jaffa in the period before World War I, and about Jerusalem after World War II. His admirers believe he has caught in his writings, all in Hebrew, the feeling of the Jewish dream which changed the ancient homeland of the Jews into the modern state of Israel. Some of his books, included "Two Gales," and "In the Heart of the Seas," have been translated into English, German and 14 other languages. His Hebrew style has been described by critics as both inimitable and immensely appealing.

Miss Sachs, widely known in Europe as a novelist, poet and dramatist, has won some of the Continent's leading literary awards. Her works are in German. One of the best known is a novel, "Flight and Change," published in 1959, which deals with the plight of the Jews under Hitler. She too has been a strong candidate for the Nobel prize for many years.

MAPAI INVALIDATES 1961 ACTION WHICH HAD PUNISHED PINHAS LAVON

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The secretariat of Prime Minister Levi Eshkol's Mapai Party adopted a resolution last night, declaring null and void the decision that ousted former Defense Minister Pinhas Lavon from the Histadrut in 1961.

David Ben-Gurion, as Premier, had pushed Mr. Lavon out of his post as secretary-general of the Histadrut, the Israel labor federation. Mr. Lavon began a fight to exonerate himself from charges of being responsible, as Defense Minister, for a 1954 "security mishap." The struggle led Mr. Ben-Gurion to split with his former Mapai comrades, to denounce Premier Eshkol, and to form a dissident party (Rafi) which unsuccessfully challenged Mr. Eshkol's leadership in an election this year.

LONDON DIPLOMATS HEAR OF USSR BOLSTERING ARMAMENTS IN MIDDLE EAST

LONDON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union is pouring weapons into Syria and other Arab states to strengthen its growing influence in the area, diplomatic sources here reported today. The sources asserted that munitions were arriving in the area at a rate reminiscent of the USSR's heavy arms shipments to the area in the 1950's, prior to the 1956 Suez clash. The Soviet equipment was reported to include tanks, guns, planes and rockets. The recipients in addition to Syria, were reported to include Egypt and Iraq.

U.N. TEAMS DISPROVE CHARGES OF ISRAEL MASSING TROOPS AGAINST SYRIA

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Seven teams of United Nations military observers inspected the Israeli side of the Syrian border yesterday and reported today, after completing

their dawn-to-dusk check, that they had found no evidence whatever that Israel had mobilized its military forces for purposes of making war against Syria and overthrowing its regime.

They made their report today, to Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization who said, in turn, that he would send his report to United Nations Secretary-General U Thant. (At the U.N., Mr. Thant told the Council today he would submit the Bull report on the inspections as soon as he has received and processed the Bull information.)

The inspection was made at the request of the Security Council after Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban, addressed the body last Friday night on his Government's charges that Syria was responsible for terrorist violence inside Israel and violations of both the United Nations Charter and the 1949 Israeli-Syrian armistice agreement through war threats and incitement and encouragement of terrorist violence. The charges of Israeli border mobilization had been made both by Syria and the Soviet Union.

Only a few hours before the inspection teams went into action, the Damascus Government agreed to allow U.N. inspectors to probe the Syrian border lines also. That inspection report is expected also to be included in Gen. Bull's report.

Infiltrators In Latest Clash Found to be Spies for Syria

In a related development, Israeli officials said today that the four-man group of armed Arab infiltrators which clashed yesterday with an Israeli border patrol was apparently a Syrian intelligence unit sent via Lebanon to gather information. In the clash, three of the infiltrators were killed and one was wounded and captured. One of the Israeli border policemen, a Druse, was shot in the affray and later died of his wounds. The four infiltrators initially had been identified as members of the El Fatah commando organization who have repeatedly made incursions into Israel.

The wounded infiltrator underwent surgery last night. When he recovers, he will face murder charges. Since Israel abolished capital punishment, the death sentence is permitted only for infiltrators involved in fatal attacks on Israelis, and for Nazi war criminals. The khaki-dressed infiltrators carried submachineguns, grenades and other army weapons.

Israel has handled the latest border incident with great restraint. The Israeli press reported news of the clash carefully. Israeli officials made a point of stating that, in spite of the incident, all avenues for political and diplomatic action must be explored to reach a relaxation of border tensions. Despite the new clash, Israeli officials were reported as continuing to look for possible UN action emerging from the current Security Council session on Israel's complaint against Syria.

U.S. TELLS SECURITY COUNCIL IT SEEKS PEACE, ARMS RACE END IN MIDEAST

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The United States Government, in a statement to the Security Council today by Washington's delegation chief, Arthur J. Goldberg, declared categorically that its "public and private" policy calls for peace in the Middle East, "a policy based on respect for all peace-loving states which adhere to the United Nations Charter." Peace, said Mr. Goldberg, citing recent and repeated statements by President Johnson and by himself, and affirming that the principle "applies specifically to the Middle East," is first on the United States agenda.

"We shall unceasingly," added Mr. Goldberg, "pursue the goal of peace for all countries in the Middle East--and we shall join in doing so with other countries which have initiated the arms to stop that race. What I said on this subject today in the General Assembly's Security and Political Committee, I repeat with specific reference to the Middle East. Peace, I repeat, is first on our agenda in the Middle East. The Security Council should act, must act, to keep the peace."

The Council met this afternoon to continue debate on Israel's charges against Syrian failure to halt terrorist incursions into Israel, and, after hearing several speakers, adjourned until early next week so that the 15 members may study further reports on the Israeli-Syrian situation to be submitted by Secretary-General U Thant on the basis of information from the UN's representative on the scene, Lt. Gen. Odd Bull, chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization.

At the meeting today, Israel's permanent representative, Ambassador Michael S. Comay, made another statement indicting Syria. He reported that nearly 70 terrorist attacks, nine of them involving exploded mines, had terrorized, killed and wounded Israelis. He noted that, in the last six months, nine mine-laying incidents were all traced to the nearby Syrian border.

ZOA HEAD OPPOSES WORLD ZIONIST AND JEWISH AGENCY REORGANIZATIONS

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Jacques Torczyner, president of the Zionist Organization of America, voiced opposition today to the proposed reorganization of the World Zionist Organization currently under study. Addressing the opening session of the 69th annual convention of the ZOA, Mr. Torczyner said that the special commission now studying the proposal has refused to tackle the problem from the ideological point of view, and is "trying to find a solution to the ills of the Zionist movement by means of some technical reorganization."

Mr. Torczyner also warned that the decision of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem to curtail its functions or surrender them to the Government was "the beginning of the self-liquidation of what was once a proud organization and a strong movement". He urged the Zionist organization to "find its own way on the American Jewish scene and in the world Zionist movement."

Referring to the latest crisis on the Israel-Syrian border, Mr. Torczyner said that "Syria's official backing of the guerrilla raids into Israel and all other acts of provocation by its government are designed to draw Israel into retaliation in force, and thereby gain for the Syrian regime the sympathies of the Arab world which it does not at present have."

New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, who also addressed the convention, told the delegates: "Israel has vindicated the faith of millions of Americans and all freedom-loving people who supported its creation and its struggle for independence and security; through its achievements in all areas of human endeavor; its readiness to provide underdeveloped countries with the best of its skilled manpower and technicians and placing her wealth of experience and know-how in agriculture, industry and science at the service of mankind." He also expressed concern that, "after 18 years of Israel's existence, her security is still threatened and the reality of her existence and her permanence are not yet fully accepted." He said peace in the Middle East is "inescapably interlinked with world peace."

Other speakers at the convention included Israel's Minister for Development and Tourism Moshe Kol; Rabbi Irving Miller, former president of the ZOA; and Joseph W. Greenleaf, national convention chairman.

KLUTZNICK, IN LONDON, URGES DEEPER, THOROUGH STUDY OF JEWISH LIFE

LONDON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The lack of reliable information about Jewish life today was stressed here last night by Philip M. Klutznick, at the meeting of the International Committee for the Institute of Contemporary Jewry. The committee was organized to stimulate the Institute's scientific studies of Jewish life throughout the world at the Hebrew University, in Jerusalem. Mr. Klutznick, former United States Ambassador to the United Nations Social and Economic Council, said that, while world Jewry was "still beset by many troubles, we have some breathing space which enables us to take a more profound look at Jewish life."

Dr. Eliahu Elath, Hebrew University president, said the function of the Institute was "to gather the facts of Jewish life, to interpret them, and to make them available so that the right conclusions for action can be drawn." Dr. Moshe Davis, head of the Institute, told the meeting that only in Israel, and possibly in Canada, were there exact figures about Jews. Elsewhere, he said, there were no such figures, and there were similar gaps in regard to other aspects of contemporary Jewish life.

Among the Jewish organizations sponsoring scientific studies at the Institute are the American Jewish Committee, The Joint Distribution Committee and the Council of Jewish Federation and Welfare Funds.

In a related development, the Wiener Library here announced today that its Institute of Contemporary History and Brandeis University will publish jointly a symposium on Jewish history during World War II. The announcement noted that all existing comprehensive reports on that era have centered on the Nazi slaughter of European Jewry. The Wiener-Brandeis history will center on life within the Jewish communities and on the Jewish resistance to the Nazis. Murray Mindlin will serve as editor for the Institute, and Dr. Eric Goldhagen for Brandeis.

THREE EX-NAZIS GO ON TRIAL IN GERMANY FOR MURDER OF 1,200 JEWS

BONN, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Three former SS officers went on trial at Essen yesterday on charges of murdering some 1,200 Jews in occupied Minsk during the war. More than 70 survivors will testify for the prosecution in the trial which is expected to last several weeks.

NEW YORK FEDERATION TO BUILD \$10, 500, 000 INSTITUTE OF GERIATRICS

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York announced today that a Jewish Institute of Geriatrics will be built in the Queens section at a cost of \$10, 500, 000. The new long term nursing facility for physically and mentally impaired patients will pioneer new geriatric concepts. It will combine residential, medical and psychiatric care.

Three Federation affiliates will participate in the new facility. They are the House and Hospital of the Daughters of Israel, the Long Island Jewish Hospital and Hillside Hospital.

The Daughters of Israel Home will build the 500-bed, 10-story facility, and will furnish it with equipment and facilities at an additional cost of \$1, 500, 000. The Long Island Jewish Hospital, which made available five acres near its main building as the site for the Institute, will provide and supervise all medical services. Hillside Hospital, a leading psychiatric institution, will supervise all psychiatric programs.

Samuel J. Silverman, Federation president, said the new Institute was the result of 10 years of study of community needs which indicated that, by 1970, there would be more than 1, 000, 000 persons 65 or over in New York City. Ground breaking for the new Institute is expected in the spring of 1967 and full operation is scheduled for 1969.

N. Y. Conference Considers Warning System to Aid Jewish Family Unity

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Formation of a DEW (Divorce Early Warning) system designed to help prevent Jewish marital and family discord, and disintegration of the Jewish family, was proposed here today at the conclusion of a two-day conference on "Divorce in the Jewish Community." The conference, sponsored by the synagogue commission of the New York Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, was attended and addressed by rabbis, psychologists, attorneys, psychiatrists and social workers.

The conference resolved that some means be found to coordinate the helping professions involved -- the law, psychiatry and psychology, social work and the rabbinate -- into a concerted effort for the early detection of symptoms of emotional discord. It was suggested that a committee be formed of member agencies of the Federation, other social agencies, educators, and rabbinical representatives, to implement the recommendations.

The proposal for the development of the DEW system was made in a paper by George Rothman, executive director of the Jewish Community Services of Long Island, who pointed out: "It is far less difficult to enter a family situation at the beginning than it is after a 15 or 20-year war in which all of the persons involved bear the scars of yesterday's battles and the behavioral consequences of chronic emotional distress." Rabbi Isaac N. Trainin is director of the Federation's synagogue commission.

JEWISH REFUGEES SEEK EQUALITY UNDER UNITED STATES WAR CLAIMS ACT

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A National Conference for Equality under Claims Legislation has been formed here to seek changes in United States legislation which excludes persons who were not United States citizens in May 1945 from receiving any kind of compensation under claims legislation for war loss or damage in various countries in Europe. The claimants include a number of Jews who settled in this country after the war.

Kurt R. Grossman, executive secretary of the new group, said that the organization was particularly concerned about Section 204 of U.S. Public Law 87-846, the so-called War Claims Act of 1962. It applies to all persons who became citizens after May 8, 1945.

He asserted that such laws create and foster "two classes of U.S. citizens in violation of sound public policy and constitutional principles as recognized by the Supreme Court." Member groups of the conference include the American Federation of Jews from Central Europe, American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Association of Czechoslovak Jews, Association of Yugoslav Jews, the Club of Polish Jews, the Coordinating Committee of Nazi Victims Organizations, and The World Jewish Federation of Hungarian Jews.

CHICAGO GROUP, NATIONAL WOMEN'S UNIT JOIN UJA MISSION IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20 (JTA) -- A special mission of 13 Chicago Jewish leaders, representing the Combined Jewish Appeal, arrived here today. The mission will spend 12 days in Israel studying facilities of the Jewish Agency, as well as of Maalbe, ORT, the Joint Distribution Committee and other beneficiaries of Chicago Combined Jewish Appeal campaigns.

At the same time, 21 leaders of the national women's division of the United Jewish Appeal arrived here on a 14-day study mission. The women leaders joined the 200 members of the 12th annual UJA mission, already here, who attended a dinner tonight given by Premier Levi Eshkol.