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GAIN BY NEO-NAZI PARTY IN BAVARIAN ELECTIONS STIRS FEARS IN GERMANY

BONN, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- A revival of an aggressive form of German nationalism was foreseen in political circles here today following the capture by the extreme rightist National Democratic Party of 15 out of 204 seats in the Bavarian legislature as a result of yesterday's state elections. Leaders of the party had predicted they would win 14 seats.

The National Democratic Party -- considered as a neo-Nazi group -- obtained in yesterday's elections in Bavaria at least 10 percent of the total vote. This was considered here a very big victory, especially coming after the success of this party in the Pesse state elections two weeks ago. The fact that the neo-Nazis gained such strength first in Hesse and now in Bavaria despite the fact that there is still no unemployment in West Germany, is taken as an indication that neo-Nazism is gaining more and more ground in the country.

Former Vice-Chancellor Eric Mende told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent here today that he is sure that the National Democratic Party will have similar gains in the forthcoming state elections in all other sections in the country. Leaders of the National Democratic Party, speaking on television, today denied that they are Nazis or that they are protecting Nazi war criminals. They asserted that they are a "democratic party" and resented the fact that they are labeled as neo-Nazis in the German press.

Bonn Sees No Evidence of Anti-Semitism in the Neo-Nazi Party

At a press conference today, Karl Gunther von Hasse, the spokesman of the Bonn Government for the press, said that the gains of the National Democratic Party in the Bavarian elections should not be overestimated in foreign countries, nor should they be underestimated in Germany. "German democracy," he said, "has proven its stability in recent years and could handle extremist elements."

Asked whether the National Democratic Party was not anti-Semitic, von Fase replied that there was no evidence that the neo-Nazi party as such was anti-Semitic. To a further question as to whether speeches made on behalf of the National Democratic Party did not prove its anti-Semitism, he said that this did not prove that the party as a whole was anti-Semitic.

He told the foreign correspondents attending the press conference that the National Democratic Party has 18,000 members. The general feeling in the country is that despite attempts on the part of the Bonn Government to minimize the successes of the neo-Nazi party further gains of the latter are to be expected.

Dr. Goldmann Calls Parley in London on Developments in Germany

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Reacting to neo-Nazi gains in Bavaria, World Jewish Congress president Dr. Nahum Goldmann announced here today that the WJC3 Governing Council has been summoned to meet in London December 12-13 to consider future action. He added that he planned to go to Germany in December. He said that Jews had been worried by the success of the National Democratic Party in the Hesse elections two weeks ago.

"Thirty years ago, almost to the day, we created the World Bewish Congress the y, we warn the world about the threat of Hitlerism. The hot Sayl we have facing the same structure to now - but we Jews and all concerned menca—would be unwise for underesting the moncurrent trend in Germany, "he declared. The election results in Hesse and Bavaria, Dr. Goldmann continued were "more a sign of discontent among a large section of Germans over lack of leadership rather than a rekindling of anti-Semitism on the Hitlerian pattern, but the world, and the Jewish people in particular, must be extremely watchful, for the Nazis of the early 30s were not considered dangerous at the outset."

Among the world leaders who will attend the Governing Council sessions in London are Lord Sieff and Samuel Bronfman, vice-presidents of the World Jewish Congress and chairmen of the European and North American branches of the WJC.

SECURITY COUNCIL RESUMES DEBATE ON JORDAN-ISRAEL BORDER SITUATION

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The Security Council resumed debate today on the tense situation along Israel's borders with a demand by Jordan that the Council invoke "economic sanctions" against Israel for its reprisal raid across the Jordanian border on November 13.

Mohammed El Farra, permanent representative of Jordan to the United Nations, called on the Council to include five specific measures in any resolution it adopts. The measures were: 1. a condemnation of the attack of November 13; 2. an expression of "grave concern at the failure of Israel to comply with its obligations"; 3. a decision that the act was "a flagrant violation of the Charter and the Armistice Agreement"; a decision that the act "constitutes aggression under the provisions of Article 39 of the Charter"; and 5, a call to United Nations members to "adopt necessary measures for applying economic sanctions against Israel."

Ambassador Michael Comay, Israel's Permanent Representative, told the Council that Israel's action had not taken place in a vacuum but in an atmosphere of great danger for Israel's border villages. Fe reminded the Council that the Arab Governments had the responsibility to prevent use of their territory for attacks on Israel and Israel held Jordan directly responsible for this commitment.

Citing the terrorist attacks on Israel as the cause of tension in the area, Ambassador Comay stressed the responsibility of the Security Council to maintain peace and called upon the members of the body to take into account the events of terror that led up to the reprisal raid. Urging the adoption of even-handed measures that would lead to progress and peace, Mr. Comay said: "Israel seeks above all a chance to live in peace and freedom from attack,"

Israel Charges U.N. Truce Chief with Incorrect Report on Raid

In a letter submitted to the Security Council today, Ambassador Comay said that the account of the raid as given in the report of U.N. Truce Supervision Chief, Gen. Odd Bull, was "based on hearsay," and "exaggerated and inaccurate" testimony by Jordanian witnesses. In correcting what he called inaccuracies in the report, Mr. Comay stressed the following points:

- 1. The number of houses demolished was far less than the number stated in the report.
- 2. The total civilian casualties were 3 killed and 17 injured with 10 of the latter suffering minor injuries.
- 3. The military casualties were 15 killed and 37 wounded (29 lightly) on the Jordan side, and 1 killed and 10 wounded on the Israel side.
- 4. The number of Israel tanks used in the area of the incident was 10. None of them were Patton tanks.
- 5. The total number of personnel involved was under 400, most of whom were needed to ensure evacuation of the houses to prevent casualties.
- 6. There was no bombardment or strafing from the air. The sole intervention by Israel aircraft was by four planes that intercepted four Jordanian planes attempting to attack the Israeli ground force. Cne of the Jordanian planes was shot down and no Israel plane fired at any ground target.
 - 7. There was no artillery shelling.

Ambassador Comay reiterated in the letter that the "sole objective of the Israel action was to demolish a limited number of empty houses after their occupants had been evacuated. This was done as a warning against aiding and harboring saboteur and terrorist groups that had been carrying out a number of raids into Israel in that sector of the border."

Jordan Reported Distributing Arms to Villagers in Border Areas

day in villages near the Israeli border, it was reported here. At the same time, special recruitment centers have been opened throughout Jordan to sign up additional volunteers for the Arab Legion, the report said.

Observers here expressed belief that the Jordanian moves were motivated more by King Hussein's fears of the refugees being trained in the "Palestine Liberation Crganization" than of any anti-Israel intentions.

ISRAELI ARAB ARRESTED IN GALILEE ON CHARGES OF SPYING FOR SYRIA

TEL AVIV, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- A 21-year-old Arab of Zangariya Village in Galilee was arrested today on charges of espionage. He is accused of having been employed by Syrian intelligence.

LONDON PROMOTERS WITHDRAW FROM SHOWING 'PASSION PLAY' IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The Board of Deputies of British Jews yesterday unanimously adopted a resolution "condemning any member of the Jewish community who in any way and for any consideration, is associated with the promotion of the Cberammergau Passion Play," an adaption of which is scheduled to be presented in several British cities early next year. The play libels the Jewish people as decicles.

The resolution included the phrase that the board "respects the rights of all religious communities to present their lore and tradition in dramatic form." It was made clear by the board that it will have no further communication with promoters in Britain who are producing the Passion Play.

Following the adoption of the Board of Deputies resolution, two of the three Jewish impresarios associated with the production in England -- Brian Epstein, manager of the Beatles, and Vic Lewis -- announced last night that they would withdraw completely from all plans to promote the Passion Play here. Also associated with the production is Philip Solomons, director of Dunedin Theatrical Promotions, Ltd. In announcing his withdrawal, Mr. Epstein said that under no circumstances would he wish to give offense to Jewish communities here or elsewhere in the world. Mr. Solomons said that substitute agents for the Passion Play had been arranged in place of NEMS Enterprises, with which he, Mr. Epstein and Mr. Lewis are connected.

(Despite the protests of Jewish organizations against the Passion Play in Cberammergau, an overwhelming majority of the citizens of the German town rejected any change in the play's text, it was reported today. The rejection came after a "so-called" poll was conducted in Oberammergau.)

The original play which depicts the life, trial and crucifixion of Jesus, is produced every 10 years by the Bavarian village of Oberammergau, in a version which has regularly drawn charges of anti-Semitism. Eleven leading American cultural personalities joined last Thursday with the American Jewish Congress in calling for a world boycott of the next presentation in Oberammergau in 1970. The villagers, who sponsor and produce the Passion Play, have never permitted staging of their version elsewhere. However, an adaptation has been written by a German actor and director, Jochen Blume.

BLAUSTEIN GIVES \$500,000 FOR HEBREW UNIVERSITY BUILDING IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- A gift of \$500,000 for the construction of a building on the campus of the Febrew University of Jerusalem which will house the Center for American Studies was announced here tonight by Jacob Blaustein, noted American Jewish leader. The gift was revealed in the course of Mr. Blaustein's acceptance of the Scopus Award which was presented to him by the American Friends of the Hebrew University at a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Some 1,000 community leaders from New York and other sections of the country attended,

The new Center, according to Mr. Blaustein, will "further an increased understanding of the United States and a more fertile dialogue between Israelis and American Jewry," The Center, which will be named for Mr. Blaustein, is primarily designed for graduate work in American history, government and society and literature. Its curriculum also includes courses in United States geography, history and government for undergraduate students.

The Scopus Award, a bronze and silver plaque, bearing a bas relief sculpture of the original campus of the Hebrew University on Mt. Scopus, was presented to Mr. Blaustein by Nathaniel L. Goldstein, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University. Other speakers included Avraham Harman, Israel's Ambassador to the United States; Eliahu Elath, president of the Hebrew University; Samuel Rothberg, chairman of the board of the American Friends; and Morris B. Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee.

U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANTS \$167,000 TO BAERWALD SCHOOL IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- The United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare has approved a grant of 500,000 pounds (\$167,000) for the Paul Baerwald School for Social Work in Jerusalem to conduct research on disabled persons.

Last week, the school moved into a new 3,000,000 pound (\$1,000,000) building on the Febrew University campus which was provided by the Joint Distribution Committee to aid in efforts to increase the number of highly trained social workers.

BRAZIL'S PRESIDENT-ELECT ACCEPTS OFFICIAL INVITATION TO VISIT ISRAEL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Marshal Costa e Silva, who was recently chosen as Brazil's President-elect, today accepted an official invitation to visit Israel. The President-elect announced that he will include Israel in an itinerary of 18 countries which he plans to visit before taking office next March. He will also visit Egypt.

CHIEF RABBI OF RUMANIA ARRIVES IN U.S.; REPORTS ON RUMANIAN JEWRY

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Rumanian Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen arrived here today for a visit to the United States during which he will deliver addresses at a number of conventions and will meet with leaders of several Jewish organizations.

Reporting on the religious and social life of Rumania's 100,000 Jews, Lr. Rosen told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that a Jewish calendar that had been printed in 10,000 copies and which included a Jewish religious manual, had been completely sold out. He said that 1,500 Jewish families in Rumania depended on public assistance and received aid from the Federation of Jewish Communities in addition to routine state aid given to all destitute citizens. He reported that 110 Jews are provided with free meals each day in the kosher restaurant in Bucharest, which, he noted, was not a soup kitchen but a first class restaurant. The revenue to pay for such welfare aid comes from special levies on the purchase of matzoh, wine and other religious items.

Rabbi Rosen announced that a second shipment of 1,084 Torah scrolls had already arrived in Vienna en route to Israel where they will be distributed to synagogues. An earlier shipment of 1,087 Torahs are already in Israel. The shipments, he said, were a gift from Rumanian Jewry with the full consent of the Bucharest Government which had rejected suggestions that the scrolls be sold for cash and declined to make a profit on holy objects which it said were the property of the Federation of Jewish Communities.

AID OF WORLD JEWRY SOUGHT FOR BUILDINGS DAMAGED IN FLORENCE FLOOD

ROME, Nov. 21. (ITA) -- The Union of Italian Jewish Communities appealed to world Jewry for help in raising \$200,000 needed for repair and reconstruction of communal buildings made useless by flood damage, as well as for aid to individuals. The appeal was issued through the Jewish National Fund, the Joint Distribution Committee, the Keren Hayesod, the World Jewish Congress and the 15raeli Embassy in Rome.

Ten students from the Bezalel Art School in Jerusalem are participating in the clearing of flood debris from the Bargello Museum in Florence. At the same time an Israeli air force transport plane brought three tons of medical supplies to aid the stricken Jewish community. The Bezalel students will also help to clean and restore paintings in the Uffizi Callery which were damaged by the disaster.

ARGENTINE JEWISH LEADERS MAINTAIN ALERTNESS ON LOCAL SITUATION

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- Gregario Faigon, acting president of the DAIA, the representative organization of Argentine Jewry, said here that the organization was maintaining a "state of alertness" in spite of "very tranquilizing" statements made by Argentine President Juan Carlos Ongania to a DAIA delegation last summer and the very satisfactory Rosh Hashana greeting sent by the President to the Jewish community.

Addressing the annual meeting of the DAIA, Mr. Faigon noted that there was a marked absence of Jewish figures in positions of importance in the Ongania administration. Fe said the DAIA was acting with "great caution and circumspection."

Dr. Hans Reich, vice-president of the Chilean Jewish Representative Committee, reported that anti-Semitism was no problem in Chile as long as the economic situation does not lead to the search for a scapegoat. He lauded the recent visit to his country by Israel President Zalman Shazar as having contributed significantly to excellent relations between the Chilean population and the Jewish community.

GERMAN NAZIS REPORTED ACTIVE IN BRAZILIAN PROVINCE; MAINTAIN CENTER

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 21. (JTA) -- A Nazi center, comprising emigres of the Hitler regime, is active in the Brazilian province of Santa Catarina, it was disclosed here today by the executive of the Confederation of Jewish Communities in Brazil. Headquarters of the center are located on an estate belonging to former Germans.

Most of the inhabitants of the province are immigrants who came from Germany and settled there after the Second World War. The report said that a number of Nazis active in the center are wanted by the West German authorities for a variety of crimes.

The Confederation of Jewish Communities sent a sharp letter of protest today to Linia C, an Italian shipping company which announced this week that it was terminating its arrangement to act as agent in Brazil for the Zim-Israel Navigation Company after yielding to pressure exerted by the Arab boycott office. In its letter of protest, the Confederation warned that the Linia C line, which has many Jewish customers, would swrain more loss from yielding to the Arab boycott than it would have if it had not terminated the arrangement with Zim.