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## NEW GERMAN CHANCELLOR, IN FIRST ADDRESS IN BUNDESTAG, SPEAKS OF JEWS

BONN, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Chancellor Kurt Kiesinger, making his first declaration for the Government in the West German Bundestag, the lower House of Parliament, referred today to the "terrible sufferings" of the Jews during the Nazi period. He said that West German diplomatic relations with Israel were an expression of West Germany's relations with Jews, and that these relations would be continued.

He made the reference to Israel in comments on West German relations with Middle East countries. He said that West Germany regretted that it had no relations with 10 Arab states but that he hoped for a restoration of those relations. The Arab countries severed or suspended diplomatic ties with West Germany after it recognized Israel.

In an interview here with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency's correspondent, Mr. Kiesinger said that Germany's attitude toward Israel "is of a special character, as we have a special responsibility toward her." He added: "I shall do everything to foster the relations which have already been formally established. I shall not let anyone face me with a dilemma on this question." He also promised to help Israel with regard to Israeli links with the European Common Market, of which West Germany is one of the six members.

Meanwhile it became known here today that the West German delegation at the Council of Ministers of the European Economic Community, the governing body for the European Common Market, has supported Israel's request for associate status with Euro-mart. The stand was considered an indication that the new West German coalition government of Chancellor Kiesinger would follow the pro-Israeli policies of the prior government.

Israel's current limited agreement with the EEC expires next June 30, and Israel has asked consideration for both an expanded agreement and for associate status. The Council of Ministers instructed one of its committees last week to begin exploratory talks with Israel on a new agreement.

## EBAN SEES HOPE OF INCREASING PEACE AND STABILITY IN MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A conclusion that "there is hope of increasing peace and stability in our area" was voiced here last night by Israel Foreign Minister Abba Eban, following a series of high-level meetings.

A 75-minute discussion with acting Secretary of State Nicholas Katzenbach was described by Mr. Eban as "a discussion of our position in the Middle East in light of recent developments." Mr. Eban said his discussions concerned "the future, and the need to create greater stability and peace on both sides of the frontier." In addition to meeting with State Department officials, Mr. Eban met with Walt W. Rostow, special adviser to President Johnson on security matters.

Interviewed later on television, Mr. Eban said he did not come to Washington to request military assistance. Replying to questions that sought to elicit a discussion of arms, the Foreign Minister said the purpose for his Washington visit was "creation of more detailed understanding of the Israeli security situation and not for arms."

Mr. Eban indicated satisfaction at the reiteration by Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey two days ago of the American commitment against aggression in the Near East. He made clear that his discussions in Washington looked toward enhancing chances for peace and a stand by the great powers toward preservation of the independence and integrity of Near Eastern states.

## STATIONING OF FOREIGN ARAB TROOPS IN JORDAN DISCOUNTED IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The proposed stationing of Iraqi and Saudi Arabian troops in Jordan "to protect the country from Israel" is being looked upon in Britain with outright pessimism. "Any Arab ruler knows that it is a great deal easier to get someone else's troops into his country than to get them out again," the Times of London said in an editorial today, reflecting the British viewpoint on the Arab request to station foreign Arab troops in Jordan.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT TO PRESENT DRAFT BUDGET TO KNESSET FOR 1967

JERUSALEM, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Treasury sources said here today that the draft budget for the fiscal year starting April 1, 1967, will probably provide indications as to the progress of the country's current austerity program. The budget will be submitted to Parliament next Tuesday by Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir.

The budget, which serves as an overall blueprint for Israel's economy, is meant to be the first indicator of the nation's recuperation from the present economic slowdown, the sources said. It will contain forecasts of progress toward defined economic targets, they added. The goals of the austerity program include a shift of production toward export industries, greater worker productivity, stable wages and prices, and cuts in domestic consumption.

PLANS FOR HUGE POTASH PIPELINE TO ASHDOD PORT COMPLETED IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The Dead Sea Works Company said today its engineers had completed plans for a pipeline to carry potash from the Dead Sea to the port of Ashdod. The pipeline cost was estimated at 16,000,000 pounds (\$3,333,000).

The potash would be converted to a fluid mix with magnesium chloride. After extraction of the potash, the chloride also would be exported, a step which would reduce considerably the price of Israeli potash for world markets and make it more competitive. The engineers indicated that other by-products, currently discarded for export, might also be shipped. Such use of those by-products is currently not feasible because of the high transportation charges.

JORDAN ORDERS BAN ON IMPORTATION OF COCA-COLA AND FORD PRODUCTS

LONDON, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The Jordanian Government has issued instructions to merchants and import officials to prevent importation of products of the Coca-Cola Corporation and Ford Motor Company for trading with Israel, it was reported here today from Amman.

The orders were in line with a decision of the 24th Arab League Conference in Kuwait on November 20 to impose the anti-Israel boycott on imports of the two American firms for their refusal to stop operations in Israel. The soft drink firm has franchised a bottling operation in Israel. The motor firm is negotiating for assembly of Ford vehicles by an Israeli firm.

Officials of the Coca-Cola and Ford enterprises in Jordan reportedly indicated little concern over the boycott orders. They said their plants in Jordan had enough spare parts and products to last for the next two years.

ISRAELI YOUTH ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF ESPIONAGE; RETURNED FROM JORDAN

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A 21-year-old Jerusalem youth, a Jew, who was arrested immediately after his return from Jordan on charges of espionage, told police today that he had gone to Jordan only for reasons of economic hardship.

According to police, Chaul Alfassi, who was unable to get a job after his release from Israeli military service, crossed into Jordan and returned with instructions to collect security information for the Jordanians. He will be tried soon in Jerusalem District Court.

ISRAEL STATION HELPS FRENCH SHIP STRANDED IN EGYPTIAN WATERS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Israel's Coastal Maritime Station here was instrumental today in obtaining Egyptian help for a French ship stranded in Egyptian waters -- but without direct Egyptian cooperation with Israel.

The duty officer at the Israeli station picked up an SOS this morning from a French vessel stranded in Egyptian waters between Alexandria and Port Said. Contacting the ship, and noting that no Egyptian station had as yet heard the SOS, the Israeli officer transmitted the message directly to Alexandria. When the Egyptian officer in Alexandria asked for the sender's identification, and was told "Haifa, Israel," he broke the connection.

The Israeli then contacted the coast guard station at Cyprus, which relayed the call to Alexandria. Later, Cyprus informed Israel that the Egyptians had received the Israeli report and were sending a ship to aid the French vessel.

UNITS OF BRITISH MEDITERRANEAN FLEET ARRIVE IN HAIFA; GET SALUTE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Two units of the British Mediterranean Fleet, a destroyer and a frigate, arrived in Haifa today for a four-day visit. The ships received the traditional gun salute.

Captain D. W. Harper, commander of the destroyer fleet, visited Israel Navy command offices and Mayor Abba Khoushy of Haifa who returned the visit. The 500 visiting navy men were entertained by the Israeli Navy.

REFERENDUM IN SPAIN TODAY CERTAIN TO GIVE JEWS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Max Mazin, leader of Spain's growing Jewish community, predicted here today that the population of Spain will ratify the constitutional change proposed by the Spanish Government guaranteeing religious freedom for non-Catholic religions when it comes before a popular national referendum tomorrow.

"However," Mr. Mazin pointed out, "whether this constitutional amendment is to be promulgated in a liberal or a narrow way will depend on the implementation laws that are submitted to the Cortes -- our Parliament. We are confident that despite conservative opposition, the future legislation will take into account the interest of the Spanish Government in providing equal rights to non-Catholics."

Mr. Mazin, 43-year-old industrialist who is president of the Jewish Community of Madrid, made his predictions at a news conference at the national headquarters of the American Jewish Committee. "The Catholic Church itself is forced, by its liberal and progressive members, to change its traditional attitudes toward other religions," he said. "As a result of the decisions of the Ecumenical Council and of its Declaration on Non-Christian Religions, a new atmosphere of better understanding and greater respect has been noticed among wide circles of the Spanish population."

As an example of this new atmosphere, Mr. Mazin pointed to the Jewish-Christian Friendship Association, created five years ago with the approval and support of the then Bishop of Madrid, and with the assistance of the American Jewish Committee. "This movement has developed intensive activity during the years since, with truly spectacular results in the field of human relation," he added. Mr. Mazin is the Jewish president of the association, with a high-ranking Catholic priest, Father Serrano, its Christian head.

Mr. Mazin noted that a new temple was being built in Madrid -- the first since the 14th Century -- and that this historic event was a direct result of "the new liberal outlook toward other religions." He added that the Jewish population in Spain today numbers 8,000 with 2,500 Jews in Madrid and almost 3,000 in Barcelona.

Mr. Mazin, who was born in Poland and came to Spain in 1950, was introduced at the press conference by Morris B. Abram, president of the American Jewish Committee, who outlined to the news conference some of the activities in which his organization has engaged in cooperation with the Jewish community in Spain. They included a survey of Spanish religious textbooks to determine the manner in which members of minority groups, especially Jews, are depicted and services to the struggling Jewish community in Madrid, carried out by AJC's Community Service program for Jewish communities in Western Europe. These services have covered administrative assistance, development of programs, and Jewish educational materials.

U.N. TO VOTE ON PACTS GUARANTEEING CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS RIGHTS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Dec. 13. (JTA) -- The General Assembly decided today to vote formally in plenary session, Friday, on the texts of two international treaties which, when ratified, will legally require all states acceding to the documents to implement the rights and freedoms proclaimed by the United Nations 18 years ago in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Since both texts, as well as some supplementary documents, have already been adopted after debates lasting 12 years, by unanimous votes, in the Assembly's Social Humanitarian and Cultural Committee, the action in the plenary session will certainly result in formal passage.

One of the two principal texts deals with economic, social and cultural rights, the other concerns civil and political rights. Both treaties -- called Covenants -- recognize the right of all peoples to self-determination and have provisions barring discrimination in the enjoyment and exercise of human rights. The Covenant of Civil and Political Rights guarantees specifically the preservation of the cultural, religious and linguistic heritage of minorities.

YOUNG ISRAEL ACCREDITED TO U.N. AS NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Young Israel, Orthodox Jewish youth movement, has been accorded status as a non-governmental agency accredited to the United Nations, Nathan Saperstein, president of its national council, announced today.

The organization, with about 100,000 members in this country, Canada, South America and Israel, is the first Jewish youth organization to receive U.N. accreditation as a non-governmental agency. Its representatives will be entitled to present the organization's views on a wide range of subjects before many of the U.N. organs, particularly those of special concern to the Jewish community.

Mr. Saperstein expressed Young Israel's gratitude to Dr. Mordecai Hacoheh, who was rapporteur-general of the first U.N. conference on public management, for his role in negotiating the accreditation of the organization. Dr. Hacoheh is now special consultant to the American Bank & Trust Company.

TWO-DAY CONFERENCE ON ADVANCING ART AMONG U.S. JEWS OPENS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A two-day conference on advancing the arts in American Jewish life, convened by the National Jewish Welfare Board, opened here today. Purpose of the meeting is to help Jewish centers and YM-YWHAs to intensify Jewish cultural creativity and programming through the arts.

The conference will seek to develop plans to make maximum use of available resources of existing Jewish cultural material and to establish new resources by encouraging individuals and groups to create new works in various artistic fields by providing facilities and instructions through repertory companies and traveling exhibitions.

The conference also will seek to aid development of resources for scholarships, commissions and awards in Jewish arts and to attract more participation by involving lay leaders in such activities and by also involving creative artists and professionals as teachers, interpreters and performers, and involving the general public. Another objective will be the development of cooperative communal observances of cultural activities.

TORONTO JEWISH MAYOR DEFEATED IN ELECTIONS; HELD POST FOR THREE YEARS

TORONTO, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A number of Jews were elected to significant municipal posts in Toronto and in some of the suburbs of this city, according to final tabulation of last week's balloting completed here today. However, Mayor Philip Givens, a Jew who had headed the city government for the last three years, was defeated. Mr. Givens, 44, an attorney, had been the city's second Jewish mayor. The first, from 1953 to 1966, was Nathan Phillips.

Jews elected included Herbert Orliffe, who will serve another term on the Board of Control; David Rotenberg and Monte Harris, chosen as aldermen; and Mrs. Elise Grossberg, elected to the Board of Education in the Third Ward.

In the suburbs, Philip White, 44, a pharmacist, was elected controller in the new Borough of York; and Ben Nobleman, a public relations counsel, was chosen an alderman. In the Boroughs of York and North York, aldermen and school trustees elected included four Jews: Jack Young, Saul Cowan, Paul Godfrey and Murray Chusid.

SO. AFRICAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE APPOINTS THREE JEWS TO THE BENCH

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Three Jewish barristers are among new appointments to the bench of the Supreme Court of South Africa, it was announced by the Minister of Justice, P.C. Pelser.

R.N. Leon, who has been serving as an acting judge, has been elevated to the status of a judge of the Natal Provincial Division of the Supreme Court. A leading Jewish communal worker, Mr. Leon is president of the Council of Natal Jewry.

N.C. Addleson has been appointed a judge of the Eastern Province Bench. He is the son of Mr. A. Addleson, a former mayor of East London and a leader of Eastern Province Jewry. C.S. Margo, S.C., has been appointed an acting judge on the Transvaal Bench. Mr. Margo is a member of the Executive Council of the S.A. Zionist Federation.

GURFEIN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL ON JEWISH WELFARE SERVICES

NEW YORK, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- Murray I. Gurfein, president of United Hias Service, was elected president of INTERCO, the International Council on Jewish Social and Welfare Services. The announcement was made today by Charles H. Jordan, INTERCO secretary-general and director-general of the Joint Distribution Committee, at a luncheon meeting held at the Harmonie Club. Among those present at the luncheon was Ambassador James Roosevelt, member of the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, who expressed his congratulations to Mr. Gurfein and brought greetings from Ambassador Arthur Goldberg.

INTERCO, which has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, is comprised of six major international Jewish social and welfare agencies including the Central British Fund for Relief and Rehabilitation, Jewish Colonization Association, Standing Conference on European Jewish Community Services, World CRT Union, in addition to the Joint Distribution Committee and United Hias Service. As INTERCO president, Mr. Gurfein succeeds H. Oscar Joseph, of London, chairman of the Central British Fund.

CARDINAL KOENIG RECEIVES B'NAI B'RITH DELEGATION IN VIENNA

VIENNA, Dec. 13. (JTA) -- A B'nai B'rith delegation urged Franz Cardinal Koenig, the Archbishop of Vienna, today to prepare a publication for general circulation which would "comment understandably for everybody" on the declaration of the Ecumenical Council on Catholic relations with Jews. The delegation was headed by B'nai B'rith international president William Wexler of Savannah, Ga.

The declaration of the Ecumenical Council repudiates the charge of deicide against the Jewish people in the death of Jesus, warns against anti-Semitism and calls for "fraternal dialogue" between Catholics and Jews. It was formally promulgated as Catholic doctrine by Pope Paul VI.