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NEW GERMAN CHANCELLOR ASSURES J.T.A. HE NEVER ACTED AGAINST JEWS

BONN, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Dr. Kurt Kiesinger, West Germany's new Chancellor, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent here that he had never in his life taken an anti-Jewish attitude and had never done anything against Jews. Concerning his membership in the Nazi Party, he insisted it was purely nominal, and added: "I never sympathized with the Nazis and I believed that I would be able to out-manuever them."

The Chancellor disclosed that he had wanted to emigrate from Germany when the Nazis took power in 1933, but did not have the money to do so. He said he entered the party in 1933, but had nothing to do with it after 1934.

He said that he had given much thought to the offer to become Chancellor because of his past connection with the Nazi Party. He stressed that he himself had proposed Dr. Eugen Gerstenmair, the president of the Bundestag, West Germany's lower house of Parliament, for the post of Chancellor, but that his Christian Democratic Union Party had decided differently.

Chancellor Kiesinger agreed that it was only "natural" for people outside of Germany to be disturbed about the rise of the extremist National Democratic Party. However, he insisted there was no comparison between conditions in Germany now and those in 1933. He contended that the two major parties in West Germany -- the CDU and the Social Democrats now joined in a coalition which he heads as Chancellor -- both favored direct elections to replace the present proportional election system under which the NDP won seats for the first time in November in the provincial parliaments of Hesse and Bavaria.

He said that the two major parties favored such change not solely because of the NDP -- "such importance is not attached to the NDP" -- but because an incidental benefit of such a revised electoral system would be to prevent the NDP from reaching the Federal Parliament. He added that he was studying "this complex problem."

Makes Clear His Policy on Israel; Says Arabs Would Not Influence Him

Dr. Kiesinger was asked about his attitude toward statements by Arab spokesmen that they would attach conditions toward efforts by West Germany to reestablish normal diplomatic relations with the Arab states. Most of the Arab countries severed or suspended ties with West Germany after Bonn exchanged ambassadors with Israel. One such condition indicated by the Arabs was a change in West Germany's attitude toward Israel.

"I would never let myself be influenced in this question by outside parties," the Chancellor promptly replied. "We have a very special responsibility toward Israel. This entails a specially favorable attitude toward Israel, of course." He drew attention to the fact that he said this previously on a visit to India.

Asked whether he intended to maintain that position in the future, Dr. Kiesinger said: "I will do everything so that our relations with Israel, which we have regularized formally, are further developed, strengthened and deepened." He added, "I am not letting myself into a position of 'either or' on this question."

Dr. Kiesinger was then referred to reports that, at the time diplomatic relations with Israel were under discussion in Bonn, he had spoken against that step. He shook his head emphatically in denial. He said someone had written something to that effect but that actually the opposite had been true. He explained that what he had done was to criticize the "clumsy way" of West German diplomacy in first telling the Arabs that diplomatic relations with Israel would not be established, and then doing just that. He added he had always favored diplomatic relations with Israel.

Declaring that he had not studied the question of Israel's dissatisfaction over its current pact with the European Common Market, of which West Germany is a member, he said he was aware that the predecessor Government of Ludwig Erhard had taken a positive attitude toward Israel's association with Euromart, and that he would make an effort to find a solution in which Israel's interests would be safeguarded.

Israel's current agreement with Euromart ends next June 30, and Israel has applied for either a much wider agreement or for an associated status. Dr. Kiesinger said he planned to discuss the problem soon with Israeli Ambassador Asher Ben-Nathan. He stressed that it was unnecessary to remember that he was not in a position to decide by himself on Common Market issues.

GERMAN INTERIOR MINISTER DOES NOT INTEND TO BAN NEO-NAZI PARTY

BONN, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- A spokesman for Interior Minister Paul Luecke said today that the Minister did not intend to take action to ban the extremist National Democratic Party. Such action has been demanded by Jewish organizations in many countries since the NDP won parliamentary seats for the first time in elections in November in Hesse and Bavaria.

The spokesman quoted the Minister as saying that "the democratic forces of our people are strong enough to deal with these elements." Dr. Luecke previously had described the NDP as "neo-Nazi."

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS APPEALS TO BONN TO CURB NEO-NAZI MOVEMENT

LONDON, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The Governing Council of the World Jewish Congress ended a meeting here last night with an appeal to the new West German Government of Chancellor Kurt Kiesinger to avert a "new threat to the peace of Europe and the world" stemming from "the bid for power by extremist right-wing forces" in the country.

The Council, representing Jewish communities and organizations in 64 countries, declared in a statement that it was "gravely disquieted at the growing influence of former Nazis and ultra-nationalists" in West Germany. The statement called the electoral gains of the extremist National Democratic Party in Hesse and Bavaria, "a symptom of the steady erosion of a sense of responsibility for the crimes of the Hitler era and of Germany's obligation to purge itself completely of the evils of Nazism."

Asserting that the growth of the NDP "marks a renewed effort to undermine democracy in Germany," the Council statement declared: "Protests in Germany itself against this trend encourage the hope that democratic forces will resist this bid for power by extremist right-wing elements. We call upon the new German Government to take all necessary measures to defeat this threat to German democracy and to the peace of Europe and the world."

The Council added an appeal "to Jewish communities everywhere to remain vigilant and to help mobilize worldwide democratic public opinion in the face of this menace." It also urged support "for those democratic forces within Germany itself in their fight to overcome this threat to their security and freedom."

Speakers at the Council suggested a number of steps which Chancellor Kiesinger's Government and the West German state governments might take "to curb the growth of extremist forces." Among them were a ban on reunions and demonstrations by SS veteran groups, stricter control of teaching methods and revisions of school textbooks which gloss over or ignore the Nazi period and strengthening of democratic indoctrination programs in the West German army, where the NDP is reported to be gaining influence.

REFERENDUM IN SPAIN SHOWS STRONG BACKING OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

MADRID, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Early indications of today's national referendum on the constitutional change proposed by the Spanish Government, guaranteeing religious freedom to Jews and Protestants, show that this change will be heavily approved by the population throughout the country.

The proposed constitutional amendment gives legal form to the principle of "religious liberty" which is embodied in a 42-page document. Catholicism is the only recognized religion in Spain now. The constitutional change suggesting "religious liberty" for all religions guarantees the complete freedom of worship and all other forms of religious practice to Jews, Protestants and Moslems.

The religious liberty measure is expected to be presented to the Cortes -- the Spanish Parliament -- before the end of this year and, despite powerful opposition, is expected to be approved by a substantial majority. Foes of the proposed Constitutional change among Conservative political groups and some of the Catholic Church princes contend that the Constitution is adequate and that the proposed amendment would weaken the Catholic Church in Spain without adding anything substantive to the principle of religious freedom in the new Constitution.

The opposition is assumed to be aimed at Protestant groups in Spain, but it would affect Spain's 8,000 Jews if it wins in Parliament. Most Spanish and non-Spanish observers here believe that the opposition will fail and that the measure will become law.

JEWISH LEADERS IN MOROCCO DISCUSS COMMUNITY PROBLEMS WITH MINISTER

CASABLANCA, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- A delegation of the Council of Jewish Communities of Morocco met here with Justice Minister Abdulhadi Boutaleb, and discussed with him the situation of the Jewish community in general and the position of its rabbis in particular. The Minister promised to support plans of the Council to submit the name of Rabbi Mikael Encacua for approval by the Ministry as Grand Rabbi of Morocco.

JOHNSON'S PERSONAL ENVOY GOES TO ISRAEL FOR DESALINATION TALKS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Ambassador-at-Large Ellsworth Bunker, President Johnson's personal adviser on the proposed American-Israel joint nuclear desalination project, will arrive in Israel on Friday for talks with Prime Minister Levi Eshkol and other officials. Mr. Bunker will examine the status of the long-delayed plan and make recommendations.

CHANGES IN ISRAEL'S SECURITY SITUATION EXPLAINED TO FRENCH GOVERNMENT

PARIS, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Abba Eban, Israel's Foreign Minister, said today, after a 40-minute meeting with French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville, that he had explained here, as he had in the United States, that Israel's security situation had changed in the past year, necessitating a different Israeli reaction.

The Israeli diplomat said the Israeli action against Jordan on November 13 was not a reaction to "this or that incident" but a "necessary reaction to an entirely new situation." Informed sources said that the meeting between the two Foreign Ministers was "very friendly, as usual."

ARABS POSTPONE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION TO BOYCOTT COCA-COLA

LONDON, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The Arab League boycott against the Coca-Cola Corporation for relations with Israel will not be implemented for nine months to avoid economic losses to Arab business, it was reported here today from Cairo. Arabs in 12 countries will therefore be able to continue buying the soft drink at least through next summer.

The Cairo press also reported from Kuwait, where the Arab League boycott committee blacklisted the soft drink firm, Ford Motor Company and Radio Corporation of America, that a similar grace period would be applied to Ford and RCA operations in the Arab countries for the same reason.

The boycott committee agreed to allow Arab plants to continue to bottle and sell the soft drink from existing stocks of imported Coca-Cola concentrates for the nine-month period. Boycott committee decisions are not binding on the participating nations which have the option to decide on implementing such decisions. The participating nations are Algeria, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Egypt and Yemen.

MOSCOW SENDS FIRST SCIENTIST TO WEIZMANN INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH

TEL AVIV, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Weizmann Institute officials disclosed today that a Soviet scientist is expected to come to Israel to work for several weeks in the Institute's molecular biology laboratory. He will be the first Russian scientist to do research work at the Institute. The scientist, whose name was not disclosed, does similar work in a Moscow Institute.

A leading Weizmann Institute nuclear scientist, Prof. Amos de Shalit, proposed today that the teaching of English in Israel's schools should be started in the first grade instead of in the fifth grade, as at present. Speaking at a teachers seminar here, the scientist said that such a change would help pupils to read English-language scientific publications needed for modern science education at an early age.

FRENCH JEWS URGE PROMPT ACTION BY KOSYGIN ON JEWISH EMIGRATION

PARIS, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- CRIF, the representative council of French Jewry, said in a statement today that all French Jews hoped that there would be prompt action by Soviet authorities to implement the assurance of Premier Kosygin during his visit here that the Soviet Union would expedite permission to Soviet Jews to emigrate and be reunited with their families abroad.

The Premier made his statement during a press conference here on December 3 in response to a question concerning reunion of Jewish families split during the Nazi period.

MEXICAN GOVT. URGED TO INTERVENE FOR RIGHTS OF JEWS IN SOVIET RUSSIA

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The Central Committee of the Jewish Community of Mexico appealed to the Mexican Government today to use its influence in the United Nations in support of calls for the Soviet Union's termination of suppressing of cultural and religious rights of Soviet Jewry and for permission to Russian Jews to leave their country for the purposes of reunification with families abroad.

A memorandum detailing the fate of USSR Jewry was sent to Foreign Minister Antonio Carrillo Flores. The letter was signed by Gregorio Shapiro and Z.L. Berebichez, the Committee's president and general secretary, respectively.

At the same time today, the Soviet Embassy circulated the latest issue of its periodical News Bulletin featuring on the front page photographs intended to show that the USSR permits freedom of all religious practices. One of the pictures shows a Jew wrapped in a prayer shawl. Inside the publication, there is an article declaring that Jews and Ukrainians live in harmony under the Soviet regime.

U.S. POST OFFICE PROMISES TO REVIEW MAIL RATES FOR MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The United States Post Office Department has promised to review all International mail rates and zones and will seriously consider the possibility of putting all Middle East countries in one airmail postage zone. This promise was contained in an answer sent by Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien to thousands of queries that have been directed to him in petitions circulated by the Far Rockaway Jewish Community Council seeking to correct an inequity between air rates to Israel and to its neighbor, Egypt.

Rubin R. Dobin, chairman of the Far Rockaway Council, explained that a half-ounce airmail letter to Egypt costs 15 cents, while the same letter to Israel requires postage of 25 cents. Mr. Dobin pointed out that Israel was placed in the higher airmail rate zone by the arbitrary drawing of a line on a map which separated it from the other countries in the cheaper rate zone. The Council launched a nationwide campaign to secure 100,000 signatures to a petition asking that Israel be placed in the 15 cent airmail rate zone.

NEW YORK PHILANTHROPIST GIVES \$250,000 FOR TECHNION IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- Horace W. Goldsmith, New York philanthropist, announced last night that he would donate \$250,000 for the Microbiology Center established two months ago on the campus of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology at Haifa.

Addressing nearly 400 guests at the annual dinner of the American Technion Society at the Hotel Americana last night, he emphasized that "microbiological research programs now underway and those still in the planning stages" at the Technion "may well find some of the answers to the world's desperate problem of inadequate food supplies." Other speakers included Dr. Abram L. Sachar, president of Brandeis University, and Maurice M. Rosen, of Philadelphia, president of the society.

BRANDEIS U. AND TECHNION TO EXCHANGE STUDENTS; FUND ANNOUNCED

WALTHAM, Mass., Dec. 14. (JTA) -- An exchange of gifted students between Brandeis University and the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology will be made possible through a \$75,000 endowment trust established by the family of a New York industrialist, Henry F. Fischbach, to honor his 75th birthday, it was announced here. Mr. Fischbach, a Fellow of Brandeis, has also been a close supporter of the American Technion Society. The program is mainly intended for the exchange of graduate students concentrating in the fields for which Brandeis and Technion are most renowned.

It was also announced here that Brandeis University has received a Ford Foundation grant of \$170,000 for a survey of attitudes toward race-related riots and demonstrations, it was announced here last night. The project will be undertaken by the university's newly-established Center for the Study of Violence, which has been underwritten by Samuel Lemberg, a New York realtor and a trustee of Brandeis.

U.S. FIRM ANNOUNCES JOINT RESEARCH PROGRAM WITH WEIZMANN INSTITUTE

LONG BEACH, Calif., Dec. 14. (JTA) -- A joint research program on cardiovascular and anti-inflammatory drugs by the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot, and Rachelle Laboratories of the United States, was announced here today by Dr. George Krsek, president of the Long Beach pharmaceutical company.

Dr. Krsek said the program will be directed toward helping to control heart ailments, which still rate as America's No. 1 killer disease. The joint research project will be conducted under the direction of Prof. William Taub, head of the Pharmaceutical Laboratory of the Weizmann Institute of Science. Dr. Krsek revealed that experimental work now being conducted at Weizmann by Prof. Taub is aimed at the synthesis of new compounds of possible hypnotic, sedative, antipyretic, diuretic and anti-inflammatory properties.

MOSCOW SOVIET NAMES STREET AFTER JEWISH HERO WHO DEFENDED CITY

LONDON, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- The Soviet of Moscow has named a street after Leizer Papernik, a Jew who fell in action in the defense of Moscow during the war, it was learned today.

The naming of a thoroughfare as Papernik Street was one of the steps voted by the Moscow Soviet as part of the current observance of the 25th anniversary of the lifting of the Nazi siege of the capital. Other streets were named after other heroes who fell in the battle for Moscow.

SOCIALIST LEADER IN URUGUAY GETS JEWISH HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 14. (JTA) -- A human rights award was presented here today by the South American executive of the World Jewish Congress to Uruguayan Socialist leader Emilio Frugoni, at his home here. The presentation was made by Dr. Moises Goldman, chairman of the executive, and Jose Sasson, president of the Central Committee of Uruguayan Jewry.