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### U.N. BODY OPENS SESSION ON DISCRIMINATION; ISRAELI ELECTED RAPPORTEUR

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The question of religious and cultural discrimination -- such as practiced against Jews in the Soviet Union -- will be widely discussed here at a three-week session of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, which opened today.

Justice Zeev Zeltner, president of the District Court of Tel Aviv, was unanimously elected this morning rapporteur of the Subcommittee. Wojciech Ketrzynski, of Poland, was elected chairman. The Subcommittee is composed of 18 experts from various countries named on a personal basis and not representing their countries.

Among the items to be discussed by the Subcommittee is the question of "discrimination in the matter of religious rights and practices" and manifestation of racial and religious intolerance. Also on the agenda is the question of "elimination of all forms of religious intolerance" and "discrimination in respect to the right of everyone to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country."

Marc Schreiber, director of the Division of Human Rights, welcomed the members of the Subcommittee on behalf of the Secretary-General, and said that the United Nations attached great importance to the field of human rights and, particularly, to the problems of discrimination. He noted that the Subcommittee had made successful and important contributions to that field.

Czechoslovakia, meanwhile, today became the fourth state to ratify the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. The instrument of ratification was received by the U.N. Office of Legal Affairs. The Convention has also been ratified by Bulgaria, Ghana and Pakistan and acceded to by Ecuador. The Convention will enter into force 30 days after the 27th instrument of ratification or accession has been deposited with the Secretary-General. Forty-eight nations have signed the Convention.

### ISRAEL WARNS LEBANON ON INFILTRATORS; ACTS THROUGH ARMISTICE BODY

TEL AVIV, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Israel warned Lebanon today it would be held responsible for infiltrations into Israel of Arab saboteurs from Lebanese territory as Syrians opened fire last night on an Israeli patrol again.

The warning was conveyed to the Lebanese representative on the Israeli-Lebanese Mixed Armistice Commission to which Israel complained concerning the planting of an explosive which wrecked a toolshed near the Lebanese border on Tuesday.

Tracks from the toolshed led to the Lebanese village of Yarin, the MAC was told. The patrol returned the fire in the Huleh area in an exchange lasting five minutes. No casualties were reported.

### ISRAELI INDUSTRIALISTS EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF CREATION OF MORE JOBS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The presidium of the Israel Manufacturers Association met today to consider demands of Premier Levi Eshkol that they provide more jobs in export production in return for efforts by the Premier to ease scheduled increases in cost-of-living allowances to workers.

The industrialists met last night with the Premier to discuss problems created for industry during the current economic slump by the insistence of the Histadrut, Israel's labor federation, on a five percent wage increase for most production workers and for the cost-of-living allowance boost. The Premier replied, in effect, that if the increases policy was eased, what evidence could the manufacturers provide that this would create large-scale additional employment.

The industrialists agreed to examine today the possibility of each export-oriented company taking on more workers and they will present their findings to the Premier. Some companies, it was learned, can add workers though they may need incentives to do so. While the Premier appeared ready to push for easing of wage and other cost pressures, it was almost certain that Mapam, a leftist coalition partner, would launch a campaign for adherence to the agreed-upon policy of wage increases.

GOLDA MEIR REPORTS AT ROME CONFERENCE ON ARAB-ISRAEL BORDER TENSIONS

ROME, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, secretary of Israel's Mapai Party, reported today at a conference here of the Socialist International on Israel's problems, particularly on the dangers stemming from border tensions. She also took part in a discussion of West Germany's current foreign policy.

Among reports of interest to Israel scheduled for the conference are those on relations with the European Free Trade Association and the Common Market. No resolutions are expected because the meeting is informal and private.

GERMAN HIGH COURT BARS PENSIONS FOR JUDGES WHO SENTENCED ANTI-NAZIS

BONN, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The West German High Court in Berlin ruled today that Germans who, as judges during the Nazi era, participated in the sentencing of "terrorists," will not be entitled to receive government pensions.

The ruling developed from a case in which a pension was refused to a person who had served as a judge in the Nazi judiciary and passed a death sentence on a German charged with sabotage within the German army during the war. Officials said the ruling will be mandatory for similar cases in all West German courts in the future.

CATHOLIC ORGAN IN GERMANY DEMANDS OUTLAWING OF NEO-NAZI PARTY

BONN, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The official organ of the Catholic Bishopric of Hildersheim demanded today that the West German Government outlaw the extremists National Democratic Party. The NDP, which has been formally described as "neo-Nazi" by West German Interior Minister Paul Lucke, evoked worldwide concern last November when it won Parliamentary seats for the first time in two state elections.

The Catholic newspaper said the NDP should be outlawed now, before such neo-Nazi forces gained such strength that it would be impossible to overcome them.

'PASSION PLAY' TO BE PRESENTED IN PARIS BY GERMAN DIRECTOR

PARIS, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- A new version of the Passion Play staged every ten years by the villagers of the West German village of Oberammergau will be presented in Paris at the huge Palace of Sports Stadium starting January 19, it was announced here today. The original version presented in Oberammergau was assailed last year by the American Jewish Congress as anti-Semitic. That version is scheduled for presentation again in 1970. The play deals with the trial and crucifixion of Jesus.

The adaptation to be shown in Paris, then in Britain, the United States and Australia, was prepared by Jacob Blume, a German actor and director. When plans were announced last November for the proposed presentation of the Blume version in London and other British cities, a controversy developed, capped by a formal appeal by the Board of Deputies of British Jews to have nothing to do with the planned presentation.

Blume said today in Paris that one of his parents was Protestant and one Jewish and that he changed the Oberammergau version "only by relating the Holy Scriptures." Critics said that this statement did not put the West German actor on record as saying he had removed elements considered anti-Semitic.

JACK RUBY TO BE BURIED FRIDAY IN CHICAGO BESIDE HIS PARENTS

CHICAGO, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Funeral services for Jack Ruby, the slayer of Lee Harvey Oswald, will be held Friday morning in the chapel of a Chicago Jewish mortuary, a spokesman for the mortuary said today. The time of the funeral service was decided at a gathering of relatives of Mr. Ruby who flew here from Detroit and Dallas to meet with relatives who live in Chicago.

The spokesman said that Rabbi David Graubart, a Conservative rabbi, would officiate at the services, which will be private. Only members of the family will attend. The spokesman described Rabbi Graubart as a friend of the Ruby family. The remains will be interred in the Ruby family plot in Westlawn Cemetery in Chicago. Mr. Ruby, who died in Dallas Tuesday, will be buried beside his parents. The body was flown from Dallas yesterday.

BARNETT APPOINTED GENERAL SECRETARY OF WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS

LONDON, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Jack Barnett, for several months acting general secretary of the World Jewish Congress, has been appointed general secretary. Born in Ireland, the 40-year-old secretary has served the WJC for the past 15 years.

He was a Liberal candidate for Parliament in the 1964 and 1966 general elections and is a member of the Liberal Party's advisory committee on immigration.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON URGES ALL AMERICANS TO OBSERVE 'BROTHERHOOD WEEK'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- President Johnson today issued a call to all Americans to join in the observance of the 1967 National Brotherhood Week sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Troy V. Post, chairman of Braniff International Airways has been named chairman of this year's Brotherhood Week.

"During Brotherhood Week 1967," President Johnson stated in the call issued from the White House, "each American has a splendid opportunity to display the spirit of unity which had made this a mighty nation. It is a time in which we can exhibit to the world our unrelenting desire to eliminate from our society any vestige of injustice.

"Brotherhood simply means giving to others the rights, respect and dignity they deserve. It is a concept that was woven into the very fabric of our Constitution and Bill of Rights. In recent years, civil rights legislation has sought even more explicitly to guarantee equality for all Americans regardless of race, color or creed.

"Unfortunately, the gap between principle and practice still remains. It is our task -- and our responsibility -- to make certain that the gap is closed. I call upon each of our citizens to join the National Conference of Christians and Jews in the observance of Brotherhood Week and to make real our pledge of "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In accepting the post of National Brotherhood Week chairman, Mr. Post called on all communities throughout the country to participate in the 1967 Brotherhood Week observance and to begin planning now for local programs that will express the brotherhood ideal. Brotherhood Week, always observed during the week of Washington's birthday, will be held February 19th through February 26th this year.

Brotherhood Week is now in its 34th year. The annual observance of Brotherhood Week was first suggested in 1933 by Msgr. Hugh McMenamin, a Catholic priest from Denver, who proposed that NCCJ organize a special period when all Americans might focus their attention on how to live together in good will and mutual understanding.

The observance has now become a national institution termed by Vice-President Humphrey as "as American as the 4th of July;" it is celebrated by almost all schools and colleges in the U.S. and by most major civic organizations, youth groups, women's clubs and human relations and educational agencies in all parts of the country. President Johnson, as have all U.S. Presidents beginning with Franklin D. Roosevelt, serves as honorary chairman of Brotherhood Week.

JEWS IN OTTAWA APPEAL AGAINST TEACHING RELIGIOUS DOCTRINES IN SCHOOLS

OTTAWA, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- An appeal for elimination of all courses in Ottawa schools "which teaches for commitment the doctrines of a religion" has been made by the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa. The appeal was made in a brief submitted to a Government Committee on Religious Education in Public Schools at a hearing here.

The Council also said there was considerable opportunity in Ottawa's "wide and varied school program" for teachers "to build character and to implant moral values." The Council said such school efforts should be encouraged and that the teachers should be assisted in such efforts "without recourse to religious sectarian dogmas which are not acceptable to all."

The brief said that comparative religion as a goal "towards which we can strive" should be approached "with great care and caution." The brief added that the Council had "grave doubts whether there is such a thing as objective teaching in religious matters, totally free of bias, even under the best of circumstances." The Ontario government committee is headed by Keiller MacKay, former lieutenant governor of Ontario and Supreme Court Judge. Judge Harry Waisberg of Toronto is a committee member.

MIAMI COURT ACTS ON SHIP IMFOUNDED AT REQUEST OF ISRAEL GOVERNMENT

MIAMI, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- A federal judge yesterday gave the Somerfin Ltd. 20 days to file replies to suits filed by 30 creditors against one of its cruise ships, the Nili, which has been tied up here since November 18.

The Israel Government, which has made substantial loans to the Geneva-based Israeli ship company, filed suit in federal court here to foreclose on the Nili on an \$8,000,000 mortgage. The ship is scheduled to be sold at public auction on January 30. Israel is expected to be the high bidder to protect its mortgage. After the ship was seized, eight other claims were filed against it.

(The issue has caused criticism of the Government in Israel and the matter is now before the Israel State Comptroller on request of Parliament.)

213 BRAZILIAN JEWS SETTLED IN ISRAEL DURING 1966; FEW RETURNED

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- A total of 213 Brazilian Jews settled in Israel during 1966, according to figures issued here today by the Immigration Office of the Zionist Organization of Brazil. The number of Brazilian Jews who returned to this country during the year after settling in Israel was less than ten percent of the immigration total.

A group of 31 Brazilian Jews along with 70 Jews from Argentina and Uruguay left to settle in Israel this week aboard the Israeli liner Theodor Herzl.

JEWISH COMMUNITY IN BULGARIA PUBLISHES YEARBOOK WITH MUCH DATA

SOFIA, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The Cultural and Educational Association of Jews in Bulgaria has published a yearbook, a large volume containing considerable material on Bulgarian Jewry, in addition to the usual calendar material.

Entitled "Godishnik," the yearbook carries an introduction written by Dr. Yossef Cs-trukov, the association chairman. The preface was prepared by Prof. Jacques Nathan, a Jewish member of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

Essays in the yearbook deal with the history of Bulgarian Jews, Jewish economics in the Balkans in the 16th and 17th centuries, the fate of Bulgarian Jews during World War II, and statements about Jews by Bulgarian statesmen.

Summaries in English, French and Spanish are included with an explanation that Bulgarian is not known to readers outside of Bulgaria.

YIDDISH STATE THEATER OF POLAND WILL VISIT U.S. AND ISRAEL

WARSAW, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- The Yiddish State Theater of Warsaw will make a visit to Israel and to the United States this year, Ida Kaminska, the noted actress and director of the theater, disclosed in an interview with the Folkstimme, the Warsaw Yiddish newspaper.

She said that the theater troupe also had been invited to perform in France, Sweden, Denmark and Finland. However, she added, with such tours as those of the United States and Israel scheduled, no time would be available this year for other tours. She stressed that the troupe felt its main duty was to perform in Poland and to meet the needs of the Polish Jewish population as well as those of Polish non-Jews who valued the Yiddish state theater.

Miss Kaminska said that 1966 had been a successful year not only artistically but also financially with more persons seeing the performances of the Yiddish State Theater than had been anticipated at the start of the year. She said the troupe had made more provincial tours and managed to visit small towns, some of them without any Jewish residents, but they played to full houses everywhere. The troupe will move into its new building this year, an ultra-modern theater built by the Polish Government especially for the Yiddish State Theater.

PROF. LIEBERMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ACADEMY FOR JEWISH RESEARCH

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Professor Saul Lieberman, Rector of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, was elected president of the American Academy for Jewish Research at the annual meeting of this body of eminent Jewish scholars.

Prof. Lieberman holds the chairs both of Distinguished Service Research Professor of Talmud, and of Louis Ginzberg Professor of Palestinian Institutions at the Seminary. He succeeds Dr. Salo W. Baron, professor emeritus of History at Columbia University as head of the Academy. The Academy was founded in 1928 with the aim of encouraging original research in Jewish scholarship. Its members come from universities and institutions of learning in all parts of the country.

SAMSON FERSCHT, YIDDISH POET, CELEBRATES 80TH BIRTHDAY IN RUMANIA

BUCHAREST, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Samson Ferscht, the Rumanian Yiddish poet and folk singer, celebrated his 80th birthday here this week. He now lives in Jewish Home for the Aged. A reporter who visited him said "the home was in a lovely park and the elderly residents were extremely well looked after."

NATHAN SCHULMAN, NEW YORK JEWISH PHILANTHROPIST, DEAD; WAS 74

NEW YORK, Jan. 4. (JTA) -- Funeral services were held today for Nathan Schulman, a prominent Jewish philanthropist, who died here Monday at the age of 74. Born in Palestine, Mr. Schulman was brought to this country as an infant and later achieved success in finance and real estate. He was a founder of the Albert Einstein Medical School and was active in support of the United Jewish Appeal, the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of Greater New York and the American Jewish Committee.