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JORDAN LIQUIDATES PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION; ARRESTS MADE

LONDON, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Jordanian Security Forces have closed offices in Jordan of the Cairo-based "Palestine Liberation Organization" and arrested five of the PLO's leading officials, it was reported here today from Amman, Jordan's capital.

According to the report, the crackdown followed a series of terrorist explosions in Amman and Jordan-held Old Jerusalem. The Security Forces were quoted as saying yesterday they had arrested two men who confessed entering Jordan from Syria to try to assassinate King Hussein. One of the Syrians reportedly had obtained a job in the Amman Radio station.

Meanwhile, Radio Cairo broadcast a renewed threat by Ahmed Shukairy, head of the PLO, that the organization would overthrow the Hussein monarchy. Other Cairo broadcasts threatened that "the palaces of the Amman rulers would be blown up" and asserted that an Arab commando unit was organizing underground operations against King Hussein.

JEWISH AGENCY SESSION OPENS IN JERUSALEM; \$107, 000, 000 BUDGET PROPOSED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- A four-day plenary session of the Jewish Agency opened here today to be followed by sessions of the Zionist Actions Committee, the highest ruling Zionist body between World Zionist Congresses.

The main item on the agenda of the Jewish Agency session is approval of a budget for the next fiscal year. A proposal of the Jerusalem section of the Jewish Agency calls for a budget of \$107, 000, 000 which is 12 percent less than in any of the last years.

The World Zionist Organization Committee on Reorganization, which has been considering changes in the structure of the world Zionist movement, completed its sessions here last night with a number of basic reorganization proposals. The Committee was named by the last World Zionist Congress.

One of the proposals recommends that in every country where Zionist groups are functioning there should be one national Zionist organization to include all these groups. Another recommendation calls for allowing individuals to join Zionist organizations without belonging to a particular Zionist group. Another proposes that any Jewish group supporting the Zionist program could join the Zionist Organization. The latter proposal would make possible the broadening of the WZO beyond its present party structure. Still another recommendation urges that a special framework, embracing all Zionist youth organizations, be set up in each country.

The reorganization proposals will be submitted to regional committees of the WZO and will be summed up next summer. The last World Zionist Congress empowered the Actions Committee to complete changes in the structure of the WZO Constitution. The committee plans to bring its proposals for adoption to the session of the Zionist Actions Committee in January, 1968.

The reorganization committee, made up of leading Zionist figures throughout the world, includes Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the WZO, Aryeh Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive; Zvi Lurie, head of the Jewish Agency organization department and J. Tsur, chairman of the World Zionist Actions Committee.

GOLDA MEIR SATISFIED WITH ROME PARLEY; APPEALS ON EUROMART ISSUE

ROME, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Bruno Pitterman, Vice-Chancellor of Austria, said today at the close of the Socialist International conference, that the pledge of support for Israel's efforts for an associate status with the European Economic Community by the Socialist parties of Europe had been reaffirmed at the conference.

Mrs. Golda Meir, secretary of Israel's Mapai Party, said at a press conference that she was satisfied with the results of the meeting but gave no details on her contributions to the conference. Dr. Pitterman said that Mrs. Meir had reported on Israel's economic situation particularly in connection with Israel's efforts for a more comprehensive agreement with the six-nation European Common Market. Israel's present limited agreement expires on June 30.

PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL TO VISIT CANADA; INVITED BY GOVERNOR GENERAL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- President Chazar will visit Canada next May, it was announced today. He will arrive in Canada on May 21 and on May 23 will visit Expo 67, the international fair in Montreal, at the invitation of the Governor General of Canada.

STUTTGART REFUSES TO RENT CITY HALL FOR MEETING OF NEO-NAZI PARTY

STUTTGART, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The city of Stuttgart rebuffed today a bid by the extremist National Democratic Party to rent the Stuttgart city hall for an NDP mass meeting. The NDP responded to the rebuff by filing a claim with the administrative court to force the city to rent it the 1,000-seat hall.

Arnold Kleft, the Lord Mayor, told the press he had decided to refuse the hall to the NDP, despite several recent court decisions forcing other cities to rent their halls to the ultra-right party. He said that because of its "good contacts" with foreign countries, Stuttgart felt it was obligated to deny the hall to a political party whose democratic aims were doubtful. The NDP has been formally described by Interior Minister Paul Lucke as neo-Nazi.

SCHOLARS TO HOLD FOUR-DAY CONFERENCE ON JEWISH PROBLEMS IN EUROPE

BRUSSELS, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Plans were announced here today for a four-day scholars conference on Jewish life in contemporary Europe which will open here next Monday. The conference is sponsored by the Institute of Sociology of the University of Brussels, and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Subjects which will be considered at the conference will include developments in the field of Jewish demography in Europe, social and psychological aspects of Jewish identity, the teaching of Judaism and Jewish cultural activities in European universities, and the aims and methods of future research in these fields of Jewish interest.

The details were disclosed at a press conference here at the Institute of Sociology by Max Gottschalk, president of the Centre National des Hautes Etudes Juives, Prof. Moshe Davis, chairman of the Institute for the Study of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University, and Prof. Shimon Herman of the Hebrew University.

CONGRESS OF JEWISH STUDENTS IN FRANCE DISCUSSES EXPANSION PLANS

PARIS, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The 3,000-member Jewish Students Union of France opened its congress in Bordeaux to expand its program of social and cultural activities and support of Israel.

One of the problems is that the Student Union has failed to capitalize on the tremendous recent expansion of French Jewry as a result of immigration from North Africa. Other issues before the Congress are the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union and anti-Semitism in France.

OREGON COURT ORDERS REMOVAL OF NEON-LIGHTED CROSS FROM CITY PARK

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 5. (JTA) -- A 51-foot, neon-lighted concrete cross on a hilltop in a public park overlooking this city of 70,000 was ordered removed today by a Lane County Circuit Court Judge following a complaint filed by 10 local residents represented by Leo Pfeffer, special counsel of the American Jewish Congress. The complaint was filed by two Congregationalists, two Unitarians, an Episcopalian, a Jew, a member of the Bahai sect, and three Humanists, on the basis that the cross stands on public property and thus violates the constitutional principle of church-state separation.

The idea for the concrete cross -- there have been wooden crosses atop the hill in the park since 1936, all of which were blown down by the wind and weather -- originated with the Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity at the University of Oregon. The students raised funds for the cross and commissioned John Alltucker of the Eugene Sand and Gravel Company to design and build a cross of concrete in time for Easter 1964.

When the fraternity applied for a city permit, a storm of controversy arose on the university campus and in the city of Eugene. No official action was taken by the city. With the approach of Christmas 1964, Mr. Alltucker decided to give the giant cross to the city as a gift. With no advanced notice to anyone, workmen hauled the cross to the top of Skinner's Butte on November 28, 1964 and set it in place.

In mid-December 1964, the Eugene City Council by a vote of 7 to 1, granted the necessary building and electrical permits all post facto, which legalized the action of the contractors and gave official sanction to the presence of the cross on the city-owned hill.

(In New York, Howard M. Squadron, chairman of the AJCongress' Commission on Law and Social Action, hailed the court ruling as a "major victory for the religious freedom and the constitutional principle of church-state separation.")

NEW YORK SAVINGS BANKS SOLICIT APPLICATIONS FOR JOBS FROM JEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- The Savings Banks Association of New York State, coordinating body of the state's mutual saving banks, issued today an illustrated booklet soliciting applications for jobs from people of "a variety of ethnic and religious backgrounds." The booklet -- the first of its kind -- was warmly praised by the American Jewish Committee, which has been active in opposing job discrimination in the fields of banking, insurance, utilities and large corporate business.

Representatives of the American Jewish Committee have been meeting with representatives of the Association on problems of discrimination following a study made by the AJCommittee last year which revealed that there are less than 3.5 percent of Jews among the 750 trustees of New York City's 50 mutual savings banks, and less than 2.5 percent of Jews among their 400 top executives.

A year after the original report was made public, the AJCommittee reported that these banks had increased the number of their Jewish trustees by more than one-third although the number of Jewish executive officers had remained substantially the same. A national survey of executive positions in the 50 leading commercial banks across the country revealed last September that Jews were filling only 1.3 percent of the senior posts and 0.9 percent of the middle-management posts.

Theodore Ellenoff, vice-president of the American Jewish Committee's New York chapter and chairman of its Civil Rights and Social Action Committee, said: "We welcome the publication and wide distribution of this booklet as one of a series of actions taken by the State's mutual savings banks to let people of all backgrounds know that this field is not only open to them but offers opportunities for advancement. The booklet states this policy clearly and concisely, and as it is put into the hands of school guidance counsellors and of the public and private agencies which work with minority and disadvantaged people, the ethnic and religious balance in the State's mutual savings banks should become more nearly representative of the population."

VANCOUVER COMMUNITY SETS LIFE-TIME PENSION FOR COUPLE WHO SAVED JEWS

VANCOUVER, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- A non-Jewish couple, credited with saving the lives of many Jews during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands during the Second World War, was honored in special ceremonies here in which members of the Vancouver Jewish community expressed their gratitude for the wartime heroism by paying off the mortgage on the couple's home and providing them with a \$100-a-month lifetime pension.

The couple, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hulstein, emigrated to Canada after the Second World War. Mr. Hulstein, now 63, has been unable to work since the Nazis sent him to a concentration camp for his wartime efforts in the Dutch underground and in saving the lives of countless Jewish refugees.

For two years during the war the Hulstein's home in Appeldoorn, Holland, was a transfer point for Jewish refugees on their way to hiding places and for resistance workers sought by the Gestapo. One of the first things the couple did after joining the resistance in 1943 was to adopt a Jewish baby and pass him off as one of their own children until the end of the war.

At one point during the war, the entire Hulstein family was held at gunpoint during a Gestapo raid on their home and threatened with death unless they revealed information about hiding places of Jews and identities of resistance workers. The Hulsteins revealed nothing, but the Gestapo eventually succeeded in capturing 50 of the resistance workers who were sent to concentration camps along with Mr. Hulstein. He was released two months later when the Nazis realized the end of the war was approaching.

In ceremonies here, Bill Simmons, chairman of a special committee formed to raise money for the Hulsteins with the cooperation of the Canadian Jewish Congress, tore up the paid-off mortgage and announced the gift of the pension on behalf of the Vancouver Jewish community.

DANISH BOAT ON WHICH JEWS WERE SMUGGLED PRESENTED AS GIFT TO ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- A small Danish boat which was used by the Danish underground to smuggle Jews from Denmark to Sweden during the Nazi occupation was brought to Israel today as a gift to the Haifa Maritime Museum.

The "Astrid," a gift of Lawrence Schacht, Jewish philanthropist of New York arrived on the Israeli vessel Liraa. There is insufficient room in the museum for the Danish boat and efforts will be made to find an appropriate permanent place for it.

Mr. Schacht is a director of the Industrial Development Bank of Israel, and a member of the board of the American Technion Society and of the United Jewish Appeal of New York. He is also a member of the National Council of the Joint Distribution Committee.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES RECORD ENROLLMENT OF 7,305 STUDENTS

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Yeshiva University announced today a record enrollment for the 1966-67 school year of 7,305 students in its 19 undergraduate, graduate, professional and preparatory schools.

Registrar Morris Silverman said the enrollment was the highest in the 81-year history of the oldest institution of higher learning under Jewish auspices in the United States. The largest unit at the University is Yeshiva College, the undergraduate school for men, with 1,023 students.

STRIKE OF CEMETERY WORKERS FORCES ORTHODOX JEWS TO DIG GRAVES

NEW YORK, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Orthodox Jewish families in the New York area are being forced to dig graves for their deceased because of a strike by a cemetery workers union which went into its third day today with no signs of a settlement.

The 1,700 strikers are members of Cemetery Workers and Greens Attendants Local 365 who rejected Monday a proposed three-year contract and threw picket lines around 13 Jewish cemeteries and 12 Catholic and 14 non-sectarian burial grounds. Because Jewish religious law requires early burial, the prospect was that more Jewish families would have to do their own grave-digging if the strike was not settled soon.

Five such burials took place yesterday at the Beth David Cemetery in Elmont, L.I. Similar grave-digging by families took place at several of the other struck Jewish cemeteries. The strike affects cemeteries in New York City, Long Island and Westchester.

State Mediation Board officials conferred with both sides yesterday and scheduled more mediation talks today. The contract, which was approved by union officers, but not by the membership, would have given the union members wage increases of \$5 weekly over each of the three years, increases in their life insurance plus improved hospital and medical coverage, pensions and vacations. Their weekly pay now ranges from \$108.50 and \$118.50.

1966 WEIZMANN AWARD FOR SCIENCES PRESENTED TO LORD SIEFF IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Lord Sieff of Brimton declared here last night that Israel could solve its current economic problems by "proper study" and "a common sense approach." He spoke during the presentation to him of the 1966 Weizmann Award for Sciences and Humanities. The Sieff family founded the Scientific Institute at Rehovot in 1934.

He urged the Jews of Israel to "show the same courage that guided the founding fathers" of the Jewish community in pre-state Palestine and added he had found that rumors of a depressed mood in Israel had been exaggerated in London. He said the main problem in Israel's present slump was one of "human relations, especially in industry."

The awards were presented at a special convocation of the Weizmann Institute executive by President Meyer Weisgal. An award to the late Rebecca Sieff was bestowed posthumously. It was accepted by her daughter, Mrs. Schechtermann.

CANADIAN JEWRY PRESENTS JUDAICA COLLECTION TO NATIONAL LIBRARY

MONTREAL, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- A substantial collection of Judaica will be presented to the National Library in Ottawa by the Canadian Jewish Congress on behalf of Jewish communities in Canada as a gift in observance of the Centenary of Canadian Confederation, it was announced today by Michael Garber, president of Canadian Jewish Congress.

The collection will include approximately 7,000 volumes covering all fields of Jewish scholarship, including Rabbinic Literature; Jewish Philosophy; Jewish History; Yiddish Classics; Hebrew Literature; Jewish contributions to Arts and Science; Representative selections of Jewish creative writing in various countries; Jewish Encyclopedias; and Jewish Canadiana. The collection will also feature Biblical Books, Talmudic and post-Talmudic rabbinic scholarship.

ALBERT GREENFIELD, PHILADELPHIA JEWISH COMMUNAL LEADER, DEAD; WAS 79

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5. (JTA) -- Albert M. Greenfield, a prominent philanthropist and Jewish communal leader, died here this morning at the age of 79. He was a member of the board of trustees of the Federation of Jewish Agencies in Philadelphia and a founder and director of the Albert Einstein Medical Center here.

Born in Russia, Mr. Greenfield was brought to this country in 1892. He was active in the Federation of Jewish Charities and in the Allied Jewish Appeal, the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the local YM and YWHA, the American Friends of the Hebrew University and the American Jewish Historical Society.