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10 ISRAELIS DEPORTED FROM SOVIET UNION; CHARGED WITH 'ESPIONAGE'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The Soviet leading newspaper Izvestia, organ of the Soviet Government, today reported that seven Israel citizens have been deported for alleged "espionage" activities.

The paper indicated that three other Israelis were also expelled after coming to the USSR "in the guise of tourists" to spread Zionist propaganda and engage in espionage activities with alleged connivance of the Israeli Embassy. The newspaper did not say when the alleged acts took place.

An Israel Embassy spokesman told the press in Moscow that he knew of no recent cases of expulsion of Israeli tourists and was not familiar with the cases cited by Izvestia. The spokesman said "it is entirely unbased allegation." He referred to the Izvestia charge that the Israel Embassy issued propaganda material to Israeli tourists for distribution among Jews in Russia.

Second Secretary Efraim Faz was charged by Izvestia with handing out such propaganda to tourist Dahan Maatsia. Mr. Faz refused to comment on such reports. He would not say whether he knew Maatsia.

SYRIA RESUMES FIERCE MORTAR AND TANKS BATTLE; ESHKOL VISITS AREA

TEL AVIV, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Syrian gunners renewed this afternoon their firing at Israelis across the border in an incident which rapidly escalated into a fierce mortar and tank battle in which at least one Syrian tank was disabled. It was the second tank clash on the border in three days and the tenth border incident since January 1.

The latest clash erupted a few hours after Premier Levi Eshkol visited the northern command and issued still another warning to the Syrians to discontinue their provocations in the border area. The latest battle subsided after United Nations intervention for a cease-fire. Two Israelis were reported injured in the battle, one seriously.

The Premier, accompanied by Army Chief of Staff Yitzhak Rabin and officers of the northern command visited at noon the Tel Katzair area where the first tank fight took place on Monday. That affray cost the Syrians two tanks destroyed and at least one damaged.

The Premier declared at the site that if the Syrians continued their shooting, it would be Israel which would decide the timing and magnitude of its response. He said that Israel had done everything "to prevent border incidents. We asked the United Nations to help us in this but the Syrians used tanks and we had to react." He stressed the fact that placement of Syrian tanks in the restricted area was a "flagrant violation" of the cease-fire agreement and that Israel could not close its eyes to that fact.

The clash this afternoon began when Syrian machineguns fired at the Israeli patrol near the Notera settlement and at a road crossing the reclaimed Huleh area. Israeli soldiers fired back and silenced the machineguns. The Syrians then opened fire with mortars and the Israelis replied with their mortars.

The Syrians then began the tank attack. A tank shell hit and damaged a tractor in the Notera field. Then Israeli tanks began firing and scored a direct hit on the Syrian tank which had damaged the tractor. It was covered by smoke and flames. The Syrians then resorted to heavier mortars and the Israelis used mortars of corresponding size to reply. The shooting ended after the U.N. appeal.

JOHNSON SAYS U.S. WILL SEEK IMPROVEMENT IN ARAB-ISRAEL RELATIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- President Johnson said last night in his State of the Union address that the United States would try to increase possibilities of improving relations between Arab states and Israel.

"In the Middle East," the President said, "a spirit of regional cooperation for the benefit of all unfortunately has not yet taken hold. An already tortured peace is constantly threatened. We shall try to use our influence to increase possibilities of improved relations among nations of that region."

GOLDMANN DENOUNCES BEN-GURION FOR INSULTING ESHKOL PUBLICLY

JERUSALEM, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann issued a statement today denouncing former Premier David Ben-Gurion for the latter's continued public criticisms of Premier Levi Eshkol and his government. Dr. Goldmann emphasized that he was speaking as president of the World Zionist Organization.

Although he did not refer to Mr. Ben-Gurion by name, the reference was clear. Earlier this week Mr. Ben-Gurion appeared at a meeting of the Mapai-sponsored kibbutz movement and there again accused Premier Eshkol and his colleagues of being "people of no honor" and again declared that Mr. Eshkol was not fit to be Premier. He also asserted that Jews from other countries would not come to settle in Israel as long as there were "untruthful" people at the helm of its Government.

"If leaders of Israel with international standing and an assured position in the history of our generation insult the Prime Minister, personally accusing him of immorality and untruthfulness," said Dr. Goldmann, "this must do untold damage to the image of Israel in the eyes of Israeli youth and of the Jewish people and the world at large. It will certainly not help in developing the people of Israel to be a chosen people."

He declared that criticism of government by opposition parties was natural in a democracy but that the kind of criticism he meant took the form of individual insults and personal denigration undermining the morale of public life with disastrous efforts on Jewish and non-Jewish public opinion outside of Israel. Dr. Goldmann ended his statement with an outspoken tribute to Mr. Eshkol, which he said was also on behalf of the WZO.

U.S. ZIONIST LEADERS PRESENT THEIR VIEWS AT ACTIONS COMMITTEE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Dr. Emanuel Neumann, New York General Zionist leader, said today he favored the proposed reorganization of the Zionist movement and that he felt that the practice of individual American Jewish organizations of sending delegations to West Germany should not be permitted.

He expressed those views in debate today in the session of the World Zionist Actions Committee, saying he agreed with the positions on those issues taken earlier in the debate by Dr. Nahum Goldmann. Dr. Neumann added that he felt that some details of the reorganization remained to be clarified.

Expressing a personal view about the career of Prime Minister Levi Eshkol, Dr. Neumann said he viewed Mr. Eshkol not only as a Premier of Israel but as a Zionist with deep concern for the future of the Zionist movement, and as a leader who had given many years to the problem of agricultural settlement in Israel. "I see in him a great builder of Israel and for that I honor him," Dr. Neumann said.

Mrs. Rose Halprin, chairman of the American section of the Jewish Agency, discussed the proposed reorganization of the Zionist movement in terms of the conditions of life for American Jews. She said that the principal goal of Americans, including American Jews, was the struggle for a better life for all. She said "we must learn to maintain Jewishness and Jewish values while taking part in this struggle in the United States and for the entire world." Reorganization, she declared, cannot be the complete answer to the solution of the problem of Jewish survival.

Jacques Torczyner, president of the Zionist Organization of America, asserted that the Jewish people, as distinct from Israel, could not have any kind of diplomatic relations with West Germany. He also said he hoped for some kind of agreement among the Great Powers which would deprive the Arabs of their power to blackmail and thus contribute to the pacification of the Middle East.

KNESSET DEBATES LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF JEWISH LIFE BY ISRAELI YOUTH

JERUSALEM, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- A debate on the Jewish knowledge and patriotism of Israeli Jewish youth took place in Parliament last night in a parallel discussion to that taking place at the World Zionist Actions Committee session at Convention Hall.

The Parliamentary discussion was touched off by a survey which purportedly showed that some Israeli youngsters did not know who the author of "Hatikvah" was nor did they know about the Nazi holocaust in Europe. M. Hazani of the National Religious Party said that this situation was the result of alienation of Jews from Jewish tradition and aping of Western culture by Jews.

However, Education Minister Zalman Aranne questioned the accuracy of the survey. He argued that environmental influences, such as the home and the neighborhood, were more influential than formal education for inculcating such values. He asserted that the crucial test of youth's idealism was army service and that the response to this challenge showed that Israeli youth were not lacking in patriotic feeling.

GERMANY TO HOLD MORE TRIALS OF NAZI PERSONNEL AT AUSCHWITZ CAMP

FRANKFURT, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- The state prosecutor's office in Frankfurt is now preparing 36 new trials involving hundreds of alleged war criminals, including former camp personnel and inmates at the Auschwitz death camp, Dr. Hans Grossman, the chief prosecutor, disclosed today.

Among the defendants in a third Auschwitz trial which is due to start soon, he said, will be three former camp inmates accused of participation in the murder of other prisoners. A fourth Auschwitz trial, he said, would involve former members of Hitler's SS.

Dr. Grossman noted that the first two trials of Auschwitz guards and camp personnel had not been concluded because the defendants had appealed their convictions and the appeals were still pending. He said that indictments would be forthcoming early in 1967 against at least six former Nazi police officers.

Current investigations, he said, cover the activities of hundreds of persons suspected of war crimes in Czechoslovakia between 1939 and 1945, the years of the German occupation. He said preparations were being made to bring to trial those responsible for execution of the Nazi campaign to exterminate the gypsies.

The Frankfurt prosecutor's office, Dr. Grossman said, is currently examining the possibility of bringing to trial the Nazi officials who devised the train transportation plans for deportation of Jews to the extermination camps in Poland.

GERMAN NEO-NAZI PARTY HAS NOW 25,491 MEMBERS; MANY ARE YOUNG

BONN, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Eighteen hundred new members entered the German National Democratic Party in the month of December alone, the neo-Nazi party's vice-chairman claimed today, bringing its total membership to 25,491. In November 1964, total membership of the party was only 473, he said.

The party official, M. Gottman, told an NDF meeting here that the party would make significant gains in the Baden-Wuerttemberg state elections next year, rivaling its successes in Bavaria and Hesse. He predicted the party would capture ten to twelve seats in the state parliament.

In an evident effort to change the impression of the party as one composed of former Nazis and neo-Nazis, Herr Gottman stressed the relative youth of its membership, asserting that the average age of party members was 31.7 years. He drew cheers from his audience when he attacked Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger, and the United States and proclaimed that "we Germans no longer wish to be the world's pariah."

STUTTGART COURT RULES CITY MUST RENT ITS HALL TO NEO-NAZI GROUP

STUTTGART, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- A Stuttgart court ruled today that the city of Stuttgart must rent its hall to the extremist National Democratic Party. Stuttgart officials had barred use of the hall by the NDP which took the issue to court.

The court said that the city must rent the hall to the party, which has been formally described by Interior Minister Paul Lucke as neo-Nazi, on January 14 because the party will use it for an "information meeting."

Stuttgart Lord Mayor Arnold Kleft said, on being informed of the court's ruling, that the city would appeal to another court. He said Stuttgart would not yield and that "we do not intend to repeat the mistakes of the past." It was pointed out that the meeting was only three days away. He replied that he would accelerate his efforts to bar the party from using the 1,000-seat hall.

CONFERENCE DISCUSSES PLACE OF CULTURAL ART IN AMERICAN JEWISH LIFE

NEW YORK, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Recommendations stressing interest in enriching the Jewish heritage in American through the cultural arts were adopted here at a two-day national conference convoked by the National Jewish Welfare Board to discuss problems connected with advancing the arts in American Jewish life. Sanford Solender, executive vice-president of the JWB, in summarizing the conference, stated that among the points made by the 180 participants in the parley were:

1. The cultural arts in Jewish life must be accorded a new high priority locally, regionally and nationally and will demand new dimensions in cooperation and coordinated effort on the part of various organizations. Stimulation and planning for communal Jewish festivals and events in the cultural arts must become among the prime responsibilities of Jewish communities.
2. Since substantial sums of money are required to subsidize cultural programs, the funding of such programs will require carefully considered community planning. Also that central inventories of existing Jewish cultural materials in the various arts should be gathered, evaluated and widely distributed.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY LIBRARY GETS LARGE N. Y. COLLECTION OF JEWISH MUSIC

NEW YORK, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Jacob Michael, noted American Jewish philanthropist, presented his collection of Jewish music -- one of the largest in the world -- to the Jewish National and University Library at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, it was announced here today.

The collection contains about 10,000 printed works and about 15,000 manuscripts of Jewish music, as well as literature on Jewish music. Included are religious music in Ashkenazic, Sephardic and Near Eastern versions, cantoral music, folksongs, Israeli music and thousands of hitherto unpublished East European cantoral manuscripts.

There are items from some 30 lands in which Jewish music was developed, especially in the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, among them various European countries, the U.S., South America, North and South Africa, Yemen, Near Eastern countries and Israel. They include Hebrew and other Jewish songs from the U.S.S.R., prayer chants from Egypt, Morocco and Turkey, folksongs in Hebrew and Yiddish from Argentina and Brazil, thousands of works from Central, Western and Eastern Europe, and much musical literature from the U.S.

"The collection constitutes not only a considerable addition to the Jewish music collections of the library, where it will be available to all those interested in Jewish music, but also an important contribution to the work of the Hebrew University's Jewish Music Research Center, where it will be of great assistance to the research workers investigating the history and development of Jewish music in recent centuries," the announcement said.

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR JEWISH NATIONAL FUND IN U.S. PLANNED

NEW YORK, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Some 200 communal leaders from ten eastern states formulated plans at a meeting here for the creation of a National Commission for Jewish National Fund Councils, it was announced here today. The new Commission, which was designed to broaden and intensify the scope of JNF endeavors throughout the United States, will consist of representatives of Jewish communities, large and small, throughout the nation.

The Commission is expected to serve as an effective instrument in the creation of new councils in communities where JNF councils do not exist, and in bolstering and supervising council activities in communities where they do exist, it was explained in a statement issued.

Dr. Milton Aron, JNF national director, informed the delegates that "the current and pressing goal of the Jewish National Fund is the reclamation of 13,000 dunams -- about 3,250 acres -- of land at Yakinton, the new JNF development site along Israel's border with Lebanon." He expressed his confidence that American Jewry, through the Jewish National Fund, would meet the challenge posed by the need to develop a new settlement in this "forbidding region, which is now an open invitation to marauders crossing the border to harass peaceful Israeli citizens."

Dr. Aron revealed that the thirty-one sections of Yakinton are being allocated to Jewish communities throughout the United States with the understanding that each community will mobilize sufficient funds for reclaiming and developing of its own sector of Yakinton.

BERNARD KABAK ELECTED HEAD OF NORTH AMERICAN JEWISH YOUTH COUNCIL

NEW YORK, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Bernard J. Kabak has been elected chairman of the 24-member North American Jewish Youth Council which represents more than 400,000 Jewish youth in the United States and Canada. The Council was established to "foster a spirit of unity and cooperation among the major national Jewish youth organizations in the United States and Canada."

The Council seeks to initiate and develop projects which will enrich the programs of the constituent national Jewish youth organizations; provide an exchange of information, ideas and experiences among the groups; contribute to the strength of Jewish life; and deepen the concern of American Jewish youth for world Jewry with special emphasis on the relationships between American youth and Israel.

PROF. GORDONOFF, ARDENT ZIONIST, DIES DURING VISIT TO MOSCOW; WAS 74

BERNE, Jan. 11. (JTA) -- Prof. T. Gordonoff, a long-time Zionist and faculty member of the University of Berne, died suddenly at the age of 74 during a visit to Moscow. The remains were returned here where burial took place in the communal cemetery.

Born in Russia, Prof. Gordonoff arrived here as a young man. He studied pharmacology and achieved international status in that field. He was an honorary governor of the Hebrew University, president of the Swiss Friends of the Hebrew University and president of the Zionist Society of Berne. He had served as editor of a number of scientific publications.