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JEWS IN FRANCE URGED TO VOTE FOR GAULLISTS IN RUNOFF ELECTIONS SUNDAY

PARIS, March 9. (JTA) -- The organization of Jews who had been deported by the Nazis from France to Nazi camps sent out two new appeals today to thousands of French Jews, urging support of candidates backed by President de Gaulle who did not win clear majorities in the first round of voting in the French Parliamentary elections last Sunday. The runoff elections will be held next Sunday. The coordinating committee represents thousands of such survivors of Nazism in France.

One of the appeals was addressed to Jews in the Seventh Paris district, where French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville is a candidate against Frederic Dupont, of the Democratic Center Party. The appeal specifically urged Jews to vote for the Foreign Minister next Sunday because of his friendship for Israel and his declaration on behalf of emigration of Soviet Jews to rejoin families split by the Nazi holocaust. The appeal said "choose Couve de Murville for France, for Israel and for the peace."

The second appeal dealt with the many Communist candidates who collected enough votes to take part in the runoff election. The appeal urged Jewish voters to vote against the Communist candidates because "they encourage the Arab countries to fight against Israel" and because "they never did anything to fight against discrimination against Jews in the Soviet Union."

U.N. BODY HEARS JEWISH REQUEST FOR ACTION ON RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION

GENEVA, March 9. (JTA) -- Gustav Warburg, B'nai B'rith director in Geneva, speaking at the current session here of the Human Rights Commission, expressed the hope today that the United Nations General Assembly would adopt the same system of implementation against religious discrimination as it has accepted for the Convention against racial discrimination.

He spoke not only in the name of the Coordinating Board of Jewish Organizations, his organization, but also for several other Jewish groups. These include the World Jewish Congress, the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations, the International Council of Jewish Women and Agudath Israel.

He placed special stress on the right of individuals to complain to an international body against violations of their rights. He cited practical examples from the experience of the Council of Europe on how such a procedure had worked for 14 years for the benefit of individuals deprived of rights guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights.

The Commission completed its deliberations on the religious Convention. However, time was not available to deal with the articles on implementation of the Convention. That issue will go directly to the General Assembly.

Israel Requests Stronger U.N. Resolution on Nazi War Criminals

GENEVA, March 9. (JTA) -- Strengthening of a draft resolution that would ban statutes of limitations on the prosecution and trial of war criminals was requested here today by Israel before the Human Rights Commission. The Commission, holding its 23rd session, reached the item on statutes of limitations this morning as it continued to work on its 24-point agenda.

As the draft stands now, it would bar statutes of limitations for court actions against persons accused in general of "war crimes and crimes against humanity," linking the definition of such crimes to the Allied charter which guided the Nuremberg war crimes trials. Israel's Supreme Court Justice Haim H. Cohn, a member of the Commission, insisted today that the definition stress particularly "crimes of murder and mass murder." He was supported by the representatives of Jamaica, Italy, Dahomey, Guatemala and the Philippine Islands.

A plea that the Commission speed its actions on banning war crimes statutes of limitations was voiced before the Commission by Dr. Maurice L. Perlzweig, who represents the World Jewish Congress. The WJC is among a number of world-wide non-governmental Jewish organizations that have a voice, but not a vote, before the Commission.

"There is need to work swiftly," Dr. Perlzweig warned, "so that the General Assembly could adopt this Convention this year. Otherwise, many war criminals might escape just punishment."

\$2,685,000 RAISED AT LOS ANGELES DINNER HONORING BEN-GURION

LOS ANGELES, March 9, (JTA) -- David Ben-Gurion, former Prime Minister, told 1,000 volunteer workers at the inaugural dinner of the Jewish Federation-Council's 1967 United Jewish Welfare Fund campaign last night that no one man was the architect of present-day Israel.

Lauded by chairman Albert Spiegel, campaign and dinner chairman, as the "architect of present-day Israel," Mr. Ben-Gurion said that at least six outstanding men had contributed to the modern state. He listed these as including Chaim Weizmann, Theodor Herzl, and such unknowns as Charles Netter, who established the first agricultural training school in Palestine in 1870, as well as Baron Edmund de Rothschild, who established the first colonies.

At the dinner the volunteers were told that a record \$2,685,000 in advanced gifts had been pledged to the welfare fund drive. Earlier in the day, at the University of California at Los Angeles, Mr. Ben-Gurion found himself in the midst of a spirited exchange with Arab students when addressing an audience of some 500 at the college. Asked by one Arab "if God asks you a long time from now why you took the land of the Arabs in Palestine -- and kicked them out against their will, what will you reply?" Ben-Gurion said: "Well, if God asks me this question, I will answer him, you promised this land 4,000 years ago to Abraham and his children." The audience broke out in cheers at Ben-Gurion's response. He added to the Arab student "we were there, I think you will agree, long before you came there."

Mr. Ben-Gurion held a number of private interviews today with outstanding figures in the Los Angeles Jewish community. At lunch in the grand ballroom of the Beverly Hilton Hotel, he met with 150 members of the UJA Young Leaders Cabinet and Community Service Committee and other Jewish youth groups in the Greater Los Angeles area. Irwin Field, vice-president of the UJA Young Leadership Cabinet, chaired the meeting.

Later in the afternoon today, the former Premier delivered an address in Hebrew to some 400 students, faculty members of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, University of Judaism, the Hebrew department of UCLA and other Hebrew-speaking organizations in the Los Angeles area. In the evening, he spoke to 3,000 persons gathered inside the Los Angeles Palladium at a community-wide tribute to him. He was introduced by Victor M. Carter, president of the Federation-Council.

NEW YORK U.J.A. WOMEN RAISE \$1,623,000 IN PRE-CAMPAIGN PLEDGES

NEW YORK, March 9, (JTA) -- A total of \$1,623,000 in pre-campaign pledges was announced at a rally and luncheon today launching the 1967 campaign of the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. The figure represents an increase of 26 percent over the pre-campaign figure for 1966.

Some 4,000 women volunteers attended the rally at which Baron Guy de Rothschild, French Jewish leader, was presented with the UJA Women's Division Eleanor Roosevelt Memorial Award for humanitarian achievements that "enhance the dignity of man." In an address at the rally, Israel Ambassador Avraham Harman described Israel's role as a maturing nation and outlined the needs of immigrants resettled there with the aid of UJA agencies.

In presenting the award to Baron Rothschild, who is president of the Fonds Social Juif Unifié, French Jewry's major welfare agency, expressed his community's gratitude for the assistance the Joint Distribution Committee has rendered in the rebuilding of the French Jewish community after the Second World War and in the resettlement in France of hundreds of thousands of Jews from Europe and North Africa.

Mrs. Herbert H. Lehman, widow of the late Governor of New York, who is honorary chairman of the Women's Division, was presented with a scroll conveying official notice from the municipality of Dimona, Israel, of the formal dedication in her name of the Edith Lehman High School there.

ISRAEL BANK SELLS \$5,000,000 NOTE TO FORD FOUNDATION IN U.S.

TEL AVIV, March 9, (JTA) -- The Bank Leumi le-Israel, Israel's largest commercial bank, has sold to the Ford Foundation in the United States a 6-1/2 percent capital note for \$5,000,000 to expand the bank's foreign business, Dr. Y. Foerder, chairman of the bank's council of governors, announced here today.

The note will be repaid in the 1970-72 period. The proceeds will be used for bank operations in London, Zurich and New York, all of which are expanding. Mr. Foerder said the bank's balance sheet showed an increase of 16 percent from 1965 to 1966. The balance rose from more than 3,000,000,000 Israeli pounds (\$1,000,000,000) to more than 3,500,000,000 pounds (\$1,166,000,000). He also announced that the bank would pay a total of 14 percent in dividends this year, the same as last year, totaling 5,500,000 pounds (\$1,166,000).

NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED ENGINEERS REPORTED DECLINING IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, March 9. (JTA) -- The number of unemployed academic and professional workers registered with labor exchanges at the end of February dropped sharply from the number in the previous month, the Labor Ministry reported today. The decline was from 732 such jobless employees to 638.

A spokesman said that the sharpest drop among such unemployed was for engineers who have found jobs in government-sponsored work projects. Many such unemployed do not register with labor exchanges.

FIVE SENTENCED IN ISRAEL FOR ATTACKING HOSPITAL OVER AUTOPSY

TEL AVIV, March 9. (JTA) -- A Tel Aviv district court sentenced to four months' imprisonment today five members of a religious settlement at Revaha, who rioted last May in Kaplan Hospital at Rehovot in protest against an autopsy performed in the hospital on the body of a Revaha settler.

In passing sentence, the judge noted the "gravity" of the behavior of the defendants in attacking hospital personnel. He declined to discuss the motives for the settlers' action, declaring that the issue of post-mortems was not within the competence of his court. The issue has evoked widespread protests among Israel's Orthodox Jews.

EDITOR OF LONDON JEWISH PUBLICATION RESENTS ZIONIST CENSORSHIP

LONDON, March 9, (JTA) -- The Jewish Observer and Middle East Review, a weekly publication financed by the Zionist Federation of Great Britain, did not appear today on its publication day, because of a conflict between the Federation and the editor of the magazine, Jon Kimche, resulting from disagreement over a report on the unemployment situation in Israel.

In announcing that neither the English nor the French edition of the publication will appear this week, Mr. Kimche said that the sole reason was his refusal "to accept the instituting of a censorship by the Zionist Federation over reports to be published in the two papers." The board of directors of the company publishing The Jewish Observer is scheduled to meet this evening to discuss the situation. The directors are all members of the executive of the Zionist Federation.

A statement issued today on behalf of the board of directors said: "By agreement with the editor, an editorial board laid down a policy which he undertook to carry out. The board deemed it wrong to publish an article on unemployment in Israel which, in the board's view, gave an incomplete analysis of the situation. The editor refused to accept the decision of the editorial board, and the directors are now taking legal advice in regard to the situation created."

(In Jerusalem, both the Israeli Cabinet and the Jewish Agency executive sharply criticized The Jewish Observer and Middle East Review, for attacks, under Mr. Kimche's name, against the Minister of Justice, in connection with the recent secret trial, conviction and sentencing to one-year prison terms of the editors of the Israeli weekly, "Bul.")

BRAZILIAN JEWISH GROUPS THANK AUTHORITIES FOR ARRESTING STANGL

SAO PAULO, Brazil, March 9. (JTA) -- Two Brazilian Jewish organizations sent letters of appreciation and praise today to Brazilian authorities for the arrest last week of Franz Paul Stangl, long-missing former commandant of the Nazi death camps at Treblinka and Sobibor in wartime Poland.

The letters were sent by the Israelite Confederation of Brazil and the Jewish Federation of the State of Sao Paulo. The Confederation message was addressed to Sao Paulo Governor Roberto Abreu Sodre, who announced the capture of the former Nazi commandant who has been accused of complicity in the murder of 700,000 Jews.

The Confederation message said that Brazilian Jewry greeted with "great satisfaction" the application with "seriousness and firmness" of "justice and law" to the Stangl case. The letter added that the Confederation felt it was "our grateful duty to transmit our high appreciation of the attitude of our Government." Praising the efficiency of the security and police forces, the message expressed "the firm conviction that, in accordance with the noble tradition of Brazil, we trust that similar cases will always be treated by our authorities with the same rigorous and decisive action."

Stangl is being held under maximum security detention, awaiting a court hearing on an Austrian request for his extradition as a war criminal long sought by Austria.

HIGH RANKING NAZI, SOUGHT FOR SHOOTING A JEW, TRACED IN GERMANY

BONN, March 9. (JTA) -- Officials announced here today they had traced former SA General Fritz Gruettenmeir, a high-ranking Nazi sought since the end of the war. He is charged with having shot a leading Jewish journalist, Felix Fechenbach en route to the Dachau death camp in 1933. He was found to have been living under a false name since 1945.

GALLOP POLL SHOWS RISE OF JEWISH SUSPICION OF CATHOLIC MOTIVES

TORONTO, March 9. (JTA) -- A new Gallup Poll study commissioned by the Catholic Digest shows that there has been a "startling" increase in Jewish suspicions about Catholic motives, a Reform rabbi told a meeting at the Catholic Information Center here.

Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg, reporting on the soon-to-be-published study dealing with Religion in American Life, said it paralleled a similar one made under the same auspices in 1952 and that the comparative data had been tabulated. He said that the findings showed that the percentage of Jews who feel that Jews generally harbor ill feelings toward Catholics has doubled in that period -- from 15 percent to 30 percent.

The data showed that there was a 14 percent increase in the number of Jews who feel that Catholics look down on Jews. In 1956, 10 percent more Jews believed that Catholics did not respect the religious beliefs of others and six percent more than in 1952 thought that Catholics would discriminate against them in employment. The findings showed also that there had been an increase of nine percent in the number of Jews who think Catholics are "trying to influence the press and that 12 percent more Jews now feel that Catholic periodicals are not fair to Jewish religious beliefs.

Rabbi Rosenberg told the meeting that he believed the deepening of Jewish suspicions about Catholics stemmed from the debate which attended the preparation and passage of the declaration on Christian-Jewish relations at the Ecumenical Council which was adopted in 1965 and promulgated as formal Church doctrine in 1966. The declaration, which was diluted in some aspects between introduction and approval, repudiates the charge of collective guilt of the Jewish people in the crucifixion of Jesus, deplores anti-Semitism and calls for fraternal dialogues between Catholics and Jews.

Rabbi Rosenberg said that many American Jews had not known that Catholics entertained such notions about the Jews as were repudiated in the declaration and that even those familiar with "the long history of Church-associated Jew-hatred" considered that situation as "part of a world past." He added that the "constant bickering, manipulation and political infighting by the conservative Curia" over the text of the declaration became a "traumatic experience for virtually all Jews."

JEWISH POET HONORED BY POLISH GOVERNMENT; GETS HIGH AWARD

WARSAW, March 9. (JTA) -- Elijah Reizman, prominent Yiddish poet, was awarded the order of Polonia Restituta to mark the 35th anniversary of the publication of his first poem. Mr. Reizman now lives in Szczecin, Poland.

Ida Kaminska, director and star of the Polish Yiddish State Theater, is one of a group of Polish artists decorated today with the "Order of the Millennium." The award was prepared in connection with the observance of the 1,000th anniversary of the Polish state.

B'NAI B'RITH OPENS EXHIBITION OF BOOKS BY 400 JEWISH AUTHORS

VIENNA, March 9. (JTA) -- An exhibition of some 1,000 books written by 400 Jewish authors was opened here by the B'nai B'rith in the presence of Austrian Chancellor Josef Klaus, Culture Minister Piffl, Mayor Marek and Ambassador M. Simon of Israel. Many of the Jewish authors whose works were on display contributed to the cultural life of a number of German-speaking countries.

DR. SABIN, FAMOUS SCIENTIST, HEADS ISRAEL BOND DRIVE IN CINCINNATI

CINCINNATI, March 9. (JTA) -- Dr. Albert B. Sabin, world-famous scientist and developer of live polio vaccine, has accepted the post of chairman of the 1967 Israel bond campaign in Cincinnati. Active in support of the Israel Bond Organization for many years, Dr. Sabin is also a member of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

LEUMI FINANCIAL CORPORATION NAMES PHILIP COHEN AS VICE-PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, March 9. (JTA) -- Leumi Financial Corporation, subsidiary of Bank Leumi le-Israel, announced today the appointment of Philip Cohen as vice-president. Mr. Cohen is in charge of the commercial financing division of the company which specializes in financing accounts receivable, inventory, and machinery and equipment, as well as real estate and foreign trade transactions.

JOE WEINGARTEN DEAD; HOUSTON JEWISH CENTER TO NAME BUILDING FOR HIM

HOUSTON, Tex., March 9. (JTA) -- Joe Weingarten, considered widely as one of Houston's outstanding citizens, died here at the age of 82. He was chairman of the United Jewish Campaign twice, and was one of the founders of Congregation Beth Yeshurun. The Jewish Community Center, on behalf of which he has been active for many years, voted today to name its main building the Joe Weingarten Building. Mr. Weingarten was also very active in many non-Jewish causes.