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Plan World-Wide Student Protest Against Polish Trial Of Faculty, Students

LONDON, Nov. 12 (JTA)--A world-wide student protest is being organized here to attempt to prevail on the Polish Government to cancel its scheduled trials of university faculty members and students, mostly Jewish, who were arrested in last spring's student uprising for democratic reforms in Poland. The World Union of Jewish Students announced that Nov. 18 will be International Protest Day and said Jewish and non-Jewish student groups all over the world have indicated willingness to participate. "We hope that our protest will bring about the release of the arrested students and cancellation of their impending trial," a World Union spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency today. The British section of the World Jewish Congress has urged the Polish Government to reconsider its trial plans. A telegram addressed to Wladyslaw Gomulka, first secretary of the Polish Communist Party, cited "adverse and unfortunate effects such trials will have on world public opinion, particularly on the many well-wishers of the Polish Socialist Republic." In the telegram, Jacob Halevy, British section chairman, said, "We also ask you to request the Government and party organs to cease their anti-Semitic propaganda and to restore fully their (the accused) human rights and freedom."

According to reports from Paris today, 21 French organizations, including representatives of the World War II resistance movement and deportees, have organized a Committee Against Racism in Poland to alert public opinion to racial measures taken against Polish Jews and other Polish citizens by the Warsaw regime. Constituents of the committee include the Comité d'Action de la Résistance, French section of the World Jewish Congress, French section of the International Union of Resistance Fighters and Deportees, International League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism, and the Zionist Federation of France.

Polish Government Sponsors 'Zionist' Pamphlets Raising Loyalty Issue

LONDON, Nov. 12 (JTA)--The Polish Government has sponsored the publication of a five-pamphlet series on Zionism which purports to show that Jews all over the world are committed to Israel and that their loyalty to other countries of birth or citizenship is unreliable. The series, titled "The Zionist Doctrine," was written by Tadeusz Walichnowski and published by "Interpress" of Warsaw which is distributing it.

Though not as abusive as the works of the Ukrainian anti-Semite Trofim Kycho which are still circulated in the Soviet Union, the writer makes use of quotations and incidental remarks by Zionist leaders, mostly out of context, to make his point that Jews cannot be regarded as loyal citizens of any country outside of Israel. He claims that Jewish links with the Holy Land were not purely religious but always political and that modern Israel is a joint enterprise of world Jewry. One pamphlet names the "most important Jewish organizations" and lists the World Zionist Organization, American Jewish Committee, Joint Distribution Committee and the World Hebrew Union. It also lists "Zionist activists," among them Israel's Defense Minister Moshe Dayan; Israel's Ambassador to West Germany, Asher Ben Nathan; Dr. Nahum Goldmann, WJC president, and Dr. Joachim Prinz of Newark, N.J.

Israelis Ired By Thant View That Occupation Is Obstacle To Helping Refugees

JERUSALEM, Nov. 12 (JTA)--Israelis are angered by United Nations Secretary-General U Thant's statement that Israel's continued occupation of the West Bank is a serious obstacle to improving the condition of Palestinian Arab refugees. Mr. Thant spoke yesterday before the General Assembly's special political committee which is debating the refugee problem. No official statement of reply from Israel is expected now but a rebuttal will be made when Israel's turn to speak comes up in the political committee, sources here said.

The Secretary-General went before the committee in what he himself termed an "unprecedented" appearance to appeal for renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Arab refugees (UNRWA) which expires next June 30. Citing the condition of the refugees, whose numbers he estimated at one million, Mr. Thant said that "a long step would have been taken toward reducing the hardships" if they could return to their former homes. "I realize, however," he added, "that a major actor and a possible obstacle to such a development...is the continuing occupation by Israeli forces of the area concerned and the lack of any indication as to when that occupation will be terminated and peaceful conditions prevail."

Israelis were especially chagrined because Mr. Thant directed his remarks against Israel while "neither the UN nor the Arab states did anything to solve the refugee problem during 19 years of Jordanian rule over the West Bank and Egyptian occupation of the Gaza Strip," as one source put it.

Arabs Accused Of Perpetuating Refugees' Plight For Political Reasons

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 12 (JTA)--An Israeli United Nations spokesman accused the Arab governments today of perpetuating the distress of Arab refugees for 20 years "as an instrument of warfare against Israel," saying the problem could have been solved long ago "had the Arab states

been willing to treat it as a humanitarian question." The spokesman was commenting on debate of the refugee problem which opened in the General Assembly's special political committee yesterday.

The Israeli said that the only Arab reaction to a refugee proposal by Foreign Minister Abba Eban placed before the General Assembly Oct. 8 was a "negative" one given by Egyptian Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad. Mr. Eban called for a conference on the refugee problem in which all the countries concerned in the Middle East would participate. His proposal involves governments contributing to refugee relief and UN assistance in a five-year plan. The spokesman said that Arab reaction on this proposal "confirmed" the Israeli view that the Arabs are not prepared to treat the refugee problem as a "human question." He noted that Israel has declared its readiness to expedite the reunion of Arab families separated by the June, 1967 hostilities and to "intensify arrangements for utilization of unused permits for the return of displaced persons." The spokesman said that the refugee problem, which arose from the Arab-Israel 1948 war, would be solved within the framework of a "just and lasting peace" provided for in the Security Council's Nov. 22, 1967 resolution setting forth peace principles.

UNRWA Commissioner-General Tells Committee Of Agency Needs, Problems

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA said here yesterday that his agency anticipated a deficit of at least \$5 million in 1969 and warned that 75,000 refugees housed in canvas tents in Jordan and Syria will face severe hardships when winter sets in because UNRWA lacked the funds to replace tent camps with solid structures.

Laurence Michelmores stated in his report to the special political committee that the situation would be eased if refugees and other persons displaced by the June, 1967 Arab-Israel war could return to the homes and the camps where they were living before hostilities began. He said this had been recommended many times by UNRWA on humanitarian grounds and noted that it was mentioned by Mr. Thant when he appeared yesterday. Mr. Michelmores said that if the refugees and displaced persons could return to their previous domiciles, his agency could provide better care at less cost.

UNRWA has submitted a budget of \$42.5 million for 1969. Mr. Michelmores noted however that based on the years 1964 through 1967 its income next year was not likely to exceed \$37.5 million — about \$5 million less than required. "If adequate funds are not forthcoming, a reduction in services to the refugee population would be inescapable, with resulting human hardship and suffering," Mr. Michelmores said. He noted that UNRWA's costs have increased in part due to the need to establish an additional field office because of the separation of the West Bank from east Jordan and because of "the higher price level for goods and services which now exists, especially in Gaza and the West Bank, and the consequent need to increase the rates of compensation to UNRWA staff."

Wiggins Sees Jarring Continuing Mission, Says Progress Made At UN Headquarters

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 12 (JTA)--The United States today refused to write "finis" to the Middle East peace-seeking mission of Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring despite the absence of three principals at United Nations headquarters. Meeting the press today following the departure of the Foreign Ministers of Israel, Egypt and Jordan, James R. Wiggins, U.S. Ambassador to the UN, said the most "cheerful" aspect of the situation was the refusal of the parties, their "friends" and Dr. Jarring himself to "close the door" on the mission.

There was an indication from another UN source that Dr. Jarring, who has been trying to settle the deadlock for about a year, might himself attempt to stimulate responses to questions raised and left unanswered in Arab-Israel memorandum-exchanges here in recent days.

Mr. Wiggins conceded that Dr. Jarring did not get as far in bringing the sides together as he had hoped, but said that "success is the absence of failure" in Middle East talks. He said that when Dr. Jarring came to the UN from his Nicosia, Cyprus, headquarters to continue contacts during the current General Assembly session, he was discouraged and almost in "despair" about chances of progress. However, the current phase of operations resulted in written exchanges and statements of views, and as the exchanges continued their "tone improved" and some substantive matters were raised, Mr. Wiggins said. Now Dr. Jarring has a "better focus" on his efforts, he said.

Despite the fact that the latest extension of Dr. Jarring's mandate ends Dec. 1 and that he wants to return to his Swedish ambassadorial post in Moscow, he will probably stay with his UN responsibility "if he feels there is an opportunity to do something," Mr. Wiggins said. The U.S. wants him to continue, seeing "no better alternative." A lot "would be lost" if Dr. Jarring quit and his personal experience deriving from "hundreds of contacts" with both sides were thereby set aside, Mr. Wiggins said.

Most Foreign Missions In Israel Have Ordered Avoidance Of Occupied Territories

JERUSALEM, Nov. 12 (JTA)--Nearly all foreign diplomatic missions in Israel have instructed their personnel not to visit the occupied Arab territories in their official capacity or to have any official contact with the local population outside of their embassies' jurisdiction. This was learned from an announcement by the Swedish Foreign Ministry. However, countries that maintained consulates in Jerusalem before the June, 1967 war, such as Britain and the United States, are continuing to function on the West Bank. The U.S. Consulate has transferred its visa department from West to East Jerusalem. A Consulate official said the move was made as a convenience to West Bank residents who have no easy access to Amman and therefore are issued American visas in Jerusalem. The office also issues visas and passports to Jewish residents of West Jerusalem.

Eshkol Will Visit U.S. In December But Calls Off Visit To Latin America

JERUSALEM, Nov. 12 (JTA)--Prime Minister Levi Eshkol will pay a brief visit to the United States next month but has postponed his scheduled visit to three South American countries, it was announced today. Mr. Eshkol is expected to meet with President Lyndon B. Johnson and President-elect Richard M. Nixon while he is in the U.S. His South American trip will probably take place next spring. It was delayed because Mr. Eshkol was advised by his doctors not to undertake an extended journey abroad while recovering from the severe virus infection that confined him to bed for several weeks.

Mayor Teddy Kolek of Jerusalem will leave for New York tomorrow on a visit in connection with the sale of a book on Jerusalem which he wrote in collaboration with Moshe Pearlman. Mr. Kolek is also expected to discuss final plans for the establishment of a Jerusalem branch of Yeshiva University.

30th Anniversary Of 'Crystal Night' Marked In East, West Germany Memorial Meetings

BONN, Nov. 12 (JTA)--Memorial meetings were held in cities of West and East Germany over the weekend, including the two sectors of divided Berlin, to mark the 30th anniversary of "Crystal Night" — Nov. 10, 1938 — when Nazis rampaged, destroying and plundering Jewish shops and synagogues throughout the Reich. The night got its name from the smashed glass that littered the streets of nearly every German city and town after the onslaught.

The anniversary was observed solemnly by trade unions and youth organizations whose members placed wreaths on the graves of Nazi victims in Frankfurt, Munich, Dortmund, Essen, Cologne and other cities. Some used the occasion to sound warnings against increasing Nazi-like tendencies in West Germany. Heinz Galinski, chairman of the Jewish community in West Berlin, said the friendly partnership now existing between Jews and Germans was a "living reality," but he deplored what he saw as a lack of determination on the part of many in the Federal Republic to "thoroughly erase the heritage of an evil past." Young demonstrators marched silently through the streets of Cologne on Sunday carrying placards that denounced neo-Nazi manifestations. Trade union leaders, addressing a youth rally in Essen, promised to fight all signs of a Nazi resurgence.

"Crystal Night" marked a turning point in the progression of Nazi harassment of German Jews. After that event, in which 190 synagogues were burned to the ground and countless Jewish-owned shops looted and destroyed, Nazi persecution took a brutal turn which culminated in the death camps of World War II. On "Crystal Night," Nazis killed 36 Jews and arrested more than 21,000 and shipped them to concentration camps. Homes and business houses that were Jewish-owned were ransacked and looted after a 17-year-old Jewish boy murdered an official in the Germany Embassy in Paris.

In West Germany, a bronze marker was dedicated over the weekend on the site of a synagogue destroyed by the Nazis in 1938. Citizens of Landau decided to erect the marker to honor their Jewish compatriots whose ancestors lived in the community, whose population now numbers 30,000, for 664 years. The idea for the monument was proposed by Carl Henry Abraham of New York, a descendant of an old Landau family. Presiding at the ceremony was Dr. Kurt L. Metzger, the last rabbi of the Landau synagogue. In addition to serving congregations in Bradford, Pa. and Olean, N.Y., Dr. Metzger is also professor of Biblical antiquities at Christ the King Seminary, St. Bonaventure University, in Olean.

(In London, the House of Lords gave a second reading today to a genocide bill that would constitute approval of the United Nations convention against genocide which has already been ratified by 58 countries.)

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 12 (JTA)--Yissakhar Ben-Yaacov, Israel's consul-general here, told a "Crystal Night" observance that while Jews must never forget Nazi atrocities, "it is in the Jewish tradition to lend a hand to those who repent."

In an address at Congregation Tikvah Hadasha, a synagogue established by Germans who fled the Hitler regime, Mr. Ben-Yaacov called for respect and friendship for the West German Government and "thousands of West Germans who have taken an interest in Israeli and Jewish affairs." He cited Bonn's aid to Israel, including post-war indemnification.

Rabbi Says Law OKs Transplants, Opposes Anatomical Dismemberment Of Body

TORONTO, Nov. 12 (JTA)--An Orthodox rabbi said here that Jewish law permits Jews to donate their hearts or other organs for transplants but forbids them to give their bodies to science or for anatomical dismemberment "because most schools do not give the body enough respect."

Rabbi N. L. Rabinovitch of Clanton Park Synagogue, who lectures in mathematics at the University of Toronto, said at a university seminar that donating a heart was a life-saving procedure that took precedence over the Commandment that forbids mutilation of the dead. He said there was nothing in the Torah that forbade the use of kidneys, corneas or any vital organs taken from a Jewish donor "because there is no greater merit even in death than contributing to saving a life." He said the Torah also permits autopsies if they are needed to find the answers to medical puzzles, but the Torah would not allow persons to give a nose for cosmetic reasons because that would not justify mutilating the dead.

Rabbi Rabinovitch said it would be acceptable for a Jewish person to be given a pig's heart if science developed a way to use animal organs instead of human organs in a transplant. He also said that according to Jewish law the deceased need not have declared his wish to be a donor in order for his organs to be taken for a transplant.

Fisher May Get Cabinet Post In Nixon Administration, Detroit Newspaper Reports

DETROIT, Nov. 12 (JTA)--The Jewish News, a weekly newspaper published here, reported last week that Detroit industrialist Max M. Fisher, a local and national Jewish leader, is believed slated for a Cabinet post in the Administration of Richard M. Nixon.

According to the Jewish News, Mr. Fisher is most likely to be appointed Secretary of Housing and Urban Affairs although he could be selected for Secretary of the Treasury and has also been mentioned as a possible Ambassador to Great Britain. Mr. Fisher served as President-elect Nixon's special advisor on urban and community affairs during the election campaign and headed the Concerned Citizens for Nixon, a group that campaigned on Mr. Nixon's behalf among Jews. Mr. Fisher is presently United Israel Appeal president.

1000th Anniversary Of Czechoslovakian Jewry Will Be Celebrated In New York

NEW YORK, Nov. 12 (JTA)--The 1000th anniversary of Jewish existence in Czechoslovakia — an event that will not be celebrated in Prague this year — will be marked in New York City on Nov. 17. A program will delineate the role that Jews have played in Central Europe for the past 10 centuries. The celebration at Town Hall is sponsored by the Society for the History of Czechoslovak Jews, Inc., the New York Board of Rabbis and four other Jewish organizations.

According to Lewis Weiner, chairman of the event, Jews have lived in Bohemia, Moravia, Silesia and Slovakia — the areas that make up today's Czechoslovakia — at least since the year 970 and there is documentary proof that Jews lived in Prague as early as 906. The millennial celebration will be devoted to their history from that time through the years of the free democracy under presidents Thomas G. Masaryk and Edward Benes and the Nazi holocaust in which 85 percent of Czech Jewry was annihilated, Mr. Weiner said. It will present their religious life, their economy, literature, arts, music and world culture. Mr. Weiner said the Society for the History of Czechoslovak Jews was an organization composed of former Czech citizens devoted to research and studies in the field.

80th Birthday Of Jewish Publication Society To Be Marked During Book Month

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 12 (JTA)--The 80th birthday of the Jewish Publication Society of America is being observed during Jewish Book Month, Nov. 15 through Dec. 15, in many cities across the United States. Founded in 1888, the Society has published more than 600 books for adults and children. They include the Bible and subjects in religion, philosophy and American Jewish history, as well as novels, poetry and juvenile books. In 1917, the JPS published the generally accepted Jewish translation of the Bible into English. A new translation was made in 1965 by a group of distinguished Jewish scholars.

Beginning in 1899 the JPS issued annually the American Jewish Yearbook, a project that it has shared with the American Jewish Committee since 1909. This year the JPS is publishing 12 books. It is a non-profit, community-owned publishing house.

World Jewish Population At 13,628,000 At End Of 1967, 'Yearbook' Says

NEW YORK, Nov. 12 (JTA)--The world Jewish population was estimated at 13,628,000 at the end of 1967, with 50 percent living in the Western Hemisphere, according to the 1968 edition of the American Jewish Yearbook. The book, just published here, said that the United States had 5,800,000 Jews; the Soviet Union, 2,568,000; Israel, 2,365,000; and France, 535,000. Argentina's Jewish population was put at 450,000, as was Great Britain's.

Chief Justice Warren Proposes Conference To Bridge 'Generation Gap'

NEW YORK, Nov. 12 (JTA)--Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the United States, proposed here Sunday that the Herbert H. Lehman Institute of Ethics, a branch of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, invite students and faculty members to a conference that might lead to a bridging of the "generation gap." Mr. Warren spoke at the Louis Marshall Award Dinner of the Seminary. He said that from the proposed conference "might emerge an international forum where young, middle-aged and even old, among all people would participate regularly, meeting with one another, thinking with one another, striving together instead of against each other." He warned that the gap between generations continually widens as the growth of scientific and technological knowledge accelerates.

Six community leaders received the Louis Marshall award in recognition of their continuing effort to "further the spiritual, cultural and ethical well-being of the Jewish community." They are: Lester F. Avnet, of Kings Point, L.I.; Harry K. Cohen, of Philadelphia; Nathan B. Kogan and Jacob S. Leason, of New York City; Matthew B. Rosenhaus of Morristown, N.J. and David Zucker of Great Neck, L.I.

France's Chief Rabbi To Make First U.S. Visit, Will Attend Orthodox Parley

NEW YORK, Nov. 12 (JTA)--Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan, of France, will make his first visit to the United States this month to attend the 70th anniversary convention of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, which will be held in Washington, D.C. Nov. 27 to Dec. 1. According to convention chairman Samuel L. Brennglass, Rabbi Kaplan will be guest of honor at a Thanksgiving Day dinner marking the organization's anniversary.