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Will Petition UN To Take Up Question Of Soviet Discrimination Against Jews

BOSTON, Nov. 13 (JTA)--Petitions urging the United Nations to "take up the outrageous discriminations and deprivations imposed on the Jews of the Soviet Union by the Soviet Government" will be presented shortly to United Nations Secretary-General U Thant on the 20th anniversary of the world organization's Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The move was announced by Lewis H. Weinstein, recently elected chairman of the American Jewish Conference on Soviet Jewry, at a press conference here. Mr. Weinstein, former chairman of the Conference of Presidents of the Major American Jewish Organizations, said he was "encouraged to hope that the incoming Administration may move forward on the task of impressing on the Soviet Union the concern of our Government about the plight of Soviet Jews...and to raise the question in the UN."

Mr. Weinstein cited a letter from President-elect Richard M. Nixon to Rabbi Israel Miller, previous chairman of the Conference on Soviet Jewry, in which the then candidate deplored resurgent anti-Jewish propaganda by the Soviet Government and urged documentation of all the facts "so that the profound American concern about the treatment of Soviet Jews can be adequately communicated to Soviet authorities on all echelons and levels." He noted that Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey, Mr. Nixon's rival in the Presidential race, had expressed similar sentiments to the Conference.

Mr. Weinstein said, "We know that the USSR reacts to protests, that it is sensitive to criticisms, that the pressure must continue." He noted that, "right now, leaders of the Warsaw Pact nations are attending a Congress in Warsaw. Our plea to Leonid Brezhnev, the Soviet Communist Party leader, is to cease the religious and cultural repression of Russian Jews. And our plea to Wladyslaw Gomulka, the Polish party leader, is to refrain from the use of Stalinist terror tactics with show trials and trumped up charges."

Allon Plan For Settling Jordan Valley Will Be Presented To Cabinet, 'Maariv' Says

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13 (JTA)--A plan for settling Jews on the Israel-held side of the Jordan Valley, attributed to Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Allon, will be brought up in the Cabinet for discussion shortly, the newspaper Maariv reported today. Mr. Allon believes that his plan would not foreclose any future political solution whatever its nature and does not conflict, according to the paper, with the views of Pinhas Sapir, secretary-general of the Israel Labor Party and a minister-without-portfolio. Mr. Sapir is opposed to the economic integration of Hebron area of the West Bank with Israel. Defense Minister Gen. Moshe Dayan favors economic integration.

The Allon plan envisages Jewish settlements in an area along the west bank of the Jordan River which contains an estimated 5,000 Arabs and is largely uninhabited. Various versions of the plan published in recent months say it calls for an Israeli security belt along the river frontier with Jordan and an Arab enclave in the hilly interior to be linked with Jordan by land corridors. The plan is also said to offer Jordan access to an Israeli Mediterranean port.

Maariv said the Cabinet has not committed itself to any plan envisaging the long-term occupation of the West Bank nor has it ever held a formal discussion of any such plan. The paper believes it is not likely that the Cabinet will reach any conclusions before Prime Minister Levi Eshkol returns from a United States visit next month.

Knesset Approves Government's Middle East Policies, Kremlin Urged To Promote Peace

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13 (JTA)--The Knesset, Israel's Parliament, overwhelmingly approved the Government peace policies yesterday after a lengthy political debate in which all shades of opinion were expressed on the future of the occupied Arab territories and peace negotiations with the Arabs. Prime Minister Levi Eshkol addressed the chamber afterwards and appealed to the Soviet Union to use its influence to achieve a real peace in the Middle East. He warned Israel's neighbors against "further adventures."

It was learned today that two pages of a Knesset speech by Uri Avneri, of the Haolam Hazeh faction, was deleted from the record for security reasons. The deletion was ordered by Knesset speaker Kaddish Luz who said publication would endanger state security. What was published of Mr. Avneri's speech indicated that he had referred to "an arrangement suggested by the Arabs to which the Israel Cabinet did not agree." Mr. Eshkol said later that "a certain party" once told Israel he was ready to negotiate for peace alone but after the Cabinet indicated its satisfaction and waited two weeks for further word, the "party cooled off."

Kiesinger Considering Bonn Proposal To Outlaw National Democratic Party

BONN, Nov. 13 (JTA)--The West German Ministry of Interior believes that an investigation it has just concluded turned up sufficient evidence to satisfy the Constitutional High Court at Karlsruhe that the extreme right-wing National Democratic Party (NPD) is neo-Nazi and should be banned under

West German law. Interior Minister Ernst Benda has advised Chancellor Kurt Georg Kiesinger of the investigation's findings which are under examination by him, it was learned here today. The Benda report had been requested by the coalition Government last summer when it appeared that the NPD's political power was on the rise and that the reputedly neo-Nazi party was on the way to winning its first seats in the Bundestag (Lower House) in next year's national elections. The party then had seats in 10 West German state legislatures and had just won nearly 10 percent of the vote in Wurttemberg-Baden, considered to be the most liberal of West German states. NPD chairman Adolf von Thadden had predicted at least 50 seats in the new Bundestag for his party.

But the NPD's fortunes took a dip in the most recent local elections in which it received 5.2 percent of the vote — less than half of what Mr. von Thadden forecast. Many political observers took the view that NPD had reached its peak and was declining. That view, it was noted here, might diminish the urgency of steps to outlaw the party. The Government has been reluctant to initiate a case against the NPD before the Karlsruhe court because of the repercussions and embarrassment that would follow a court rejection on grounds of insufficient evidence. Action for a ban is being pressed by the Social Democratic Party, coalition partner of Chancellor Kiesinger's Christian Democratic Union.

Mr. von Thadden's Socialist Reich Party was banned in 1951 as unconstitutional. The NPD, which he organized in 1964, has carefully stayed within Constitutional limits and has avoided positions that could jeopardize its legal standing. The party, which claims 40,000 members, has however, espoused Nazi-like tenets in areas of domestic and foreign policy.

Eban Says UN Would Commit Act Of 'Self-Destruction' If It Quit Mideast Problem

LONDON, Nov. 13 (JTA)--Israel's Foreign Minister Abba Eban warned here yesterday that the United Nations would be "committing an act of self-destruction if it abdicated its function in the Middle East crisis." The Israeli diplomat, on his way home after apparently fruitless efforts to elicit an Arab response to Israeli queries about peace at the UN, noted that the Middle East crisis was the only international dispute in which the world organization maintained a presence. A withdrawal by the UN would create a diplomatic vacuum in which the idea of peace would fade, Mr. Eban said.

The Daily Telegraph said in an article by Richard Beeston today that "new militancy in the Arab world has become a major obstacle to a political settlement" in the Middle East. Mr. Beeston also blamed what he called Israel's unwillingness to accept the Security Council's resolution of last Nov. 22 for making it increasingly difficult for moderate Arab opinion to prevail. "No Arab leader can afford to ignore popular support for the fedeyeen who are dedicated to overthrowing Israel even if the war lasts for generations," Mr. Beeston wrote.

He said that King Hussein's showdown last week with Arab guerrillas, who are overwhelmingly supported by Palestinian refugees, has greatly weakened the positions of the King and the Jordanian Army and has inhibited chances of negotiating a peaceful settlement with Israel. "Prospects for an overall settlement today looks less hopeful than at any time since the June, 1967 war," Mr. Beeston wrote. He said that for the moment President Nasser, of Egypt, is backing King Hussein's efforts to find a peaceful solution "but would not hesitate to pull the rug from under the King if he felt Hussein was making too many concessions to Israel."

A Palestinian guerrilla leader said on a BBC television interview that Israel would be destroyed and that the Arab people would never accept a peace agreement with Israel signed by any Arab country. Yechia Hamouda of the Palestine Liberation Organization said, "We are not afraid of the Israelis; we are not afraid of anybody." The Egyptian Government's official spokesman interviewed on the same program complained that the Western countries, which were concerned when the Suez Canal was shut down during the Sinai war in 1956, do not seem to care now. Mohammed H. el-Zayat said, "We shall reopen the Suez Canal when the Egyptian Army holds both of its banks."

Report Jordanian Army, Guerrillas Reach Agreement On Anti-Israel Activities

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13 (JTA)--Jordanian newspaper accounts and reports by travellers arriving here from Amman indicate that the Jordanian Army has reached an understanding with various anti-Israel guerrilla groups based on Jordanian soil. According to the reports, Jordanian officers are discussing plans for cooperation with terrorist leaders and have agreed to aid their activities against Israel provided that responsibility for Jordanian internal affairs rests solely with Jordanian authorities.

18-Year-Old Girl Dies Of Injuries Suffered In Bombardment By Jordanians

TEL AVIV, Nov. 13 (JTA)--An 18-year-old Tel Aviv girl, Ilana Najjar, died yesterday of injuries received during the Jordanian bombardment Sunday of Kfar Ruppim, a Beisan Valley settlement where the girl was working at the time. She was one of three civilians injured when the Jordanians fired 50 shells at the settlement within five minutes.

Six young saboteurs from the Gaza Strip have been sentenced to prison terms of from three to 15 years on charges of membership in a sabotage organization and possession of firearms and explosives. Some of the accused were high school students aged 17 and 18. They drew the shorter prison terms.

Problems Of Eastern, Western Jewry Are Focus Of Forum Held In Paris

PARIS, Nov. 13 (JTA)--The problems of Western Jews who are in the mainstream of their countries' cultural and intellectual life but lack Jewish learning, and of East European Jews who face new waves of repression and harassment, were discussed today at a forum of the European Council of Jewish Communities which is meeting here. The 250 delegates attending included such prominent figures as Nobel Peace Prize laureate Rene Cassin, who is president of the Alliance Israelite Universelle; Prof. Moshe Davis, head of the Hebrew University's institute for contemporary Jewry; Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan of France and Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen of Rumania; Louis D. Horowitz, director-general of the Joint Distribution Committee; Israel's Ambassador to France, Walter Eytan; and author, Elie Weisel.

The theme of the forum was "The Jewish People in a Time of Transition." Claude Kellman defined the problem facing Jewish leadership as the creation of new community structures which will make it possible for intellectuals and youth to find their place within the Jewish community. He also announced that the goal of an emergency campaign on behalf of Czech and Polish Jewry would be doubled.

Prof. Davis said the image of the new Jews was that of a university-trained, middle class, urban individual completely literate but inadequately versed in Jewish learning. Rabbi Rosen said that several hundred young Jews in Bucharest were eager to learn Hebrew and Jewish history, and appealed for teachers of those subjects.

New Telephone Cable Between Israel And Europe Opened By Ambassador To France

PARIS, Nov. 13 (JTA)--A new telephone cable link between Israel and Europe was opened officially here yesterday when the Israeli Ambassador, Walter Eytan, placed the first call. The multi-axial cable was laid on the Mediterranean Sea bed by a French company. It replaces the former wire-less telephone connections which were often affected by atmospheric conditions and is expected to shorten the waiting period for communications and improve the quality of reception.

Israel Displays Aircraft-Producing Capability At Exhibition In Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 13 (JTA)--Israel's aviation industry was represented at the International Aeronautics and Space exhibition that opened here today. According to Col. Eliezer Lif, military attache of the Israel Embassy, the two small Israel-made aircraft on display indicated Israel's capabilities in the aviation field and opened Latin American markets to Israeli planes. He said the display had aroused considerable interest in Argentinian aeronautical circles.

Israel's Labor Minister Yosef Almogi paid an unscheduled visit to the pavilion shortly before his departure for New York. At a press conference earlier, he noted that Israel's agriculture was among the best in the world but said his country's industrial development needed to be accelerated but lacked raw materials. "There is no reason why we cannot produce the best of small airplanes," he said. Mr. Almogi also disclosed that 10,000 Arabs from the occupied territories were working in Israel at the same wages and conditions that applied to Israeli citizens. Moshe Yehuda, commercial counsellor at the Israel Embassy, said his country was trying to balance its negative trade exchange with Argentina. He said Israel hoped to export electronic and medical equipment to this country.

First Conference Of Latin American Organization In Israel Slated For January

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 13 (JTA)--The first conference of Latin American Jewish Organizations to be held in Israel will convene in Jerusalem from Jan. 27-31, 1969, it was announced here today. According to Michael Graiver, executive secretary for the parley, its purposes will be to stimulate Jewish immigration and tourism from Latin America to Israel and to increase Israeli exports to Latin American countries.

Mr. Graiver said that last year the rate of aliyah (immigration) from Latin America was only about 150 a month — a small number compared to other countries. He said that of 40,000 to 50,000 Latin American Jews who travel to Europe each year as tourists, only about 4,000 extend their journeys to Israel. He also noted that Israel's exports to Latin America during the first six months of 1968 amounted to only \$3.5 million against imports of \$8 million.

In Buenos Aires, Joseph Klarman, head of the Jewish Agency's Youth Aliyah Department, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had instructed the department's representative in Vienna to offer to children and young refugees from Czechoslovakia maximum assistance for emigration to Israel and their speedy absorption in Youth Aliyah institutions there. Dr. Klarman is currently visiting Latin American centers.

Colin Jordan, Leader Of British Nazi Movement, Assaulted Distributing Pamphlets

LONDON, Nov. 13 (JTA)--Colin Jordan, leader of the British Nazi movement, was badly beaten up in Birmingham by 30 men while he was distributing leaflets on a street. One arrest was made. Jordan, though bloodied by punches and kicks, refused hospital treatment and returned to his hotel for a meeting to discuss the formation of a new nationalist political party.

CJFWF President Says Jewish Community Must Contribute Toward Easing Urban Crisis

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 13 (JTA)--The president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds told an institute on the "urban crisis and the Jewish community" here today that it was the duty of the organized Jewish community to help create and activate effective organized approaches, such as urban coalitions, to ameliorate the crisis in American cities.

The institute, addressed by Louis J. Fox, of Baltimore, was held as part of the CJFWF's 37th general assembly which opens tomorrow. The parley will be attended by 1,500 delegates and observers from federations and welfare funds throughout the United States and Canada. Saul F. Shapira, of Pittsburgh, is chairman of the institute for the larger cities. Louis D. Cole, of Louisville, heads the sessions attended by delegates from intermediate-size cities. Mr. Fox said that "with our American cities so deeply concerned and troubled by the problems of our urban scene...we must participate in leadership to help attain the necessary Federal, state and local legislation and government funding for priority programs for the inner cities of our urban communities." He added that "through the demonstration programs of our own agencies, we must use our unique and special experiences, insights and skills to pioneer in the solution of our urban problems."

Reports submitted to the institute from 39 communities revealed a wide and varied Jewish community participation in urban work projects. These included financial support for projects, provision of buildings and personnel, organization of training programs, and the establishment of scholarships for underprivileged as well as participation in urban housing developments. The Jewish role in the urban crisis will be one of the major issues to be considered by the general assembly which will continue through Sunday.

Sirhan's Father Says U.S. Politicians' Pro-Israel Views Will Generate Plots

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13 (JTA)--The father of Sirhan Sirhan, the accused assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, has warned that "there will be no shortage of plotters" as long as American political leaders continue to express pro-Israel sentiments, the Jerusalem Post reported today. The Post published an interview with Bishara Sirhan, a resident of the West Bank, who just returned to his village from a tour of Arab countries. The elder Sirhan told a reporter that he got "only promises" but no funds sufficient to enable him to travel to the United States for his son's trial. His remark on "plotters" was apparently a reference to the three Yemeni Arabs arrested in New York last week for allegedly conspiring to assassinate President-elect Richard M. Nixon.

(A Brooklyn Grand Jury today indicted the Yemenis on four counts each in connection with an alleged plot. Indicted were Ahmed Namer, 43, his son, Hussein, 20, both naturalized American citizens, and another son, Abdo, 18, a citizen of Yemen. If convicted, each faces maximum prison sentences of 24 years for conspiracy to murder, criminal solicitation and possession of dangerous weapons. The jury acted following two days of testimony from witnesses presented by the Kings County District Attorney's office. The Namers were arrested by police last Saturday on a tip from a fourth Yemeni, as yet unidentified, who said he was offered a "large sum" by the Namers to participate in a murder plot. A possible link between the alleged plot and the assassination of Sen. Kennedy in Los Angeles last June for which Sirhan Sirhan, a Jordanian, has been indicted, is under investigation by Federal authorities.)

Riad Appeals To Nixon To Keep 'Zionist Influence' Out

JERUSALEM, Nov. 13 (JTA)--Foreign Minister Mahmoud Riad of Egypt appeared on nationwide Egyptian television yesterday and appealed to Mr. Nixon to rid the United States Administration of "great Zionist influence" which, he said, has characterized recent Administrations.

"We hope the Nixon Administration will oppose this influence and make efforts toward peace by applying pressure on Israel to withdraw" from territories occupied during the Six-Day War, Mr. Riad said. He also remarked that if the U.S. sold Israel the Phantom jets it is seeking, such action would hurt the peace efforts of United Nations intermediary Dr. Gunnar V. Jarring.

Earliest Known Written Work Of Jewish Music Heard Here For First Time

NEW YORK, Nov. 13 (JTA)--Dr. Israel Adler of Jerusalem, Jewish music authority, gave a performance this week of the earliest known written work of Jewish music. The 800-year-old selection was heard in public here for the first time. The 12th Century manuscript, found in the Geniza archives of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Conservative) here, has been identified as the work of Obadiah the Norman, a former priest who converted to Judaism circa 1102. Obadiah, believed to have been an authority on church music, travelled to the Orient and spent his life among Jews after his conversion. Dr. Adler, who studied the fragment after its discovery in the Geniza, says that the manuscript not only helps understand Jewish liturgical tradition, but serves as a key to its relationship with church music, particularly the Gregorian plain-song. Dr. Adler is head of the music department and national sound archives of the Jewish National and University Library in Israel, and is director of the Jewish Music Research Center at Hebrew University.

Menahem Romano Dead At 87, Last Surviving Yugoslavian Pre-War Rabbi

BELGRADE, Nov. 13 (JTA)--Representatives of all sections of Yugoslavian Jewry and emissaries from non-Jewish groups attended funeral services in Sarajevo for Rabbi Menahem Romano, the last survivor of Yugoslavia's pre-war rabbis, who died there at the age of 87. Rabbi Romano, popular as a teacher as well as a spiritual leader, was born in Sarajevo and was educated at the rabbinical college there. He was the author of a Yom Kippur prayerbook with commentary and of other religious and liturgical works. Rabbi Josef Schweizer of Hungary officiated at the funeral services.