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CLOSING OF DAY-JEWISH JOURNAL EVOKES SHOCK, DISMAY FROM MANY

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (JTA)--Jewish newsmen and community leaders, voicing shock and dismay, tried to shed some light today on the permanent darkening last night of the Day-Jewish Journal. One of only two surviving general-circulation Yiddish-language dailies in the nation, it ceased publication as of yesterday's issue after 57 years in business, the first 39 as simply the Day.

The final issue, dated Dec. 28, did not indicate the paper's impending demise. Although plates were in place for today's issue, it never appeared, and the "Tag's" own readers were suddenly deprived of their morning reading without notice. But even by today it was unclear just how unexpected the Tag's closing was.

According to city editor Philip Sandler--in comments echoed by other staff personnel--the closing "came suddenly, without explanations." B.Z. Goldberg, a Tag columnist for 50 years, was quoted as saying: "Only yesterday (Monday) the publishers were consulting me about putting more features in the paper. A newspaper that is going to fold just doesn't make plans like that."

Philip Slomovitz, editor and publisher of the Jewish News in Detroit, said the Tag's closing was not expected for at least another 10 years. The "tragic" development, he said, means that "the demise of Yiddish, which we deplored for many years, has reached a deplorable but hopefully not final stage." (See Page 4 for Special Analysis.)

Paul Novick, editor-in-chief of the Morning Freiheit, the Communist-oriented Yiddish daily here, called the decision "very sudden and unexpected." Neal Kozodoy, executive director of the magazine Commentary, published by the American Jewish Committee, voiced "shock" at the news.

Handwriting On The Wall

On the other hand, I. Kaufman, public relations chief for the Newspaper Guild of New York, said he was "sure" the paper's personnel had known what was coming. He recalled that a year or two ago, when publisher Arthur L. Jacobs' father-in-law died, Jacobs "gave the impression" that he wanted out. (Because of reported financial difficulties at the Tag, which had a weekly payroll of \$18,000, Jacobs and the other two officers have waived their salaries for the past seven years.)

Even blunter was a very knowledgeable source who declined to be named. He told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency: "I knew the handwriting was on the wall six months ago. There was not anyone there who didn't know it would happen. They didn't want to know." As for the future of the Tag's 110 employees, the source said "Everything is up in the air." (The guild represents only the 25 clerical personnel. Kaufman said he foresaw no difficulties in obtaining their severance pay, but commented: "We're not cheering.")

Jacobs was quoted as attributing his paper's demise to increased labor costs and to reduced revenues despite the paper's achievement of being "all things to all men"--Orthodox Jews, Conservative Jews, even radicals. But Novick saw that status as, in fact, the cause of death. "They didn't have any principled basis," he told the JTA.

"Their editorials, in spite of their columnists, were for the Indochina war," Novick said. "There is a time when chickens come to roost." The Tag's closing was "unfortunate, of course," Novick stated. (The Tag's circulation at its death was down to around 40,000; the Freiheit's is around 7-8,000.) Freiheit city editor Chaim Suller cited the Tag's "racism" and "support of the Nixon war policy" as a cause for its dwindling readership.

Will Be Greatly Missed

Gershon Jacobson, a Tag editor, rejected these charges. He said that his paper never espoused a pro-Vietnam war policy in its editorials. He attributed the Tag's closing to "the unions--especially the mechanical unions--strangling the paper with their constant demands." Union power, he asserted, was the reason for the suddenness of the close-down--if an announcement had been scheduled for publication this morning, union personnel would have acted to prevent distribution of copies of the paper. Jacobson added that in phone calls to him this morning from long-time readers, "people were crying" and offering to contribute money to keep the paper alive.

Philip E. Hoffman, president of the AJ Committee, said of the Day: "Its highly competent reporting, lively and informative columns and dedication to the welfare of Jews in the United States and around the world will be greatly missed. More importantly, it represented a link with Yiddish culture, a tradition that has bound Jews together for centuries and that now is more in danger of extinction than before."

Seymour Graubard, national chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said it was "particularly disappointing that the paper has ceased publication on the eve of what appears to be a renaissance of Jewish cultural identification among young people, including the revival of Yiddish-language studies." Commentary's Kozodoy reflected the feelings of many in one sentence: "As each such institution goes under, we are all that much the poorer."

WZO EXECUTIVE SAYS DECISION TO CANCEL GOLDMANN APPEARANCE PERTAINS ONLY TO FESTIVE SESSION

Jewish Agency Not Involved in Decision

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29 (JTA)--The World Zionist Organization Executive announced today that the decision last Friday to cancel Dr. Nahum Goldmann's appearance at the forthcoming Zionist Congress pertains only to the festive session on 75 years of Zionism. Dr. Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, was to have been the only speaker at the session. The Zionist Executive announcement followed criticism in the press and from various quarters.

The statement today said that there was no intention of denying Dr. Goldmann or any other Zionist personality the right to participate in or address any session of the plenary or committee of the Congress. It stated that the decision to withdraw the invitation was taken as a result of Dr. Goldmann's statement on Soviet Jewry on Dec. 19 before the Board of Deputies of British Jews. The Executive's announcement added that in view of his statement there he could not be the only speaker in

an evening devoted to the evaluation of the Zionist movement's history.

In the previous news stories regarding the withdrawal of the invitation, it had been reported that the decision was made by the Jewish Agency. This was incorrect. The decision had been taken by a vote of 7-2 with one abstention by the WZO Executive.

**REPORT ATTEMPTS BEING MADE TO
REVIVE INTEREST IN BIRO BIDJAN**
Jews Being Enticed To Move There

LONDON, Dec. 29 (JTA)--Jewish sources in the Soviet Union reported today that attempts are being made to revive interest in Biro Bidjan, a province in eastern Siberia which was declared an autonomous Jewish Republic during the 1920s. Very few Jews still live there and there are rumors that Moscow will soon proclaim the province a Soviet Republic, the sources said.

Soviet newspapers have recently published advertisements for doctors, engineers, building foremen and other professionals and skilled workmen to settle in Biro Bidjan, promising them comfortable homes and very good living conditions by Soviet standards. The authorities are also still attempting to persuade Jews to settle in Biro Bidjan.

According to the sources, a Minsk Jew was recently urged by a high official of the Byelo-Russian Ministry of Interior named Kustevitzki, to settle in Biro Bidjan. The official reportedly said he would be living in the "future homeland of the Jews" and would enjoy "a Jewish cultural atmosphere." The Minsk Jew, not identified by name, has since gone to Israel.

Jews Shun Bid

The growing interest in Hebrew studies in the USSR is a further indication that few Jews have any desire to settle in Biro Bidjan. According to Jewish sources, two ulpanim--intensive Hebrew language courses--have recently been established in Leningrad by a teacher identified only as David. The teacher advertised openly for students and five registered the very day his first handbills were displayed.

Within a few days, 50 students were enrolled, the sources reported. They also reported that protests from the 300 Jewish families in Husat, a town near Kiev, forced local authorities to abandon their plans to close the town's only synagogue. But the beautiful Ushogov synagogue near Kiev was closed and converted to headquarters of the local orchestra.

**FATHER OF IMPRISONED SOVIET JEW
FIRED FROM JOB WITHOUT ANY REASON**

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (JTA)--The National Conference on Soviet Jewry has learned that Moisey Goldfeld, father of Anatoly Goldfeld, an imprisoned Jewish activist, has been fired from his job without any reason given. Moisey Goldfeld, who is 62 years old, was fired two years before his retirement age.

Anatoly Goldfeld, a 25-year-old Leningrad engineer, and a bachelor, was arrested June 15, 1970 for alleged "anti-Soviet" activities. He was convicted in the Kishinev trial of June 21, 1971 and sentenced to four years in prison.

In relaying the news, Richard Maass, chairman of the NCSJ, commented that "the fact that the father has been fired seems to be another instance in the continuing Soviet policy of harassing all those involved in Jewish activism. Obviously, this is a case of a father paying for his son's activities."

**DEMONSTRATION AGAINST SALE OF
LAND TO GERMAN MISSIONARY GROUP**

TEL AVIV, Dec. 29 (JTA)--Demonstrators pro-

tested angrily in the streets of Zichron Yaacov last night against the sale of land there and in adjoining towns to a German missionary group. The group purchased 15 acres in Zichron Yaacov proper, one of the earliest Jewish settlements in Palestine supported by Baron Rothschild and now one of Israel's main convalescent centers. They also bought 25 acres in Binyamina, another of the early Rothschild settlements, and a vineyard in the nearby village of Givat Ada. The missionaries have acquired a three-story building in Haifa as well.

The demonstrators, led by a local rabbi and Knesset member Ben Zion Koshet, rallied against the property owners who sold to the Germans because they were "blinded" by the high price offered. They carried posters reading, "Do Not Sell Your Land to Germans. Remember the Holocaust." But local authorities said the transactions were perfectly legal and the transfer of ownership cannot be prevented.

**SAPIR: EXTRA \$200M MUST BE RAISED TO
FINANCE ANTICIPATED 1972 EMIGRATION**
10,000 Expected From U.S.

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29 (JTA)--Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said last night that an extra \$200 million must be raised in Israel and abroad next year to finance an anticipated increase in immigration during 1972. Sapir told the Knesset Finance Committee that half the sum will have to come from overseas Jewry and the remainder will be raised here by a public committee headed by Mark Mosevics, president of the Israel Manufacturers Association.

Gen. Uzi Narkiss, head of the Jewish Agency's immigration department said at a press conference in Haifa last night that at least 10,000 immigrants are expected from the US next year compared to 9,700 this year, and 6,000 from South America compared to 5,000 in 1971.

He expressed concern that potential immigration from the US might be curtailed because of the unexpectedly heavy influx of emigres from the Soviet Union. More than 12,000 Jews from the USSR arrived in Israel this year. Narkiss said about one-third of them are from the Soviet Georgian Republic. He said there were no employment problems at present but warned that problems might arise in another year and urged long-range job planning at once.

**DR. NEUMANN HONORED FOR 25 YEARS ON
WZO EXECUTIVE: PLANS RETIREMENT
FROM AMERICAN SECTION**

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (JTA)--Dr. Emanuel Neumann, veteran American Zionist leader, was honored tonight at a dinner marking the conclusion of his 25th year as member of the Executive of the WZO and the Jewish Agency for Israel. It also marks his planned retirement from that office. The dinner was attended by 100 Jewish leaders, representing all aspects of Jewish communal life.

Dr. Neumann has been an active Zionist for over fifty years since his youthful days when he was a founder of Young Judea. He is the founder of the Theodor Herzl Institute, the Herzl Press and the monthly Midstream. One of his most conspicuous services to Zionism was rendered in the fall of 1947, when he took an active part in the presentation of the Jewish case before the United Nations at Lake Success.

As a member of the Jewish Agency Delegation to the United Nations, he negotiated with representatives of governments and helped to bring about

the adoption of the resolution on the partition of Palestine on November 29, 1947. In the course of his long and varied career as a Zionist, Dr. Neumann organized the Palestine Foundation Fund (Keren Hayesod) and served as its first national director.

He also launched the United Palestine Appeal in 1925 and later served as president of the Jewish National Fund. Since 1957, he has headed the World Union of General Zionists. Now an honorary president of the Zionist Organization of America, he was its president in 1947-48 and from 1956 to 1958. He has been the motivating force behind the publication this year of the two volume Encyclopedia of Zionism and Israel.

JEWISH GROUPS TO CHALLENGE IN COURTS CITY'S ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (JTA)--One hundred and two representatives from 21 Jewish community groups and grass roots organizations met behind closed doors Monday night and adopted a resolution to challenge in the courts "the clearly discriminatory manner in which the city's anti-poverty programs now function," it was learned today.

They also adopted resolutions calling upon the organized Jewish community groups to allocate a minimum of \$100,000 to be used to strengthen existing grass roots organizations; to organize new local and city-wide grass roots organizations; and to elect a 10-man Ad Hoc Committee to oversee these activities--five members to represent the "grass roots" and five to represent the organized Jewish community.

It was learned that the four-hour meeting, which was convened by the Subcommittee on the Inner City of the Ad Hoc Leadership Committee of the New York Jewish Organizations, was stormy at times. Representatives clashed over the best means of obtaining greater federal funding to meet the needs of the city's Jewish poor in areas concerning the aged, child care, family assistance and manpower training.

Before the introduction of the resolutions and debates which followed before they took final form, the discussion reportedly centered on how the Jewish community could regain its once powerful "political clout." Speakers emphasized that it was "Incumbent upon community leaders" to impress upon the city's Jewish political leaders to bring pressure on the Mayor John V. Lindsay in getting a fair share of Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) money for the Jewish poor.

Warn Anti-Semitism Growing

It was also learned that a representative from the South Bronx declared the Jewish community there had written asking for Jewish representation on the Morrisians Poverty Council and warned, "If we receive no answer, we will move in and take over. This is what Mayor Lindsay has taught us--the use of power. If we speak softly, nothing will happen."

Other speakers, it was learned, warned of a growing anti-Semitism and noted that it was an "arbitrary" policy decision that established the existing poverty areas and programs that keep a fair share of poverty money from the Jewish poor. Speakers asserted that this situation can be changed by an "administrative decision" of Mayor Lindsay.

According to reports, several speakers urged that Jewish leaders and organizations "reorder" their priorities and let "Jewish concepts" come first, before worrying about general community problems. There were calls for the "restructuring" of Jewish agencies and settlement houses which "no longer serve the needs of the Jewish poor."

The Ad Hoc Leadership Committee's subcommittee comprises the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Association of Jewish Poverty Workers, Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, Jewish Labor Committee, New York Board of Rabbis and the Jewish Community Relations Council.

REDUCTION IN FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO NEW IMMIGRANTS APPROVED

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29 (JTA)--A reduction in the financial incentives offered new immigrants was approved yesterday by a ministerial economic committee. Affected are mortgage loans for housing and duty exemptions on imported cars and personal effects. The measures were recommended by a committee headed by Avraham Agmon, director general of the Treasury, and were endorsed by the joint absorption authority composed of representatives of the government and the Jewish Agency.

Beginning July 1, 1972, interest on mortgage loans will be raised from 7.9 to 9 percent though the amount of loans remains unchanged--up to \$11,940 in Jerusalem and \$9,440 elsewhere. The 20 year amortization period also remains unchanged.

The rules for importing household goods will be changed. Newcomers will be permitted to import goods duty free only from their country of origin or, alternatively, to buy Israel-made goods locally with the right to a tax refund.

Until now, personal items could be imported duty free from any country. A ceiling for tax exemption on imported cars has been based on the price of a Swedish-made Volvo 2000 c.c. car. An immigrant will be allowed a \$540 tax rebate on a tax of \$619. The exemption will not exceed that amount on larger more expensive cars. The new rules for cars go into effect July 1 and for household goods on April 1.

SADAT'S SPEECH SEEN AS INDICATION THAT MAJOR FIGHTING NOT IMMINENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (JTA)--The State Department declined to comment today on the speech yesterday of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to a joint session of the Egyptian parliament and the Central Committee of the Arab Socialist Union in Cairo yesterday. Department spokesman Charles Bray observed that Sadat spoke at a "secret session" and said, "All we have is an unofficial account."

Observers here believe that the cease-fire will remain in effect for the time being but that a wary eye should be kept on the possibility of renewed shooting along the Suez Canal in view of the lack of explicit statements from Cairo that Egypt will actually engage in continued negotiations either for an interim Suez agreement with Israel or an overall settlement under the aegis of United Nations mediator Gunnar V. Jarring.

SIX U.S. TOURISTS RESCUED FROM FLASH FLOODS IN NEGEV REGION

TEL AVIV, Dec. 29 (JTA)--Israeli police rescued six American tourists yesterday from flash floods in the usually parched Negev region south of the Dead Sea. A family of five named Levin was pulled to safety when their car was washed away by flood waters pouring down what had been a dry river bed only minutes before. Another American, identified as Richard Jenks, was rescued by helicopter and taken to Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem after he was found exhausted at the water's edge near Nahal Yeelim in the Solom area.

SPECIAL JTA ANALYSIS**DEMISE OF DAY-JEWISH JOURNAL
TRAGEDY FOR U.S. WORLD JEWRY**

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It was expected 10 years hence. At the moment, the end of the Day-Jewish Journal (Tag-Morgen Zhurnal) is the most sensational and, at the same time, the most tragic story that unfolds for American and World Jewry in this decade. For 70 years the Yiddish newspaper has been the most important Americanizing force in the country. At the same time it was the major factor in assuring solidarity in Jewish ranks in providing relief for war sufferers in World War I, in seeking havens for Jews in World War II and in striving for the protection of Israel. It has been a factor in the battle against prejudice generally and in exposing anti-Semitism.

With the Forward as the only remaining major Yiddish daily in this country--except for the Freiheit, whose smallness in size and circulation is due to its Communist affiliation--the demise of Yiddish, which we deplored for many years, has reached a deplorable but hopefully not final stage. In 1914, when the Jewish population in this country--2.4 million--was much less than half the present US population, there were 10 Yiddish dailies. Their total audited circulation as recorded in 1914 in Editor and Publisher was 762,910.

Yiddish Press Played Vital Role

Now, with the passing of the Day-Jewish Journal, the number of Yiddish-reading families for all of the United States will probably be around 50,000. This is a tragedy because the Yiddish language, which was spoken by many millions in the love for which Maurice Samuel, Leo Rosten and many others recently have written nostalgically, is losing one of its strongest organs. The Yiddish newspaper has been as much a literary reservoir as it was a newspaper. The names of some of the greatest Jewish writers have been linked with the Yiddish press--Chaim Zhitlovsky, Dr. Chaim Greenberg, Abraham Goldberg, Yehoash, Sholem Asch--scores of names so popular that they have become legends in many languages.

So important was the Yiddish newspaper that when William Randolph Hearst conducted an unsuccessful campaign for Governor of New York, he established a daily newspaper of his own in Yiddish. So vital was that press that when Louis Marshall, the then unquestioned leader of American Jewry, felt impelled to know the mind of the masses, he learned Yiddish to be able to read their newspapers. He was of the Yehudim, but he studied the language of the masses. And when Marshall desired to influence the masses, he established, together with Zvi Masliansky, a Yiddish daily of his own. It could not compete with the Forward, Wahrheit, Day-Jewish Journal and Tageblatt, but he made the attempt.

New Responsibilities For Weeklies

The decline of the Yiddish press places added responsibilities upon the English-Jewish press. The Jewish weeklies publishing in some 60 American cities in the English language now must assume even greater responsibility than they held in the past. They are the only community organs that can be read by parent and child, because the Yiddish-studying youth are so few--much fewer than the Hebrew-reading (and in spite of Israel even the latter strength is exaggerated--the publishers of Hadoar, the only Hebrew-language weekly in this

country, will attest to that).

If it were not for the services of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency the situation would have been much worse. The JTA for 40 years had a Yiddish department. With the death of the two members of the Yiddish staff, JTA was forced, two years ago, to abandon the Yiddish service, and the Yiddish newspapers found it necessary to do their own translating of the English transmissions into Yiddish. But the English-speaking communities had access to the news as compiled by JTA.

Now JTA, continuing the service with even greater zeal, and the English-Jewish press represent the main communications forces in this country. In the interest of well-functioning Jewish communities, it is vital that American Jewry give much greater support to both in the years ahead. They are the mainstays in the process of survival of Jewry as a great spiritual and cultural force.

**TWO RABBIS URGE WZO EXECUTIVE TO
RE-INSTATE INVITATION TO GOLDMANN**

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (JTA)--Two leaders of American Reform Jewry urged the WZO Executive today to re-instate its invitation to Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, to address the World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem next month. In a statement issued here Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president and Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler, vice-president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, declared:

"The muzzling of a speaker because of his proscribed views is a scandalous betrayal of values which are central to Judaism and democracy alike!" Dr. Goldmann's invitation to deliver an address at the festive session of the Congress was withdrawn last Friday because of the "circumstances" following his Dec. 19 remarks in London on Soviet Jews.

Rabbis Eisendrath and Schindler's statement noted that the WZO's "action is all the more puzzling because a careful reading of Dr. Goldmann's speech actually reveals his views to be in harmony with the consensus of world Jewry on the subject. He welcomed emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel, but added that our concern must extend also to those Jews who choose to remain behind, and we must struggle to secure their right to live as Jews in the Soviet Union. This is precisely what the Brussels Conference (last Feb.) resolved."

The statement added: "But even if Dr. Goldmann's views had gone beyond the consensus he does not deserve such short shrift by those who owe him so much. He is, after all, one of the greatest living champions of Jewish rights and of the Jewish people. To degrade Jewish loyalty into a party line is to corrupt those values of freedom and dignity which stand at the very core of the Jewish tradition, and which alone justify Jewish survival."

**DULZIN: VOICED PERSONAL VIEW ON
ABOLITION OF ABSORPTION MINISTRY**

JERUSALEM, Dec. 29 (JTA)--Leon Dulzin, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency, said today that he was expressing his personal view when he suggested last week that the Absorption Ministry be abolished because its work duplicated that of the Jewish Agency. He made the suggestion in connection with the government's economy drive which seeks to reduce the budgets of the various ministries.