

NEWS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

JEWISH NEWS BRIEFS

DETROIT (JTA) -- Max M. Fisher, general chairman of the nationwide United Jewish Appeal stated that early campaign results reported from nearly 100 communities showed that they had increased their 1965 results for both UJA and local Jewish needs by an average of 11 percent, as compared to 1964.

PHILADELPHIA, (JTA) -- The Philadelphia chapter of the American Jewish Committee reported that there was still "a notable absence of Jews from positions of important responsibility in major industrial corporations, business and financial institutions" in the Delaware Valley area, which includes this city.

WASHINGTON, (JTA) -- Jewish participation has been evident both in Selma, Ala., and on the Washington scene in developments ensuing from the crisis generated by the Negro voting registration issue. The Synagogue Council of America, representing rabbinical and lay Jewish organizations of the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform persuasions, petitioned President Johnson and Attorney General Katzenbach "to use the full authority of our Federal Government to safeguard the rights and freedom of our fellow citizens in the State of Alabama."

BONN, (JTA) -- State Secretary Karl-Gunther von Hase, official spokesman for the Bonn Government, expressed the Government's official "satisfaction" with the Israel Cabinet's decision to establish diplomatic relations with West Germany. He said Israel's purchasing mission, at Cologne, has notified the Government formally of the Cabinet's decision, adopted in Jerusalem.

NEW YORK, (JTA) -- The convening of an all-day National Zionist Planning Conference on Sunday, May 16, with the participation of delegates from all Zionist organizations in this country to formulate a program of unified action to strengthen Zionism's role in the future of the American Jewish community was announced in a joint statement by Dr. Max Nussbaum, chairman, and Nathaniel S. Rothernberg, chairman of the Administrative Committee of the American Zionist Council.

MOSCOW (JTA) -- A series of widely advertised events honoring the memory of Solomon Mikhoels, the Yiddish actor who was murdered in 1948, during the Stalin purges of Jewish intellectuals, was launched at the Bakhrushin Central Theatrical Museum, according to an announcement by Novosti, the Soviet news agency without mentioning that Mikhoels was a victim of Stalin's liquidation of Jewish writers and actors, Novosti linked the occasions merely to the observance of his 75th birthday. Novosti was born in 1890.

NEW YORK, (JTA) -- Paul H. Sampliner has been named chairman of the 1965 national campaign of the Anti-Defamation League Appeal, it was announced by Dore Schary, the League's national chairman. The League seeks \$4,584,000 this year to support its activities.

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- Israel's Parliament approved the offer by West Germany of full diplomatic relations. The vote was 66 for, 29 against and 10 abstentions. Voting against the motion were the members of Herut, Mapam and the Communist Party. The abstentions came from Ahdut Avoda and the Agudat Israel parties.

WASHINGTON, (JTA) -- The State Department today made a bold but unsuccessful attempt to prevent Senate action against the Arab boycott by blocking hearings on the Williams-Javits Bill. The anti-boycott bill's sponsors, Sen. Harrison Williams, New Jersey Democrat, and Sen. Jacob K. Javits, New York Republican, were asked by high State Department officials to abandon plans for hearings because President Nasser of Egypt might take offense at testimony on Arab boycott tactics.

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- Israeli quarters confirmed reports that engineers of the United States Atomic Energy Commission had inspected Israel's atomic reactor at Dimona. But the Israelis added that the Government has not promised to permit regular inspections of that facility and will, in the future, consider any such request on its merits. (The reports from Washington in the American press stated that the American AEC engineers found that Israelis using the reactor for peaceful purposes only.)

VIENNA, (JTA) -- Austria's Cabinet voted to amend the Criminal Code, providing that no statute of limitations would operate in this country in regard to arrest, prosecution and punishment for capital crimes. The amendment included specifically "all crimes committed by Nazis between 1938 and 1945," specifying that prosecution for such crimes may be begun any time in the future "without any time limitations."

BONN, (JTA) -- The opposition Social Democratic Party gave notice to the Bundestag, lower house of Parliament, that the legislation to extend the statute of limitations on prosecution of Nazi war criminals must be passed finally by the end of this week if the statute is to be extended beyond the present cut-off date of May 8.

CHINA JOE

BY STEVE HART



ARAB SPOKESMAN DIED A SUICIDE

WASHINGTON, (JTA) -- Dr. Garland Evans Hopkins, a Methodist minister who was a leading spokesman for the Arab cause in the United States and active in anti-Zionist groups died here in what police called a suicide. He was 51.

He was secretary general of the World Fellowship of Muslims and Christians. He had been executive vice-president of the American Friends of the Middle East and a leader of the "Citizens Committee on American Policy in the Near East," an anti-Zionist group.

He had been active in pro-Arab causes since the late 1940's when he opposed the partition of Palestine and advocated Arab statehood in opposition to Jewish national aspirations.

TRIED FOR MURDERING 10,000

VIENNA, (JTA) -- The former chief of the "Jewish Department" of Tarnopol, in Galicia, under the Nazi regime, went on trial for the murder of 10,000 Jews in the Lublin and Tarnopol districts in 1942 and 1943. The area was then Polish territory.

The defendant is Friedrich Lex, 63. According to the indictment, he personally murdered a number of Jews, and ordered the transport of many thousands of others to the Belzec death camp. Between April 1942 and June 1943, 43,400 Galician Jews were murdered by the Nazis, of whom 40,000 were from the Tarnopol district.

As the trial opened, Lex admitted to the court that he was present during mass shootings of Jews, but denied he had engaged "in personal activity" in those occurrences. The prosecutor told the court he expects to call 22

witnesses, including 12 from Israel. Only 30 persons were in the court room's visitors' gallery when the trial opened this morning.

HARRIMAN HAD A GOOD EFFECT

BONN, (JTA) -- A leader of Chancellor Ludwig Erhard's Christian Democratic Party said that the Harriman mission to help West Germany resolve its difficulties with Israel has had a good effect on Germans, although the United States has failed to take responsibility for providing effective leadership for Western policy in the Near East. Ernest Majonica, a foreign affairs expert of the party, told the American businessmen's club here, that German authorities hope that Mr. Harriman will succeed in persuading Israel to accept the termination of German arms shipments. He voiced hope that Mr. Harriman will manage to get Israel to agree to a substitute arrangement.

West Germany will sever all economic aid to Egypt because of the reception accorded by President Nasser of Egypt to the East German leader Walter Ulbricht, a spokesman for Chancellor Ludwig Erhard officially announced. The spokesman informed a news conference the Cabinet voted to carry out the action terminating the current aid programs.

In Washington, Reiner Barzel, floor leader of the Christian Democratic Union in the West German Bundestag, discussed German relations with Israel and Egypt in a short meeting with President Johnson at the White House. After the 45-minute discussion, Mr. Barzel told newsmen that suspension of economic aid would not be the only response to Cairo's hospitality to East German leader Walter Ulbricht. He said, "Meanwhile we are interested in clearing up our somewhat beclouded relations with Israel, because of our obligations toward that country."

RED ENVOY SAYS MATZOHS

JERUSALEM, (JTA) -- A denial of a report that the Kiev synagogue had been refused permission to bake matzoh for the Passover holiday this month was made by Soviet Ambassador Dimitri Chavakhin to Chief Rabbi Isser Yehuda Unterman of Tel Aviv.

The envoy and the Chief Rabbi met during the ambassador's visit to the Heichal Shlomo, the religious center in Jerusalem. Rabbi Unterman said that the envoy had authorized him to say that the report was without foundation. Rabbi Unterman then asked the envoy, in view of his denial of the report, whether it was necessary to send matzoh to Kiev and that the envoy replied "Let them send if they like."

The meeting was reportedly a cordial one. However, when Rabbi Unterman raised questions about some aspects of Soviet Jewry's religious life, an issue widely discussed in the West, the Ambassador said this was a "purely internal matter."

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