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AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WARN GERMANS AGAINST DESECRATION OF JEWISH CEMETERIES

FRANKFURT, May 14. (JTA) -- American authorities in Bavaria this week-end made it clear to German officials that they must take more energetic measures to put an end to the desecration of Jewish cemeteries.

The U.S. Commissioner for Bavaria, Clarence M. Bolds, issued a statement condemning the desecrations. "Such molestations cause concern, since they are being reported far too frequently," he said. "I cannot over-emphasize the seriousness of such acts. Freedom-loving nations have reason to be on the alert against the revival of racial and religious hatred in Germany."

Commissioner Bolds urged the German authorities to redouble their efforts not only to apprehend the guilty persons, but also to take measures to protect the graves against future attacks. "Unless stringent steps are taken by the law enforcement agencies, Germany cannot hope to regain self-respect in the eyes of the world," Mr. Bolds said.

Meanwhile, the Jewish community here invited a group of foreign correspondents to visit the Frankfurt Jewish cemetery, which was recently desecrated, to see for themselves that the desecration was committed not by children, as the police claim, but by an organized group of adults. "If the desecrations continue, we shall request the Jews outside of Germany to transfer the bones of their brethren to places where they may rest in peace without being disturbed or threatened by so-called playing children," Chief Rabbi Dr. Wilhelm Weinberg told the correspondents.

"The Jews in Frankfurt have no confidence in the protection offered by the German authorities. We are now forced to appeal to international protection." He reported that 80 cemeteries were defaced in Western Germany in the last few years.

Four Vandals Arrested in Berlin Following Jewish Community Protests

In Berlin, four young Germans were arrested last night on charges of having desecrated graves in the Jewish cemetery at Weissensee, in the Soviet sector. Announcing the arrest, Mayor Friedrich Ebert of East Berlin told Jewish leaders that a watch had been instituted at the cemetery following a complaint last week by Jewish leaders that 16 tombstones had been knocked over by vandals.

In a letter to the Mayor last Thursday, the Jewish community of Berlin declared: "We expect the sharpest steps will be taken to track down the authors of this execrable act. Not only the Jewish community, but the entire people have a right to demand that such acts do not remain unavenged."

From Munich it was reported that two Germans responsible for the desecration of the Jewish cemetery in the town of Wuerzburg were arrested by Bavarian police.

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS IN BRITAIN TO MEET TO ACT ON ANTI-SEMITIC OVERBREAKS IN GERMANY

LONDON, May 14. (JTA) -- A special meeting of major Anglo-Jewish organizations will be held soon in Britain to publicize the current wave of anti-Semitic incidents in Germany, it was announced here today at a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

The meeting also decided to ask Dr. Hans Schlange-Schoeningen, newly-appointed West German consul-general in London, to publicly disassociate himself from anti-Semitism. In addition, Dr. Schlange will be asked to promise aid to Jews in Germany and to assist them in speeding up the restitution program.

Several speakers urged the Board to protest Dr. Schlange's appointment as an "act of treachery against the millions of Jews slaughtered during the Hitler regime." Dr. Abraham Cohen, president of the Board, opposed the move. He suggested that the "strongest steps" be taken if charges of anti-Semitism against the German consul are proven, but added that "reliable Jewish sources in Germany" had asserted that Dr. Schlange had disavowed his public anti-Jewish statements and had actually helped Jews during the Nazi regime.

The parley also adopted a resolution expressing gratification at the British Government's extension of de jure recognition to Israel, and the hope that this development would lead to a peaceful solution of the problems outstanding between Israel and the Arab states. However, the delegates also expressed concern at Britain's continuous arming of the Arab states, while it denied Israel the right to purchase arms here.

An extensive discussion was also held on recent developments in relation to the Mosleyite Union Movement.

AMBASSADOR ELATH NAMED MINISTER TO LONDON; EBAN REPORTED ELEVATED TO WASHINGTON POST

TEL AVIV, May 14. (JTA) -- Eliahu Elath, Israel Ambassador in Washington, has been named Minister to Britain, it was officially announced here last night. Ambassador Elath will succeed Dr. Mordecai Eliash who died last March.

(A report to this effect was published by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency last week. The JTA dispatch also said that it is expected that Aubrey S. Eban, Israel's permanent delegate to the United Nations, would also take over the Washington post in addition.)

IRAQ GOVERNMENT REPORTED TO HAVE GIVEN PERMISSION FOR 50,000 JEWS TO FLY TO ISRAEL

LONDON, May 14. (JTA) -- More than 50,000 Jews will be flown from Iraq to Israel in the greatest air migration in history, it was reported here today in a dispatch from Bagdad.

The dispatch said that more than 5,000 Jews have already received permission to leave. Unofficial sources believe that another 48,000 Jews have filed applications which are not yet processed. The report said that the Iraq Government had granted permission to fly the Jews out to an American charter company--Near East Transport.

A.D.L. REFUSES TO PERMIT DELIVERY OF SPEECH ON GERMANY BY ASSISTANT HIGH COMMISSIONER

CHICAGO, May 14. (JTA) -- The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith which is holding its annual meeting here today refused to permit the delivery of an address on Germany by Benjamin J. Battenwieser, Assistant U.S. High Commissioner for Germany, on the grounds that his speech was "apologia for the limited job that has been done to denazify Germany, and gives aid and encouragement" to "vicious elements in the new German nationalism."

Mr. Battenwieser flew from Germany to this country specially to deliver the speech. In a statement, the A.D.L. explained that after reading an advance copy of the speech--which it only received Friday--the 35-member national commission of the A.D.L. decided to refuse the organization's platform for the delivery of the speech. The A.D.L. statement reads:

"In the opinion of the officers of the Anti-Defamation League--an opinion based upon continued fact-gathering and study of Western Germany--the speech revealed content and proposals which can only be interpreted as an effort to justify the re-admission of former Nazis to positions of importance in the economic, political and educational life in Germany."

"The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith declares it wholeheartedly supports Mr. Battenwieser's stated thesis that we must help develop a democratic, anti-totalitarian Germany that will cooperate in maintaining peace and will be accepted back into, rather than remain an outcast from, the family of nations of the West.' We further agree completely with him that the major means toward accomplishing the objective is 'first, to promote the growth of democracy; second, to prevent the revival of Nazism; and third, to safeguard against the growth of Communism.' However, the general tenor of the speech, whose keynote is that 'Nazism in Germany...has been destroyed, never to rise again,' is apologia for the limited job that has been done to denazify Germany' and gives aid and encouragement to those vicious elements in the 'new German nationalism' which Mr. Battenwieser himself admits are re-emerging today."

"Under these circumstances, the anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith feels that such a message from Mr. Battenwieser at this time will render a major disservice to the cause of true denazification and democratization of Germany. The Anti-Defamation League, whose work in strengthening the fabric of American democracy has been a matter of public record for 37 years, cannot permit itself to be used for such a purpose, lest it be construed as an endorsement of such views. It would be a stultification of the efforts to strengthen those democratic elements within Germany--now more than ever in need of American support--who alone can make Germany an effective ally of the West."

"The Anti-Defamation League endorses the resolution introduced by eight U.S. Senators and eleven Congressmen calling for a Presidential Commission to investigate the status of the denazification program. Only by an impartial and fresh appraisal of what has been done and what remains to be done can our government plan the steps yet to be taken to eradicate Nazism, frustrate Communism, and to build a democratic Germany."

After being advised by the A.D.L. that he would not be permitted to address the convention, Mr. Battenwieser called a press conference at which he distributed copies of his address. After announcing the A.D.L.'s decision, he declared: "I stand by my speech."

Justice Meier Steinbrink was unanimously reelected to his fourth successive term as national chairman of the A.D.L. yesterday. Benjamin R. Epstein was renamed secretary and national director.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS INVESTIGATION OF U.S. POLICY IN GERMANY; HITS MCCLOY

NEW YORK, May 14. (JTA) -- A resolution endorsing motions now pending in both Houses of Congress for an investigation of conditions in Germany and of the failure of the denazification program was adopted here today at the conclusion of a two-day meeting of the national administrative committee of the American Jewish Congress. The parley was attended by 150 members representing A.J.C. groups throughout the country.

In presenting the resolution, Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Congress, scored American High Commissioner John J. McCloy's opposition to such an investigation. Rabbi Miller asserted that High Commissioner McCloy's subordinates in Germany favor an objective study.

Another resolution called on the State Department to "immediately go on record in support of those groups in the Arab states advocating peace negotiations with Israel." The meeting heard reports that former Egyptian Prime Minister Sidky Pasha, former Egyptian Foreign Minister Akhmed Luth Pasha and important business circles in Egypt have gone on record as favoring peace talks with Israel. A similar peace movement was reported from Lebanon. In its appeal to the State Department and to Secretary of State Dean Acheson the resolution also asked "that we exert our influence to the utmost to prevent any further shipments of arms, from Britain or elsewhere, to the Arab states."

Other resolutions adopted by the meeting included a request that the U.S. Government reverse its position and support the right of petition by non-governmental agencies to the U.N. in instances of violations of human rights. "To deny the right of petition to responsible non-governmental agencies and to individuals is not only inadequate, but perilous," the resolution said.

Dr. David Petegorsky, national executive director of the Congress, opening the quarterly meeting last night, charged that both the Democratic and Republican parties were "shadow-boxing on the F.E.P.C. Bill and making certain that no one except the American people were hurt in the process." Dr. Petegorsky asserted that "this annual performance is rapidly establishing itself as a worthy rival to the circus with its own tightrope walkers."

U.N. GROUP RECOMMENDS SEVEN-MEMBER FACT-FINDING BODY TO RECEIVE HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINTS

LAKE SUCCESS, May 14. (JTA) -- The United Nations Human Rights Commission this week-end voted to recommend the establishment of a seven-member fact-finding body to investigate all charges of violations of the proposed Covenant on Human Rights. Although the Commission decided that the investigating body should not be a direct U.N. group, it was agreed that its seven members would be nationals of states which ratify the covenant.

The inquiry commission will hear complaints of violations of the pact from states which have ratified the covenant. It decided not to consider pleas from individuals, non-governmental agencies or from non-ratifying nations. States accused of committing violations have three months to reply to the charges. Then, the inquiry committee would, if the matter were still unsettled, look into the facts and would use its good offices.

One of the major complaints against the implementation procedure is that it does not provide for direct United Nations action, since the fact-finding body will not be a U.N. group. The Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations, consisting of U.S., French and British groups, favors the appointment of a U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights to assist in implementing the covenant.

ISRAEL CITRUS INDUSTRY DECLINED IN PAST DECADE; PLANTINGS AND EXPORTS DROP OFF

TEL AVIV, May 14. (JTA) -- Israel's citrus industry--one of the most important in the country--has deteriorated to a point where it faces a 60 percent drop in the planting of groves as compared with ten years ago, it was revealed this week-end at a conference of the Israel's Farmers Federation.

Itzhak Rokach, one of the leading executives of the Federation, reported that while 300,000 dunams (75,000 acres) of land were planted in citrus groves a decade ago, only 130,000 dunams are planted today. He also revealed that only 4,500,000 cases of citrus fruits were exported from Israel this year as compared with 15,000,000 cases shipped ten years ago.

Various speakers pointed out that military obligations and other basic factors were responsible for the decline in the industry. However, they stated that there is a good demand abroad for Israel citrus products and urged the government to assist the Farmers Federation in its expansion efforts.

Replying to criticism of the government for its alleged failure to support the industry, Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan denied that the government discriminates against private farming. He said that the government is deeply concerned with every aspect of Israel's economy.

HISTADRUT EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDS WITHDRAWAL FROM WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS

TEL AVIV, May 14. (JTA) -- The executive of the Histadrut this week-end adopted a resolution recommending the withdrawal of the Israel trade union movement from the leftist World Federation of Trade Unions. In order to emphasize the Histadrut's neutrality, the resolution also recommended that the Histadrut should not affiliate with the rival labor body, the World Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

The resolution, introduced by Reuven Burstein of the Histadrut secretariat, was backed by the government Mapai Party and bitterly opposed by the left Socialist Mapam. It was carried by a vote of 26 to 16. Following the vote, the Mapam protested and announced it would carry the issue to the General Council of the Histadrut.

The Mapai resolution declared that the WFTU was no longer an inclusive union of the workers of the world. It described the two rival world federations as each being an instrument of one of the two principal factors in the cold war. It recommended for the Histadrut a policy of maintenance of "cordial relations" with all labor organizations regardless of their affiliations.

EGYPTIANS PURCHASE ROCKET FACTORY FROM GERMANY; BUY SMALL ARMS PLANT, OTHER EQUIPMENT

MARSEILLES, May 14. (JTA) -- The Egyptian Government has purchased in Germany a small rocket factory, a small arms plant and several other factories capable of being converted to war production, it was learned here this week-end. In addition, the Egyptians have made arrangements for German technicians to come to Egypt to set up and operate the plants.

Israel sources admit that the Jewish state is uneasy over the steady increase of Egyptian war potential through such purchases all over Europe.

SWISS CABINET DECIDES TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH JEWISH STATE

BERNE, Switzerland, May 14. (JTA) -- The Swiss Federal Council--the equivalent of the Cabinet--this week-end decided to establish diplomatic relations with the state of Israel.

ISRAEL DENIES LEBANESE RADIO REPORT THAT TROOPS CUSTODIARIES ARABS FROM LAND NEAR HEBRON

TEL AVIV, May 14. (JTA) -- An Israel military spokesman this week-end denied a report by the Beirut radio that heavily armed Israel troops using mortars drove 12,000 Arabs from some 55,000 acres of land which was ready for harvesting.

The Israel Government stated that Israel farmers in the Hebron area "extended the cultivation of land" inside Israel. The only untoward incident--which occurred on May 3, a day before the supposed military operation--was the routine arrest of three Arabs apprehended by an Israel patrol while attempting to infiltrate from Transjordan territory. The spokesman pointed out that Transjordan, which occupies the area near which the operation allegedly took place, made no protest.

8,000 AT SECOND MADISON SQUARE GARDEN MEETING IN WEEK CELEBRATE ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE

NEW YORK, May 14. (JTA) -- Some 8,000 persons last night attended the second mass meeting held at Madison Square Garden in the past week to celebrate the second anniversary of Israel's independence. The meeting was sponsored by the Israel Anniversary Committee in cooperation with the Palestine Pioneers Foundation, League for National Labor in Israel, Tel Hai Fund, American Committee for National Child Centers in Israel, Brith Trumpeldor of America and United Zionists-Revisionists.

Vice-President Alben W. Barkley, featured speaker, hailed the economic advances of the Jewish state during the past two years. Asserting that the existence of the free state of Israel is necessary not only for the maintenance of peace in the Middle East but in the whole world, the Vice-President said it was the duty of all nations and peoples to support the Jewish state.

Sen. Irving M. Ives of New York scored the British Government for arming the Arab states. If England does not change her policy, he said, the U.S. must help Israel defend itself.

AMERICAN BOWLING CONGRESS ENDS BIAS RULE; MAJOR JEWISH GROUPS Fought BAN

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 14. (JTA) -- The American Bowling Congress this week-end voted to erase from its books a 34-year-old rule limiting membership to white males. Earlier, major Jewish national organizations affiliated with the National Community Relations Advisory Council addressed an appeal to the bowling congress asking for the elimination of the ban. The signatories of the appeal included the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans and the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

BERNARD BARUCH AWARDED GOTTHEIL MEDAL BY ZETA BETA TAU FRATERNITY

NEW YORK, May 14. (JTA) -- Elder statesman Bernard M. Baruch received the Gottheil Medal of the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity here this week-end. The award is made each year to the American who has "done the most for Jewry during the year." Baruch is an alumnus of the fraternity.