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BRITISH AND U.S. OFFICERS DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST; SOVIET OCCUPATION IN TIME OF WAR FEARED

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Senior British and American officers in the Mediterranean area have been discussing the Middle East as a soft spot in the defenses of the anti-Communist alliance, it is reported today in the New York Times in a cable from its London correspondent, Clifton Daniel.

The correspondent says that in the event of a war, a successful thrust by the Russians' southern-front armies might overrun the Middle East. "For the moment," the correspondent says, "the Western powers and the countries of the Middle East must rely on hope because their military resources are slender." He asserts that "between Ankara and Karachi there is not a single government that is both stable and strong--not even Israel, which is energetic and progressive but still economically insecure."

MAPAM GROUPS DEFINE THEIR STAND TOWARD RUSSIA; ATTACK COMMUNIST PARTY OF ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Three factions within the left-wing Socialist Mapam Party today issued program manifestos in advance of the forthcoming intra-party elections. All three groups attacked the Communist Party of Israel.

The largest group within the party--Hashomer Hatzair--called for continuation of the struggle to achieve recognition by the "international revolutionary camp" of the Zionist solution of the Jewish problem. The Hashomer Hatzair, which attacked the local Communists' "infiltration" of the Mapam, also called for a merger on an international scale with the "camp led by the Soviet Union."

The Achdut Avoda, second largest group in the party, insists in its election program that Jewish socialism can be attained only through "gathering in the exiles" as long as the "Jewish national future cannot be solved within the borders of the socialist countries." This faction's program rejects a merger with the "international revolutionary camp" but pledges "loyalty" to it and asserts its complete neutrality even in a major international conflict.

The left Poale Zion asserts that concessions by the Mapam on ideological and political principles of the party will not "speed recognition by the revolutionary camp, but would, on the contrary, destroy forever the chances of recognition of political Zionism." The program of this faction does not clearly state whether it is neutral to the Eastern Bloc or whether it identifies itself with it.

RELIGIOUS BLOC IN ISRAEL REJECTS GOVERNMENT PLAN ON EDUCATION IN IMMIGRANT CAMPS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Religious Bloc today adopted a resolution stressing that all the Orthodox parties in Israel will carry on a fight against the government's education policy. They rejected a plan offered by the Israel Government which recommended that religious education be given to all Yemenite children in the camps without their having to register for it. Religious education for other children, however, will be given only if they register for it.

GENERAL LOCKOUT IN ISRAEL'S METAL INDUSTRY CLOSSES 260 PLANTS; CAUSES \$100,000 DAILY LOSS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- A general lockout in the metal industry, causing a daily loss of more than \$100,000, is keeping 260 plants throughout Israel closed since Friday when negotiations between manufacturers and labor in a wage dispute broke down. The plants employ about 8,000 workers.

Previously, a lockout of 10 plants directly affected by the strike had left 1,500 men unemployed as the government sought to mediate. The manufacturers had warned that they would close the plants at midnight Friday unless the labor unions agreed to government proposals to avert stoppage of production. A government fact-finding commission is now at work.

A spokesman for the plant-owners said today that Minister of Trade and Industry Jack Geri would not approve wage increases before having the findings of this commission. A Histadrut spokesman denounced the manufacturers for rejecting "most liberal proposals."

LONDON JEWISH LEADER WARNS BRITAIN AGAINST GRANTING AMNESTY TO NAZI WAR CRIMINALS

LONDON, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The British Government was called on today to disassociate itself from the statement by its High Commissioner in Germany, Ivone Kirkpatrick, announcing willingness to reconsider all war crimes cases "in view of the changed circumstances" following the clemency extended by American authorities to convicted war criminals.

Rowland Landman, chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Anglo-Jewish Association, told its council today in view of the repeated disclaimers by the present rulers of Germany of responsibility for the Hitler crimes, "whatever we may think about the question of (German) collective guilt, we must grow very suspicious if new attempts are being made to whitewash, not the German people as such, but the very people who committed these unspeakable atrocities. By clamoring for amnesty and the commutation of sentences against individual war criminals, the Germans show a solidarity with these criminals which bodes ill for the future," he declared.

MRS. WARBURG MAKES LARGEST INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$650,000 TO UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal announced the receipt of a special gift of \$500,000 from Mrs. Felix M. Warburg which has been made by her in addition to her regular annual contribution of \$150,000. This special gift was made by Mrs. Warburg to mark her 75th birthday--which fell yesterday--and also the 80th birthday of her late husband which was on January 14.

The total \$650,000 contribution was made through the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York. While larger group gifts have been made to the U.J.A., notably by the Rosenwald family, Mrs. Warburg's contribution is the largest individual gift ever received by the United Jewish Appeal.

In a letter which accompanied her gift, Mrs. Warburg indicated that she was making it because of the urgent need for philanthropic funds to help large numbers of recent immigrants in Israel to leave reception camps there and to integrate them quickly into the life of the country. She expressed the wish that her gift be used to provide both housing and educational facilities for the immigrants.

In making her contribution, Mrs. Warburg said she felt her gift could be "of practical help to the people of Israel who are making a real contribution to democracy in these critical times by continuing to share their freedom with thousands of immigrants from places of oppression."

TRUMAN PLEADS FOR RELIGIOUS UNITY; DEDICATES CHAPEL BUILT BY AMERICANS OF ALL FAITHS

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- A plea for religious unity in the United States was voiced by President Truman in dedicating a memorial chapel here yesterday to four World War II chaplains who gave their lives to save American soldiers in the sinking of the troopship Dorchester on February 3, 1943. One of the perished chaplains was Jewish. The President made a special trip from Washington to be present at the ceremony. He was accompanied by Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall and the Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Mr. Truman stressed the diversity of the denominations of the four chaplains. He said they symbolize the many people who sought refuge in this country in search of religious freedom and consequently symbolize also the unity of this country.

The chapel which the President dedicated, has three altars mounted on a turntable for Catholic, Protestant or Jewish services, as the occasion may require. It has a mural of the sinking of the troopship where the four chaplains--two of them Protestant ministers, one a Roman Catholic priest and one a rabbi--went to their deaths when the ship was torpedoed off Greenland and they gave their life belts to others because there were not enough to go around.

The four chaplains were: Rev. Clark Poling, of Schenectady, N.Y., the Rev. George L. Fox, of Sharon, Vt., both Protestant ministers; the Rev. John P. Washington, of Newark, N.J., a Catholic priest, and Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, of York, Pa. Nearly two years ago the Post Office Department issued a stamp commemorative of the deed of the chaplains.

Father of Perished Jewish Chaplain Reads Psalm in Hebrew

The father of Rabbi Goode, whose name is Rabbi H.S. Goodkowitz, of Mountainsville, Va., took part in the ceremony, reading in Hebrew the 96th Psalm. Relatives of the other three chaplains were also present at the ceremony in the chapel, for the construction and furnishing of which \$300,000 has been subscribed by more than 10,000 Americans of all faiths.

"The four chaplains in whose memory this shrine was built were not required to give their lives as they did," President Truman pointed out. "They gave their lives without being asked. When their ship was sinking, they handed out all the life preservers that were available and then took off their own and gave them away in order that four other men might be saved. Those four chaplains actually carried out the moral code which we are all supposed to live by. They obeyed the divine commandment that men should love one another. They really lived up to the moral standard that declares: 'Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.'"

"They were not afraid of death because they knew that the word of God is stronger than death. Their belief, their faith, in his word enabled them to conquer death. This is an old faith in our country. It is shared by all our churches and all our denominations. These four men represented the Protestant, the Catholic and the Jewish beliefs. Each of these beliefs teaches that obedience to God and love for one's fellow man are the greatest and strongest things in the world.

"We must never forget that this country was founded by men who came to these shores to worship God as they pleased. Catholics, Jews and Protestants, all came here for this great purpose. They did not come here to do as they pleased--but to worship God as they pleased, and that is an important distinction. The unity of our country comes from this fact. The unity of our country is a unity under God."

ONTARIO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT PLEDGES TO BAN RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The Ontario Provincial Government will introduce legislation assuring equality of employment without discrimination of race or religion, it pledged Friday in the speech from the throne read to the Provincial Legislature.

JEWISH AGENCY ESTABLISHES OFFICE IN NEW YORK TO ATTRACT DOCTORS AND NURSES TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The American section of the Jewish Agency today announced the establishment of an office here which will answer all inquiries concerning the opportunities available in Israel to doctors and nurses who want to settle there permanently or to work there for a limited period of time. The office was established as the result of Israel's urgent need for doctors and nurses.

MIAMI SETS EXAMPLE FOR PRE-CAMPAIGN BUDGETING FOR 1951; SETS QUOTA FOR U.J.A.

MIAMI, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The first pre-campaign budget formula for United Jewish Appeal participation in a local campaign for 1951 was established here. The United Jewish Appeal will receive 57.8 percent of the first million dollars raised above \$215,000, and local, national and overseas agencies, 42.8 percent. The next \$87,500 will go to local, national and overseas agencies and the balance of the campaign goal of \$1,470,570, will be divided in the same ratio as the first million dollars.

AMERICAN ORT FEDERATION ELECTS WILLIAM HABER AS PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The American ORT Federation today announced the election of Dr. William Haber, professor of economics at the University of Michigan, as president of the organization. He succeeds George Becker who served as president for the past 11 years. Dr. Haber was Special Advisor on Jewish Affairs to General Lucius D. Clay during his administration as Commander-in-Chief in the U.S. zone of Germany.

JEWISH LEADER IN CUBA DECORATED BY GOVERNMENT; HIS PATRIOTIC SERVICES APPRECIATED

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Adolfo Kates, local Jewish leader, was decorated by the government here with the Medal of the 100th Anniversary of the Cuban Flag. Mr. Kates is honorary president of the 1951 United Israel Campaign in Cuba. This is the second decoration bestowed upon him by the Cuban Government in appreciation of his services to the country.

S.M. Kaplan, political director of the Zionist Federation of Cuba and editor of the local Yiddish newspaper Havaner Leben, has been named delegate to the forthcoming World Zionist Congress which will take place next July in Jerusalem. He had the support of all existing Zionist groups in Cuba.

FIRST LATIN AMERICAN REFORM TEMPLE JOINS UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Rabbi Maurice W. Eisendrath, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, announced the affiliation with the Union of the first Liberal Jewish congregation in Latin America. Although three other affiliated congregations are located outside the territorial limits of the United States, Temple Beth Israel, of Havana, Cuba, is the first congregation in Latin America to join the national body of Liberal Judaism in the United States. The other three are all in Canada.

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