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U.S. WILL ASK ISRAEL TO JOIN NEAR EASTERN DEFENSIVE ALLIANCE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The United States Government will ask Israel to enter a defensive arrangement for the Near East, although this invitation might alienate Arab states which will also be asked to join, it was indicated in government circles here today.

Under such a defensive alliance, Israel would co-operate --under a British command--with the Arab states, Turkey and Greece to protect the Eastern Mediterranean, it was stated. Discussions to this effect apparently took place today in Tel Aviv between U.S. Ambassador Monnet B. Davis and Israel Premier David Ben Gurion.

The State Department seems determined to protect Israel's interest in whatever arrangements the Western Powers may reach with Egypt, which has been invited to become one of the founding members of a Near Eastern defense organization, it was learned here. This point of view was conveyed to the Israel Government by Ambassador Davis when he visited Israel's Foreign Office this week-end.

At the present moment, the United States and Britain entertain the hope that they will succeed in bringing Egypt and Israel into an agreement. Continued Egyptian intransigence would meet with stern measures from Washington, it is believed here. However, British circles are less confident of the possibility of bringing Egypt and Israel together, although it is understood here that the British Minister in Tel Aviv indicated that Britain is prepared to make strong efforts to bring about an Arab-Israeli peace.

U.S. Ambassador Discusses Defense Situation with Ben Gurion

TEL AVIV, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion and American Ambassador Monnet B. Davis met here today at the Premier's residence to discuss the Middle East Defense situation, it was officially announced. The announcement said that the meeting was held at the request of the U.S. envoy.

Although the actual details of the conversation were not revealed, it was stated in circles close to the American Embassy that the Ambassador told the Premier that the tri-partite declaration of May, 1950, remains the basis of the Western Powers policy toward the Middle East. The U.S. diplomat explained that the U.S.-British-French declaration offers Israel an adequate safeguard against aggression in that the Western Powers guarantee the borders of the Near East states against invasion by any country.

It is believed that the Israeli Premier stressed to Ambassador Davis that the Western Powers should bring pressure to bear in the Arab capitals for the conclusion of peace treaties with the Jewish state.

LONDON WONDERS IF ISRAEL WOULD JOIN REGIONAL DEFENSE PACT

LONDON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- With Egypt's refusal today to join a Mediterranean defense pact with the Western Powers the invitation will be extended to Israel, political circles here believe.

From various sources here the impression was gained that Israel is not keen to join such an arrangement. However, the Western Powers are said to believe that by offering the Jewish state financial assistance, food and raw materials they can win Israel.

It was reported today from Tel Aviv that Israel fears that the Western Powers may offer concessions to Egypt at the cost of the Jewish state. It is felt in Israel that the invitation by the Western Powers to Egypt to join the Near East defense project--although agreed upon in principle some time ago--represents in its present hasty form an example of Western appeasement, and therefore an encouragement to the Egyptians to maintain and even intensify their policy of hostility toward Israel.

U.N. PALESTINE PEACE TALKS IN PARIS AFFECTED BY MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

PARIS, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The political crisis in the Middle East created by Egypt's determination to oust the British from the Suez Canal area has resulted in almost complete suspension of the Arab-Israel "peace talks" initiated here by the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission.

The Conciliation Commission met briefly today in private session to discuss the current deadlock. Up to today the Commission had not met for ten days.

Some observers at the conference believe that no progress can be made as long as the Suez Canal situation remains confused. They consider it significant that three of the four powers which offered Egypt a partnership in the Middle East defense arrangement are those powers which make up the Conciliation Commission--U.S., France and Turkey.

Israeli sources here feel that efforts in behalf of a Middle East defense pact can have no meaning until peace is first achieved between Israel and the Arab states. The Israelis insist that the Arab attitude demonstrated at the Paris conference, particularly Egypt's, has given no justification for feeling that the Arabs want a peace settlement.

STRIKE OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS PARALYZES ISRAEL RAIL TRAFFIC

HAIFA, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- A strike of locomotive engineers yesterday paralyzed rail traffic throughout the country.

Sponsored by the Haifa Labor Council, the strike was called in support of demands for a wage increase. Large quantities of perishable goods have begun to pile up in the port of Haifa.

32 ARRESTED IN SYRIA; CHARGED WITH SPYING FOR ISRAEL

LONDON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Thirty-two persons will go on trial in Damascus next month on charges of carrying on espionage for the state of Israel, the Arab News Agency reported here today. The dispatch added that at a previous trial of 20 persons on the same charges, 18 were convicted and sentenced to death.

GERMAN ANTI-SEMITES BLAME U.S. JEWS FOR SEVERITIES OF OCCUPATION

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Six years after the end of the war, most Allied observers agree that anti-Semitism continues to exist in Germany and often reveals itself in crude vandalism against Jewish cemeteries or brutal attacks in speech and in print by extremists, the New York Times reported today from Bonn.

The report said that "German anti-Semites refer sarcastically to United States Jews as responsible for many of their post-war ills." United States Jews are said to be responsible for the severities of the occupation, the correspondent added. However, he pointed out that "interviews with leading persons reveal a consensus that most anti-Semitic acts in Germany today are 'regurgitations'."

Even the neo-Nazi Socialist Reichs Party philosophers who advocate the "best portions" of the Hitler program carefully stress that they are opposed to anti-Semitism, the Times report states. At the same time it stresses the fact that when a German journalist organized a group called "Peace with Israel" and called upon Germans to combat anti-Semitism with good works, the Deutsche Party, one of the three in the Federal Government coalition under Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, issued a statement declaring, "we must not debase ourselves before Israel."

GERMAN JEWS IN ENGLAND READY TO NEGOTIATE WITH GERMAN GOVT.

LONDON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The Council for Protection of the Rights and Interests of Jews from Germany today sent a letter to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in Germany stating that Dr. Adenauer's recent declaration in the Bonn Parliament in which he expressed Germany's readiness to negotiate restitution of Jewish property "has created a basis for discussion."

The letter, signed by Dr. Leo Baeck, former Chief Rabbi of Germany and president of the Council, says that the Council is ready to participate in negotiations that might arise from Dr. Adenauer's statement.

ISRAEL INTELLECTUALS APPEAL AGAINST NEGOTIATIONS WITH GERMANY

TEL AVIV, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- An appeal to Parliament, the Israel Government, the Jewish Agency and the World Jewish Congress to avoid any negotiations with the "slaughterers of one-third of our nation" was made here last night at a meeting of several hundred prominent spiritual leaders, poets, writers and artists representing all parties.

The group, headed by David Shimonovich, Uri Zvi Greenberg, A. Dworsetsky and Leib Ruchman, submitted a resolution expressing protest against any attempted negotiations between Israel and West Germany on the question of restitution. The Bonn Government recently proposed that a settlement of the issue be attempted.

NORWEGIANS REFUSE TO LET ROOMS TO U.S. JEWISH STUDENTS IN OSLO

OSLO, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The refusal of certain landlords here to let rooms to American Jews and Negroes studying at Oslo University was severely criticized in many Norwegian newspapers. Since the press reports were first published, however, the University authorities have been flooded with offers of rooms for the American students.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT PRAISED FOR FACILITATING ENTRY OF JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- The attitude of the Australian government towards admission of Jewish victims of Nazism into Australia was praised here by Benjamin M. Green, president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, now on a visit to the United States.

"There has been a steady immigration of Jewish refugees to Australia," Mr. Green said. "On several occasions the Australian Government has relaxed its own regulations in order to facilitate the entry of European Jews."

Reporting on the campaign initiated by the Australian Jewish community against German immigration to Australia, Mr. Green emphasized that the presence of large numbers of Germans in Australia who lived under the Nazi regime and studied in Nazi schools cannot but be "a formidable threat to our country with its population of only 8,000,000."

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT REPORTS RISE IN JEWISH IMMIGRATION

OTTAWA, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- A rise in the number of Jewish immigrants entering Canada is reported in the figures released here by the Immigration Branch of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

The number of Jewish immigrants, listed as "Hebrew," admitted to Canada in July, 1951, was 671. In July, 1950, only 175 Jewish immigrants entered Canada, according to the government department's report.

SOUTH AFRICA SENDS BLOOD PLASMA SUBSTITUTE TO ISRAEL

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Ten thousand bottles of a revolutionary blood plasma substitute, which came off the production lines of a South African factory recently, are now being exported to Israel, it was revealed here today.

Israel, some South American countries and Canada are the first countries to receive this plasma substitute which is described as "the biggest discovery since penicillin." Unlike ordinary blood, the new product can be stored for years without deterioration and without the need of refrigeration. It is derived from ordinary Natal cane sugar.

SWEDEN WILL SEND 22,000 POUNDS OF BUTTER FOR CHILDREN IN ISRAEL

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Twenty-two thousand pounds of butter will be sent next month to the Israel Ministry of Social Welfare, which will distribute it to children's and nursing homes. It was announced here following a meeting of Sweden's Minister of Agriculture with a Jewish delegation.

The butter was collected by farmers in the province of Jonkoping. Swedish Chief Rabbi Kurt Wilhelm, who was a member of the delegation, thanked the Swedish Minister for his assistance, adding that "all Jews are deeply grateful to the government and people of Sweden for all the help they have given and are still giving to Israel."

JEWS IN CUBA LAUNCH DRIVE TO SELL \$500,000 WORTH OF ISRAEL BONDS

HAVANA, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- A drive for the sale of \$500,000 worth of Israel Bonds was proclaimed here at a mass meeting addressed by Moshe Toff, member of the Israel delegation at the United Nations. Other speakers included Miron Sheskin, special Israeli representative, and the local Jewish leaders Adolfo Kates and S.M. Kaplan.

COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS TO INVESTIGATE TEXTBOOKS IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Oct. 14. (JTA) -- The Council of Christians and Jews in Britain is undertaking a survey to investigate the subject matter of history textbooks for young adolescents and to determine whether a "fair and adequate treatment has been accorded the different human groups--national, racial, social, cultural and religious--or whether, through omission or the exaggeration of conscious bias, the history textbooks tend to promote intolerant attitudes and to perpetuate misconceptions."

Protestant churches, Catholic and Jewish groups, UNESCO teachers, authors and publishers were represented at the Council meeting. The parley was presided over by Prof. J.A. Lauwerys, of London University's Institute of Education, who expressed the view that "in children's literature, Jews had much cause for complaint because again and again they were portrayed as 'nasty creatures'." A steering committee was appointed to start the investigation and it is expected that an interim report will be ready in about six months.

RETROACTIVE AWARDS ASKED FOR JEWISH STUDENTS IN N.Y. CITY COLLEGE

NEW YORK, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Retroactive honors for 14 superior language students who were denied awards at City College of New York as a result of the allegedly anti-Semitic policies of Prof. William E. Knickerbocker, were recommended today by members of the Romance Language faculty of the College.

The faculty's Ward Medal Committee said that its recommendation covers awards granted between 1939 and 1949. "An example of the conditions found by the committee is the situation in 1939, when a Ward Medal was given to the lowest ranking student of four contenders, while the top three were Jewish students and the fourth was a Christian," the Committee stated.

TRUMAN ACCEPTS HONORARY CHAIRMANSHIP OF BROTHERHOOD WEEK

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- President Truman accepted honorary chairmanship of Brotherhood Week which will be observed next February 17-24 under the sponsorship of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, it was announced here today.

"Until the world accepts the principle of the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God, it will be compelled to live under a day-in day-out alert with the dread of deadly explosives always imminent," the President said in his letter of acceptance. He said that the National Conference of Christians and Jews is doing "a magnificent job working for justice, amity and understanding among men of good will."

"BIBLICAL ALTAR" DEDICATED BY U.S. CHRISTIANS WHO ADOPTED JUDAISM

WILBUR, West Virginia, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- Several hundred American Christians who have adopted Judaism dedicated an outdoor "Biblical altar" here yesterday. The dedication ceremony opened with the raising of the American and Israeli flags and the building in of a Jerusalem stone into the east side of the altar.

MEXICAN JEWRY ERECTS MONUMENT FOR 6,000,000 JEWS KILLED BY NAZIS

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 15. (JTA) -- A monument commemorating the 6,000,000 Jews annihilated by the Nazis in Europe was unveiled at the Jewish cemetery here.