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BRITISH AND ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET TODAY IN LONDON

LONDON, March 10. (JTA) -- Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett and British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden will meet here tomorrow to discuss various problems concerning Anglo-Israel relations.

The British press suggests that one of the main subjects of the discussion will be the possibility of a peace settlement between Egypt and Israel. It points out that Britain could more easily make concessions on the evacuation of the Suez Canal zone if there were a permanent Israeli-Egyptian settlement. The press also emphasizes that this would facilitate Egyptian participation in the Middle East defense.

At the same time, the press here is of the opinion that it may be necessary to discount Egyptian peace feelers for the time being, in view of the fact that the Arab League will probably obstruct any easing of Arab-Israeli tension. (The American press has taken note of the Egyptian feelers, but neither the State Department nor the Israel Embassy in Washington had any comment on them.)

JEWS AGENCY DISCUSSES WORLD ZIONIST MOVEMENT SITUATION

JERUSALEM, March 10. (JTA) -- The present situation in the world Zionist movement was reviewed here today by the Jewish Agency executive in the light of a report presented by Zvi Herman, head of the organization department, in which the causes of the drop in activity within the movement were analyzed.

Mr. Herman proposed that the authority and factions of the local Zionist organizations be expanded in a move to revitalize the world Zionist movement. He said that the new tasks of the movement had not been clearly defined and that while certain defects in the organizational structure had come to light, methods to correct these faults had not been found. The need to unify Zionist ranks abroad requires, he asserted, the widening of authority of local organizations and the transfer to them of organizational work, public relations, education, immigration and some training functions as well as the mobilization of capital for Israel--functions heretofore carried out by the Agency executive or its representatives.

The session also decided today to propose to the executive of the policy-making Zionist Actions Committee that a plenary session of the committee be called for May 7. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Agency executive, explained the conditions which had forced the majority of the Agency--against the will of the individual members--to ask for a postponement of the Actions Committee meeting scheduled for later this month.

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, American member of the executive, explained his plans for the establishment of a company--capitalized at 500,000 pounds--for the building of housing for immigrants who are skilled workers and professionals.

SWISS INDUSTRIALISTS TO NEGOTIATE OIL PROSPECTING IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, March 10. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is expecting to hear within the next few days from a group of Swiss industrialists on their readiness to negotiate oil prospecting in the Jewish state, it was reported here today.

The report said that a group of Israeli capitalists is connected with the Swiss group. Both groups are ready to start negotiations with the Israeli Government immediately without waiting for the Israel Parliament to adopt the drafted oil prospecting law, it was indicated.

HISTADRUT DECIDES NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN MOSCOW ECONOMIC PARLEY

TEL AVIV, March 10. (JTA) -- The executive committee of the Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor, today decided not to participate in the forthcoming economic conference in Moscow.

The Israeli labor movement has been invited to send five delegates to the Moscow parley. A special committee, composed mainly of the pro-Communist Mapam Party members and of members of the Communist Party, has been established to make arrangement for a delegation to go to the Soviet capital.

The Council of the left Poale Zion faction of the Mapam Party today adopted a resolution calling on the Israel Government to maintain "real neutrality" and not to identify itself with either the Eastern or the Western blocs. On internal issues, the faction, the weakest among the three which compose the Mapam Party, expressed opposition to the new Israel Government economic program. It also decided to fight within the Mapam Party against those forces which "demand a change in the Zionist line favoring the Communist line."

(The New York Times reports today from Tel Aviv that the Israel and United States Governments are negotiating an agreement designed to put the U.S. on an equal footing with the Soviet Union in importing books, periodicals and newspapers to Israel. The agreement would permit distributors of United States books, magazines and newspapers to turn over local currency derived from sales here to the United States Embassy for the expenses of United States Government representatives in Israel. The United States Government relieved of part of its dollar expenses in Israel, would compensate United States book, magazine and newspaper publishers in dollars in the United States.)

BELGIAN GOVERNMENT APPROVES CREDIT ON ROLLING STOCK FOR ISRAEL

BRUSSELS, March 10. (JTA) -- Rolling stock worth more than \$1,000,000 will shortly be delivered to Israel by Belgium, it was reported here today. The report said that the Belgian Government has authorized its national guarantee office to act as guarantor for the order, which is for 225 vehicles.

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT OFFERS \$5,000,000 LOAN TO JEWISH STATE

VIENNA, March 10. (JTA) -- The Austrian Government has offered Israel a \$5,000,000 loan, it was learned here today. It is believed that the forthcoming visit of Arieh Eshel, Israeli consul here, to Tel Aviv is connected with the offer.

The loan will be granted the Jewish State by the Austrian Government from funds which it uses for the development of its export trade. Austria, which last year jumped to seventh place among the countries from which Israel imports goods, desires to consolidate its position and has offered Israel favorable terms for the loan.

NATIONALISTS IN TUNISIA WARN JEWS AGAINST SUPPORTING FRANCE

LONDON, March 10. (JTA) -- An ultra-nationalist underground organization, signing itself "The Black Hand," has issued a warning to Jews in Tunisia against supporting the French administration, it was reported here today.

The organization, in leaflets distributed among the Jewish population, warned that those who collaborate with the "colonialists" will be regarded as traitors and punished.

The leaflets described the aim of the organization as immediate realization of the "legitimate aspirations of the Tunisian people." It declared that the organization will not hesitate to "annihilate those who fail in their elementary patriotic duties."

JEWS IN TURKEY CANNOT GET RESTITUTION FOR DISCRIMINATORY TAX

ISTANBUL, March 10. (JTA) -- Despite many public statements by government officials and leaders of the Democratic Party, which is now in power in Turkey, condemning the discriminatory tax imposed on Jews and other minorities in 1942, there is little evidence that the government either can or desires to make restitution of some 600,000,000 Turkish pounds which were confiscated by the tax collectors.

When a Jew who paid 2,000,000 pounds tax in 1942--the largest single tax payment--recently applied for restitution he was roundly abused by the press and by the Minister of Finance. The matter is considered closed. Nor has action been taken on a suggestion by a group of Turkish MP's, including Jewish deputy Salammun Adatto, that the government float a special bond issue to repay the victims of the discriminatory tax.

Evidence that the tax is condemned by public opinion was supplied some months ago when S. Saracoglu, former Premier, who was chiefly responsible for the tax on minorities, said that if he were returned to power he would impose a new and similar tariff. Public reaction was completely opposed to his views and even some prominent members of his Republican Party disagreed with the ex-Premier.

Since then the present Premier and Finance Minister have condemned the tax as a blot on the history of Turkey and the Mayor of Istanbul, F. K. Gokay, as well as a regional conference of the Democratic Party, has condemned those who were responsible for the imposition of the tax. A book written by a high Finance Ministry official exposing the men responsible for passage of the tax has received wide circulation.

AUSTRALIAN MINISTER EXPLAINS ADMISSION OF PRO-NAZI PIANIST

CANBERRA, Australia, March 10. (JTA) -- Immigration Minister Harold Holt told the Australian House of Representatives that United States military government in Germany, which was queried by the Australian authorities, stated that Walter Gieseck, the German pianist, had never been a member of the Nazi Party or active in Nazi-sponsored organizations.

Replying to criticism of the admission of the pianist on a concert tour of Australia, the Minister insisted that a full inquiry had been made on Gieseck before he was admitted. The Jewish communities of several Australian cities recently called for a boycott of Gieseck's concerts in this country because of his pro-Nazi record.

PURIM MARKS OPENING OF U. J. A. DRIVE FOR \$50,000,000 IN CASH

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- The festival of Purim, which starts tonight, will mark the opening of the special four-month drive by the United Jewish Appeal to raise \$50,000,000 in cash by June 30th towards its nationwide goal of \$15,500,000, it was announced here today. The announcement was made by William Rosenwald, Rudolf G. Sonneborn and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, national chairman of the U. J. A.

The three national chairmen called attention especially to the plight of the present-day descendants of the Jews of Queen Esther's Persia, noting that these Jews are mainly in Iran where current unrest and political tension have moved authorities to grant them high priority for early movement to Israel. They pointed out in this connection that in 1951 the United Jewish Appeal financed an emergency airlift of the Jews of neighboring Iraq, transferring more than 110,000 to Israel to forestall further oppression of this ancient community. The same airlift also brought out several thousand Jews from Iran.

Mr. Rosenwald, Mr. Sonneborn and Rabbi Wise termed the extension of aid to the Jews of Iran "one of the principal aims of this year's nationwide United Jewish Appeal campaign." They stressed that large-scale funds must become available to the U. J. A. at the earliest time to speed implementation of recently instituted health, feeding, school and vocational programs to fit these Jews for a new life in Israel.

ISRAEL BOND DRIVE LEADERS TERM ONE-DAY CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFUL

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- Officials of the Israel bond drive organization today expressed themselves as "very definitely" satisfied with the results of yesterday's "Big Day" mobilization in which some 60,000 volunteers conducted a house-to-house sales campaign of Israeli bonds. A tabulation of the results of the national campaign is not expected to be completed before the week-end.

Speaking over a nation-wide telephone broadcast yesterday, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., chairman of the board of the bond drive organization, told the volunteer salesmen that they were the "minute men in the battle for the economic independence of the State of Israel." He stressed that Israel bonds "should be sold not only in terms of helping Israel, but also as a bona fide and worthwhile investment."

Mrs. Golda Myerson, Israeli Minister of Labor, who also participated in the coast-to-coast hook-up, said that the single "Bonds of the Israel Government Day" has opened "to us the prospect of an Israel which can become self-sustaining in the next six or seven years."

LUBAVITCHER REBBE URGES INCREASED EDUCATION IN PURIM MESSAGE

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- A call for increased Jewish religious education was issued here today in a Purim message by the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson. The noted rabbi pointed out that when the decree of annihilation of the Jews, planned by Haman, became known, Mordecai went out into the streets and gathered 22,000 children, whom he taught the Torah and with whom he prayed for God's mercy.

"The lesson for everyone of us is clear," the message said. "No matter what one's station in life or how important one's activities seem to be, one must first and foremost, dedicate at least some part of his time and efforts to the most important of all causes -- saving our young generation by implanting into them devotion to all that has been holy to us ever since our ancestors received the Torah at Mount Sinai."

VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE ADOPTS BILL AIMED AT UNMASKING KU KLUX KLAN

RICHMOND, Va., (JTA) -- The State Legislature, with a final vote of approval by the House of Delegates, has completed action on a bill to curb the activities of the Ku Klux Klan in Virginia. It was sent to Gov. John S. Battle, who originally recommended the measure, for signature.

Meanwhile, a bill which would outlaw advertising which discriminates against persons because of religion was killed in committee. The anti Ku Klux Klan bill adopted by the legislature would prohibit the wearing of masks, and the burning of crosses on public property, and on private property without the consent of the owner or occupant.

MAYOR PROCLAIMS MIZRACHI GOLDEN JUBILEE WEEK IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- Deputy Mayor Charles Horowitz of New York City today proclaimed the week of March 16 to 23 "Mizrachi Golden Jubilee Week" in a ceremony at his offices in City Hall.

A group of national officials of the Mizrachi, led by Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, president, received the proclamation, which formally launched the observance of the 50-year anniversary throughout the 280 chapters and districts of the religious-Zionist movement in the United States. Dr. Churgin presented the Mayor with a silver wine cup made in Israel, on behalf of Rabbi Isar Jehuda Unterman, Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, who recently returned to Israel after a visit to the U.S. on behalf of the State of Israel bond issue.

ALEXANDER KAHN TO LEAVE FOR ISRAEL ON SPECIAL MISSION

NEW YORK, March 10. (JTA) -- Leaders of the entire Jewish labor movement today tendered a luncheon to Alexander Kahn, general manager of the Jewish Daily Forward, who is sailing Wednesday on a special mission to Israel. He will be accompanied by his wife Sara Kahn, chairman of the Histadrut division of the Pioneer Women's Organisation, who has been active for many years in the Labor Zionist movement in this country.

Speakers at the luncheon emphasized that Mr. Kahn was one of the few Jewish Socialist leaders in the Forward Association who advocated that the Forward take a pro-Zionist stand at a time when the majority of the Association was anti-Zionist. Harry Rogoff, editor-in-chief of the Jewish Daily Forward, who was one of the speakers, pointed out that today the paper can be considered a pro-Israel Government organ in the United States inasmuch as it backs the position of the present Israeli Cabinet.

A vice-president of the Joint Distribution Committee, Mr. Kahn will also look into relief and rehabilitation activities of the J. D. C. in Italy, France and Israel. He will inspect some other institutions deriving their funds from the United Jewish Appeal. He is expected to arrive in Haifa on March 27.

VICTOR MITRANI, MEXICAN SEPHARDIC LEADER, DIES SUDDENLY

MEXICO CITY, March 10. (JTA) -- Victor Mitrani, leader of the Sephardic community of Mexico and a member of the World Jewish Congress executive, died here suddenly this week-end. One of the organizers of the Sephardic community in this country and its secretary-general for 15 years, Sr. Mitrani also served as vice-president of the Jewish Central Committee of Mexico, president of the United Campaign of the Sephardic Community of Mexico and president of the Mexican Association for the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.