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MORGENTHAU, MONTOR, SONNEBORN, VENETSKY QUIT ISRAEL BOND DRIVE

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The Israel press today reported that the four top leaders of the Israel Bond Drive in the United States have cabled their resignations to the Israel Government. The report said that the leaders attributed their resignations to the "lack of cooperation on the part of the Israel Government."

The four are: Henry Morgenthau, Jr., chairman of the Board of Governors of the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel, which conducts the sale of the Israel bonds; Rudolf Sonneborn, president of the corporation; Henry Montor, executive vice-president; and Julian Venetsky, chairman of the executive committee.

(In New York, the headquarters of the Israel Bond Drive confirmed that its officers had submitted their resignations to the Israel Government, but added that they had received a cable from Premier David Ben Gurion urging them to withdraw the resignations. The Israel Premier said that he would discuss the matter with members of his Cabinet and would communicate further with Mr. Morgenthau. Pending a further communication from Mr. Ben Gurion, the officers of the Bond Drive refused to elaborate on the reason for their resignations.)

A government spokesman told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the Israel Government has not and will not accept the resignations of the bond drive leadership. The spokesman expressed himself as "hopeful" that the New York leaders would withdraw their resignations "in the full understanding of Israel's economic situation."

A scheduled consultation of Premier Ben Gurion with members of his Cabinet responsible for economic affairs, in connection with the resignations of the Bond Drive leaders, was postponed in view of other urgent matters which the Cabinet had to consider today.

SYRIA WANTS U. N. RESOLUTIONS AS BASIS FOR ARAB-ISRAEL TALKS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Direct Arab-Israel peace negotiations under the chairmanship of the Palestine Conciliation Commission, but "in accordance with the United Nations resolutions on Palestine" were advocated today at the U. N. Special Political Committee by Syrian delegate Ahmed Shukairi.

Mr. Shukairi, completing a statement he began at yesterday's meeting, suggested the creation of three mixed Arab-Jewish committees, one to deal with the internationalization of Jerusalem, one to deal with the refugee question, and the

hard to deal with a territorial settlement. All of these would work under the auspices of the conciliation commission, and in the light of the resolutions of the General Assembly.

Mr. Shukairi's statements were in reply to the plan put forward yesterday before the same committee by Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban and the resolution introduced by eight neutral powers calling for direct Arab-Israel peace talks. Mr. Eban emphasized yesterday that discussion of the "unfulfilled proposals of the past" would stultify the prospects of reaching a settlement.

In the course of his address today, Mr. Shukairi made a bid for Latin American support by advocating the internationalization of Jerusalem and suggesting that Pope Pius XII appoint the first governor of the city. He also insisted that the U.N. decision on the internationalization of Jerusalem should not be ignored, asserting that the Arab states had accepted "in toto" a plan for its internationalization drafted by the Trusteeship Council.

Eban Says Syrian Proposal Is Not New

Ambassador Abba Eban, in a statement issued this afternoon, said there was nothing new in the proposal of the Syrian delegate, Ahmed Shukairi.

"Mr. Shukairi made the identical proposals last year," he stated, "but thereafter the Arab governments still continued to refuse any negotiations for a peace settlement with Israel. The peace plan which I submitted yesterday on Israel's behalf would allow for full and free negotiations on all aspects of the refugee and territorial problems.

"Mr. Shukairi's proposal for a mixed committee of Israel and Jordan representatives on Jerusalem ignores the fact that there is a third party, namely world religious interests, with whom Israel sought prior agreement in the past," the Israel delegate pointed out.

Mr. Eban went on to say that in his view peace negotiations should be far wider than discussions on territorial and refugee questions. He said that it was "indispensable" to discuss the basic political, economic and security questions as well as regional cooperation. Within such a wider context the territorial and refugee questions could more readily be solved. "If the Arab Governments sincerely desire to enter into direct peace negotiations they should give mature consideration to the plan outlined by Israel yesterday," Mr. Eban declared.

David Johnson of Canada told the committee that there had been a turn "by imperceptible degrees" in the direction of "mutual accommodation" in Palestine; the hostilities had ceased; and "certain areas of agreement already existed between Israel and its neighbors." He welcomed the fact that Israel, one of the parties to the dispute, had taken the trouble to formulate a peace plan. This, plus the Arab offer to negotiate on the basis of past Assembly resolutions, had made for a "changed context" within which the Palestine problem was being considered, he said.

He asked the Arab states to specify which U.N. resolutions they had in mind as the basis for negotiations. He pointed out that U.N. approaches to the Palestine issue had differed at various times and that some of the resolutions on Palestine were contradictory. To say that all resolutions were accepted as a basis of negotiation would "give rise to ambiguity," Mr. Johnson warned.

Dr. Alfredo Cock of Colombia expressed his government's support of the resolution by the eight powers calling for direct negotiations. This represents a change in policy by Colombia, which previously supported the Arab states on Palestine.

ENVOY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA REPORTS TO BEN GURION ON PRAGUE TRIAL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Arieh Kubovi, Israel's Minister to Czechoslovakia, arrived here today from Prague to report to the government on the anti-Jewish sentiment now prevailing in the ranks of the Czech Government which found its expression in the Prague "purge" trial last week.

Dr. Kubovi met today with Premier David Ben Gurion and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett. A special meeting of the entire Israel Cabinet will be held tomorrow to hear Dr. Kubovi's report.

The Communist Club of Jerusalem was set afire today by unidentified persons. It is assumed that the attack is the result of strong anti-Communist feeling which reached a high point here following the Prague trial at which a great deal of slander was voiced against Israel by the Czech Communist authorities. Police are investigating the incident.

A split is imminent in the leftwing Socialist Mapam Party over the Prague trial, the Hebrew press reported today. The split seems to be developing between the Hashomer Hatzair faction of the party which supports Dr. Moshe Sneh, radical leader, who insists upon following the Cominform line, and the L'achduth Avodah faction which demands that the party repudiate charges at the trial against Zionism and Mordchai Oren, Mapam leader under arrest in Prague, who "confessed" to working against the Czechoslovak Government.

U.S. LABOR UNIONS CONDEMN ANTI-JEWISH SLURS AT PRAGUE TRIAL

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- A resolution condemning "Communist anti-Semitism" as reflected in the recent Prague "purge" trial, was adopted at the convention here of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

The resolution accused the Czech Government of "inventing" a mythical international Jewish conspiracy in an attempt to divert the attention of the Czech people from the oppressive conditions in the satellite countries. The C. I. O. urged the American Government to "bring the Soviet dictators before the bar of world opinion through the United Nations and other appropriate international bodies, to obtain the verdict of the civilized world upon this latest offense against mankind."

(In New York, the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions adopted a resolution stating that the "fantastic and fraudulent accusations" at the Prague trial of a "Jewish plot" were "only the logical expression of the policy of anti-Semitism and genocide pursued so ruthlessly by the powers behind the Iron Curtain." The resolution which blamed the Kremlin for wrecking Czechoslovakia's economy was introduced by George Meany, new president of the American Federation of Labor.)

DUTCH SOCIALIST PARTY DENOUNCES PRAGUE TRIAL AS ANTI-SEMITIC

THE HAGUE, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The Netherlands Socialist Party has issued a statement here denouncing the Prague trial as anti-Semitic and accusing the Communists of using the same methods as the Nazis. It appealed to all Dutch parties to fight race hatred.

The issue was also raised in the Amsterdam town council when a Jewish Socialist councillor accused Communist members of the body of being anti-Semitic.

JEWS IN AUSTRIA PROTEST GOVERNMENT'S DELAY ON REPARATIONS TALKS

VIENNA, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Austrian Zionist leaders today protested the Austrian Government's decision to delay the beginning of talks on reparations to the Jews for damages suffered during the Nazi regime, calling the decision an election maneuver of the Peoples and Social Democratic Parties. The protest was expressed in "Neue Welt," publication of the Zionist movement.

The article points out that the real reason for the government's decision to postpone the reparations talks with the Jews lies in the fact that the Jews in Austria represent a mere handful of votes while the parties now in power fear that action toward reparations would antagonize hundreds of thousands of voters. It also cites the example of the West German Government of proceeding with the reparations agreement in the face of all sorts of opposition, including that of the Arab States.

NETHERLANDS DISCUSSES INDEMNIFICATION PLAN FOR JEWS

THE HAGUE, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The Netherlands Ministers of Justice and Finance are currently discussing with various committees and interested parties a plan for completing all claims now in the courts for indemnification of Jewish property and assets confiscated by the Nazis during the occupation of Holland.

Meanwhile, several deputies in the Dutch Parliament have demanded that the government make full reimbursement of 20,000,000 guilders paid out of Jewish assets for the construction of two Nazi concentration camps for Jews in this country.

ARABS CRITICIZED IN GERMANY FOR OPPOSING GERMAN-ISRAEL PACT

MUNICH, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The Arab states had no right to protest the German-Israeli reparations agreement because the agreement was not a matter of paying compensation but one of demonstrating Germany's goodwill and offering Israel "satisfaction" for the wrongs done the Jews. Dr. Otto Kuester, former deputy chairman of the German delegation to The Hague reparations negotiations, declared today on a radio broadcast.

Dr. Kuester dwelt at length on the difference in concept between compensation and satisfaction, and expressed the view that even the Arab protests against the pact should be "welcomed" because it gave the German people an opportunity to "fight for its right to atone of its free will." He also stressed that satisfaction was being offered for the past wrongs for which "no punishment is sufficient."

The German leader, who resigned with Prof. Franz Boehm, chairman of the German delegation, when the Bonn Government showed signs of balking at the terms of the pact worked out by the German and Israeli delegations, declared that the German people had been "badly informed on the true aspects of the agreement with Israel." This situation, he warned, held the danger of anti-Semitism.

BAVARIAN RESTITUTION OFFICE ASSAILED FOR SLOW HANDLING OF CLAIMS

MUNICH, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- The organization and functioning of the Bavarian Restitution Office came under sharp attack at a meeting here of the Organization of Survivors of the Nazi Regime. Two members of the Restitution Office staff -- Herr Dillhoff and Herr Penschab -- said the Office was confronted with a serious lack of qualified workers.

The meeting adopted resolutions calling for a speedier settlement of pension claims and a 20 percent increase in pensions and criticized the fact that widows of men executed by the Nazis were receiving substantially lower pensions than former Nazis.

CIVIC CLUBS IN ST. PETERSBURG BAR JEWS FROM MEMBERSHIP

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Discrimination against Jewish residents of St. Petersburg by the civic clubs of the city was brought into the open during a discussion at the Human Relations Workshop, sponsored by the St. Petersburg Council on Human Relations.

The disclosures came when Herbert Crill, president of the Inter-Civic Conference, which represents the six service clubs - Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Exchange, Civitan and Optimists - told the workshop that there were Jewish members in these organizations.

His statement was immediately challenged by M. G. Rosenberg who said that apart from the two Junior Chambers of Commerce and a suburban Kiwanis Club, no Jews were known to be members of any St. Petersburg civic club. It was pointed out to the session that a "gentlemen's agreement" existed among the civic clubs on the admission of Jews.

Crill later told a reporter for the Florida Jewish Journal that he had sincerely believed Jews were members of the clubs. "However I checked later and found that there are none in Kiwanis or in the Exchange Club, of which I am a member." He said there was one Jew in Rotary but added "I grant you, one member is a small percentage of the total membership." The one Jewish Rotarian, it was learned, was a transfer member from another city.

David Wolper, president of the local B'nai B'rith lodge, said that "this policy of discrimination has been well-known for years, but apparently no one is anxious to permit membership to a Jew no matter how civic-minded or intelligent he may be. It was only four years ago," he recalled, "that the local Jaycees (Junior Chamber of Commerce) took in their first Jewish member. Today, a Jew is a member of the Jaycees board of directors and has won a Jaycee popularity contest. From all indications the 12 Jewish members of the Jaycees have been a credit to the organization."

ALLIANCE, J. D. C. TO EXPAND WORK IN NORTH AFRICA AND NEAR EAST

NEW YORK, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- An agreement for expanding and coordinating the education work of the Alliance Israelite Universelle and the Joint Distribution Committee in North Africa and the Near East was reached during a meeting of leaders of the two organizations in Paris last week, the Alliance announced here today. The Alliance now maintains a network of over 120 general, vocational and agricultural schools in the Mediterranean area which receive financial support from the J. D. C.

CANADIAN PREMIER GREETES REFORM TEMPLE ON 70TH ANNIVERSARY

MONTREAL, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent and Minister for External Affairs Lester B. Pearson have sent messages of greeting to Temple Emanu-El, the first and only Reform congregation in this city, which is currently celebrating its 70th anniversary. Messages have also been received from leaders of all religious denominations.

J. A. KLEIN, HEAD OF CANADIAN PROGRAM TO AID ISRAEL, DIES

MONTREAL, Dec. 2. (JTA) -- J. A. Klein, national chairman of the Canadian Materials for Israel program, died here suddenly Sunday night. In a statement eulogizing Mr. Klein, Rabbi Jesse Schwartz, executive director of the Zionist Organization of Canada, said that the "entire Canadian Jewish community is deeply shocked by Mr. Klein's sudden death. He was one of the outstanding and devoted Canadian communal workers."