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ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTER WARNS WEST ON SUPPLYING ARMS TO ARABS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett today issued a new warning to the Western Powers against the continued shipment of arms to the Arab states, especially Egypt.

Speaking to a press conference here, the Foreign Minister objected to the flow of western weapons, including jet planes, to the Arab states. He pointed out that with the Arab states still clearly hostile to Israel and with their economic boycott of the Jewish State still in effect the supply of such arms was a threat to Israel's security. He also pointed out that the situation contributed to the danger of regional and world conflict.

Mr. Sharett's warning was considered particularly significant, coming as it did on the heels of a conference in the Egyptian capital by the representatives of the Arab League states on the recent United Nations debate of a proposal to ask the Arabs and Israel to enter into direct peace talks. The Cairo radio reported that the Arab League had condemned the "mere idea of an invitation to the Arabs to negotiate with the Israelis." The announcer said that the Arab League had also expressed the hope that "there will be no repetition of these attempts."

The Arab League, protesting the debate despite the fact that the peace appeal resolution was defeated in the General Assembly, said that such a plea would have aggravated the complicated Palestine situation.

U.S. LEADERS OF ISRAEL BOND DRIVE WITHDRAW THEIR RESIGNATIONS

JERUSALEM, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The top leaders of the Israel bond drive in the United States left for New York today following their withdrawal here this week-end of the resignations from the leadership of the drive which they recently offered to the Israel Government. An agreement between them and Premier David Ben Gurion was signed at the latter's home, to eliminate differences over working methods which precipitated the resignations.

A statement issued by the government here declared that the Israel Government has had the opportunity to meet the bond drive leaders to discuss common problems and "the meeting ended to the satisfaction of all concerned." It said the government was glad of the opportunity "to express anew their confidence" in the five men who had resigned--Henry Morgenthau, Henry Monitor, Julian Venetzky, Rudolf Sonneborn and Samuel Rothberg--and stressed that responsibility for working out plans for bond sales was placed on the American Financial and Development Corporation for Israel, which conducts the sale of bonds in the United States. The statement appealed to all Jewish communities and friends of Israel to assist in Israel's development.

CRISIS IN MAPAM WIDENS; SHIFT IN LEADERSHIP UNDER DISCUSSION

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The question of whether Dr. Moshe Sneh and other radicals in the leadership of the left-wing Socialist Mapam Party will continue to direct the policy of the party is being discussed by the party's Council following the adoption, earlier this week-end, of a resolution condemning the anti-Zionist and anti-Jewish aspects of the Prague trial.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, addressing a Mapai meeting, attacked the Mapam for its attitude toward the Prague trial. Of the trial itself, he said that it could serve as a "lesson" for Israeli youth.

The Mapam Council voted by better than four to one--232 to 49, with 18 abstentions--to protest the anti-Zionist and anti-Jewish overtones of the trial. These overtones, the resolution said, were a temporary mistake, since anti-Semitism is "not possible" in the Soviet Union or a popular republic.

While it accepted the charges against the defendants at the trial, the Mapam resolution defended Mordechai Oren, one of its own leaders who is under arrest in Prague and who confessed to anti-Czech State activities during the proceedings. The resolution said the charges against Mr. Oren resulted from a series of "tragic coincidences." The Mapam, in the resolution, identified itself with the Zionist movement.

Finally, it attacked the Ben Gurion Government and the "rightists" for their initiation of an "anti-Communist campaign" following the trial. One of the reasons for the fact that 18 members of the Council abstained on the resolution was that it failed to attack the Ben Gurion Government for its "responsibility" for the "negative" attitude the Eastern European Communist countries recently adopted toward Israel.

The large vote attacking the Prague trial was made possible by the fact that a major portion of the Hashomer Hatzair delegates joined the more moderate minor wings of the party. However, when the two minority wings demanded that Dr. Sneh and his associates be ousted from party leadership, the Hashomer Hatzair opposed the move and the entire matter was referred to another meeting of the party Council.

ZIONISTS RESIGN FROM FRENCH VETERANS GROUP OVER PRAGUE TRIAL

PARIS, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Many Zionists and a number of non-Zionists have resigned from the executive of the French Jewish Veterans Organization following a difference of opinion over the attitude which the group should take toward the Prague trial. The members who resigned have begun to form a new veterans organization.

After the war the veterans group reached a peak membership of 4,000. A small group of Communists, estimated at about 100, eventually gained control of the group's policy. As a result many nationalist-minded Jews left the organization. It is estimated that the group now has about 900 members.

"SCARE" BOMB HURLED AT COMMUNIST CLUB IN TEL AVIV; NO DAMAGE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A "scare" bomb was hurled at the Communist Club in this city last night. There were no casualties or damage to the building.

SOVIET GERMAN REMOVES ZWEIG FROM PRESIDENCY OF ACADEMY OF ARTS

LONDON, Dec. 28. (JTA) — Arnold Zweig, 65-year-old world famous German novelist and prominent Zionist in pre-Nazi Germany, has been relieved of his duties as president of the Academy of Arts of East Germany at his own request, the press reported here today.

Mr. Zweig, who fled Germany during the Nazi era, spent two years in Palestine. Although an ardent Zionist, he apparently felt keenly his exile from the German reading public and after the war returned to Germany. He was honored by the Soviet authorities when he returned.

SHARETT HOPES SOME COUNTRIES MAY PERMIT EMIGRATION OF JEWS

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28. (JTA) — Israel's Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett today expressed hope that immigration to Israel will be renewed from a number of countries which have facilitated the departure of Jews.

Addressing a Knesset meeting here, Mr. Sharett said two possibilities exist for those governments that wish to decrease their Jewish population--mass arrests or expulsions. The latter, he said, means permitting them to leave for Israel. He also voiced the hope that Jewish immigration to Israel from North Africa would increase.

500 ISRAELIS GRADUATED FROM OFFICERS' TRAINING SCHOOL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28. (JTA) — Five hundred new officers joined Israel's armed services today upon their graduation from an officers' training school. The graduation exercises, which took place at an undisclosed camp, were witnessed by the new Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Mordechai Makleff, and other high ranking officers.

In an address to the new officers, Gen. Makleff stressed the significance for Israel's defense of the special officers' school. He said Israel must remain on the alert because of the continued hostility of the Arab states. He pointed out that the chiefs of the Arab countries were currently conferring on coordination of anti-Israeli measures. Premier and Defense Minister David Ben Gurion sent greetings to the commencement exercises.

FIRST STAGES OF PROJECT TO IMPOUND ISRAEL WATERS COMPLETED

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) — The first stages of a ten to fifteen year project to conserve the waters of the Jordan for use in the parched southern areas of Israel have been completed with the finishing of a 500-yard long dam across the Beit Natufa Valley in Galilee, the New York Times has reported from Tel Aviv.

The dam, an earth-rock structure which is now only 36 feet high, will be enlarged annually until it eventually is 120 feet tall, 222 feet thick at the base and 15 feet wide at the top, the dispatch said. It added that in 10 to 15 years the continuously flowing waters of the Jordan will create a lake 20 miles in area and impounding an estimated 250,000,000,000 gallons of water for use in the All-Israel Water Scheme.

The rapid completion of the first stage of the giant project, which will change the historical topography of the land, won the praise of Dr. Walter C. Lowdermilk, American engineer and soil conservationist, who is advising Israel on its water conservation project. The dam is being built by the Hamahbish Construction Corporation under contract from the government's Israel Water Planning Company.

A. J. C. ASKS DROPPING OF TERM "RACE" FROM IMMIGRATION FORMS

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The elimination of the term "race" from the new immigration application forms was urged by the American Jewish Committee in a statement submitted to the President's Special Commission on Immigration which is studying the effects of the McCarran immigration law which went into effect last week, it was reported by the A. J. C. today.

The report said that the American Jewish Committee pointed out that the term "race" is vague and lacks scientific validity, particularly when used to distinguish among the white peoples of Europe. Principal recommendations of the A. J. C. to the President's Special Commission were:

1. That the section of the act requiring the immigrant to state his race or ethnic group be eliminated by amendment or repeal;
2. That the "Dictionary of Races or Peoples," drawn up by the Immigration Commission of 1910, and apparently still used by U. S. immigration authorities, be discarded as obsolete.

Modern research has cast great doubt on the existence of distinct European racial types either now or in the past, the A. J. C. said. The classification of European races used by the Visa Division of the State Department is based upon out-moded 19th century concepts, which have been shown to be fallible, the American Jewish Committee declared.

LEHMAN ASSAILS MCCARRAN LAW; RECEIVES J. W. V. GOLD MEDAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Senator Herbert H. Lehman tonight assailed the McCarran immigration law as an "act that bristles with hostility against the alien and foreign-born." He emphasized that its underlying assumption is that "every alien is a potential saboteur and criminal, and every potential immigrant must remain so branded unless and until he can prove otherwise. The period of proof does not end with his admission to the United States, nor even with the time he becomes a citizen by naturalization. If he is foreign-born, the McCarran Act regards him as suspect until he dies."

Sen. Lehman spoke to an audience of 800 persons at the 57th Annual Gold Medal Award Dinner of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America in the Waldorf Astoria. The veterans awarded him their Gold Medal of Merit for 1952 for "exceptional contributions to the welfare and security of the United States and the advancement of mankind's struggle for freedom and dignity."

The award was presented on behalf of the veterans group by Nelson A. Rockefeller. The Senator was cited for his record as Governor of New York, director general of U. N. R. R. A. and United States Senator from New York. Jesse Moss, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans, praised Sen. Lehman for "his ceaseless efforts to advance the frontiers of human freedom." Mr. Moss joined in the attack on the McCarran Act.

Calling for the repeal of the McCarran Act in favor of "a reasonable and enlightened immigration law," Sen. Lehman pointed out that "the McCarran Act sets forth a triple standard of justice--one standard for native-born American citizens, and still another--and the most arbitrary and high-handed of all--for aliens and immigrants."

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY DEVELOPS PLAN FOR AUDIO-VISUAL EDUCATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- A program to advance audio-visual education in Jewish schools has been developed by Yeshiva University with the expansion of its Audio-Visual Service, it was announced today by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president.

"While significant progress has been made in promoting audio-visual education in our public schools, we have been aware, for a long time, of the dearth of material and especially educational direction in this area in the Jewish schools throughout the nation," Dr. Belkin said.

"It is our plan for the present to concentrate our efforts in this direction, where very little has been done to date," he added. "Although we have already produced several records as teaching aids, we plan to carry forth additional programs through the use of other instruments of audio-visual education. The use of audio-visual materials in the schools is an effective instrument for making learning more meaningful and facilitates the clarification of ideas and the influencing of attitudes for children," Dr. Belkin pointed out.

C. J. F. W. F. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS; WOMAN NAMED VICE-PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Mrs. Jesse Asinof of New York City, has been elected a vice-president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds and Judge Matthew M. Levy, also of New York, has been elected to the board of directors, it was announced today by Julian Freeman, Council president. Mr. Freeman also announced the re-election to the board for a three-year term of Mrs. Katherine S. Falk, Monroe Goldwater and Rudolf G. Sonneborn, all of New York City.

Other New York Jewish community leaders who are serving on the Council board are: William Rosenwald, vice-president; Sylvan Gotshal, treasurer; and Maurice B. Hexter, Harold F. Linder, Edwin Rosenberg, Ralph E. Samuel, Jack D. Tarcher, Joseph Willen and Ira M. Yunker, members of the board. Mrs. Asinof is a trustee of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York.

U. S. HEALTH INSTITUTE AWARDS GRANT FOR RESEARCH IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- The United States National Health Institute has awarded a grant of \$5,000 for three years to the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth for research to be done under the supervision of Dr. Ephraim Katchalsky, head of the Weizmann Institute's Department of Biophysics, it was announced here today. The grant will permit Dr. Katchalsky to further his studies of polyamino acids.

EISENHOWER THANKS WOMAN FOR TREE PLANTED IN ISRAEL IN HIS HONOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- President-Elect Dwight Eisenhower has asked the Jewish National Fund of America to convey his thanks to Mrs. Sarah Goodman of San Francisco who made arrangements on the day after Gen. Eisenhower's election to have a tree planted in Israel in his honor. The letter to the J. N. F. asked that the President-Elect's appreciation be conveyed to Mrs. Goodman "for her thoughtfulness."

ELKAN MYERS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF BALTIMORE RED CROSS

BALTIMORE, Dec. 28. (JTA) -- Elkan R. Myers, the first Jew in Baltimore to be so honored, has been elected chairman of the Baltimore chapter of the American Red Cross, it was announced here. Mr. Myers, who is currently president of the Associated Jewish Charities, was elected to his new post at a special meeting of about 75 members of the Red Cross board of directors.