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ISRAEL-JORDAN TENSION MOUNTS; BEN GURION INTERRUPTS HIS VACATION

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Premier David Ben Gurion interrupted his vacation today to hurry back to Jerusalem to attend an extraordinary Cabinet meeting called to consider the rapidly deteriorating situation on the Israel-Jordan border. The weeks-old tension culminated Monday night in the mining by Arabs of an Israel freight train one mile from Jordan territory in central Palestine.

Speaking in Parliament, Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett assured the deputies that the government was carefully following the situation. He opposed a Herut motion for a debate in Parliament, and urged that the matter be referred to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee "for the good of the country." His recommendation was approved by the Knesset.

Meanwhile, United Nations truce observers began an investigation of the train attack as Israel lodged a stiff protest with the Mixed Armistice Commission. Military attaches of foreign countries who are stationed in Tel Aviv today mixed with correspondents surveying the scene of the attack. It was learned that the landmine had been placed Monday under cover of a diversionary attack on a nearby kibbutz.

Israel authorities today denied new Arab charges of attacks on Jordan villages by Israeli soldiers. (The Amman correspondent of the London Times today reported that an Arab Legion spokesman charged the Israelis with attacking the Jordan village of Falama. The Jordan spokesman estimated the Israeli force at between 600 and 1,000 men.) The Israel authorities reiterated that the only action in which Israel troops had been involved was in repulsing infiltrators on Israeli soil.

ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTER REPORTS ON MOSCOW'S ANTI-JEWISH DRIVE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The Israel Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee last night began a discussion of the ramifications of the anti-Israel, anti-Zionist and anti-Jewish charges levelled at the Prague trial and in the announcement of the Moscow arrests of nine doctors, most of whom are Jews. Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett reported to the committee on the steps taken by the government.

The Israel Supreme Court today turned down an appeal by the Communist newspaper Kol Haam against a government order suspending the publication for ten days for violating the government press regulations. Denying an injunction, the court said that the article for which the paper was closed seemed, in fact, to contain inciting material. The article referred to the Communist charges levelled at Israel and Zionism.

Meanwhile, in Parliament today, a Communist demand for discussion of Kol Haam's suspension was turned down.

HUNGARY'S "SPY" CHARGES AGAINST ISRAEL DIPLOMAT REFUTED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The Israel Government today denounced the Hungarian Government's charges of espionage levelled against Joseph Walter, cultural attache at the Israel legation in Budapest.

In a note to the legation, the Hungarian Government yesterday declared that Mr. Walter had "committed spying activities, abusing his diplomatic privileges," and expelled him from the country. Although it rejected the charges, the Israel Government ordered Mr. Walter, who is a member of a Hashomer Hatzair kibbutz, to return home.

An Israel Foreign Office spokesman said that the "unfounded" charges against Mr. Walter are a continuation of the campaign of vilification of Israeli diplomats in Eastern Europe which was begun at the Prague trial. The spokesman called it another anti-Zionist, anti-Israel and anti-Semitic manifestation.

JEWISH AGED AND ORPHANS FIND WAY FROM SOVIET ZONE OF BERLIN

BERLIN, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Efforts to bring out Jewish orphans and aged from institutions hitherto maintained by the Jewish Community in the Soviet sector of Berlin to Jewish institutions in West Berlin are being made by Jewish community leaders, it was revealed here last night. Twenty-five aged Jews and 16 children have already been evacuated.

Most of the buildings of Jewish institutions in Berlin are situated in the Soviet part of the city. Since the top leaders of the Jewish community have been compelled to flee from the Soviet zone to West Berlin, the life of the inmates of these institutions--especially those in homes for the aged and in orphanages--has become very complicated. A further problem is the Joint Distribution Committee's inability to offer relief in the Soviet zone.

Officials of the Joint Distribution Committee revealed that the Jewish orphans and the 25 old people were brought from their institutions to West Berlin in small groups to escape detection while crossing the border. It was also revealed that their evacuation took place on January 16 and that they were placed in a new 20-room house near Lake Wansee which has been converted by the JDC into a shelter for Jewish refugees from the Soviet zone.

JEWISH AGENCY OPENS OFFICE IN BERLIN TO AID MIGRATION TO ISRAEL

BERLIN, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency today opened an immigration office in West Berlin to assist Jewish refugees from East Germany who wish to emigrate to Israel. Itzhak Raphael, Agency immigration head, who came here to open the office, said that the organization is ready to bring all refugees from East Germany to Israel at the "expense of the Zionist movement."

WEST GERMAN GOVERNMENT DECORATES EDITOR OF JEWISH PAPER

DUSSELDORF, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Karl Marx, editor of the German Jewish weekly "Allgemeine Wochenszeitung der Juden in Deutschland," was today presented with the Grand Service Cross of the West German Republic for his work in behalf of understanding between the German people and the State of Israel and the Jewish people. The presentation was made by the Minister-President of North Rhine-Westphalia.

EASILY IMPLEMENTATION OF GERMAN-ISRAEL PACT FORESEEN IN BONN

BONN, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- A West German Foreign Office spokesman, commenting today on the German-Arab talks which opened yesterday in Cairo, said that he thought it was possible that the implementation of the German-Israel reparations pact would coincide with the implementation of German trade pacts with the Arabs, which will be concluded soon as a result of the present discussions in Cairo.

The spokesman said that the "simple purpose" of the German delegation which is now in Cairo is to work out the basis for the trade agreements with the Arab states. A report received here said that a trade delegation from Communist East Germany is expected in Cairo this week to discuss expansion of the current barter agreement in effect between East Germany and Egypt.

It was revealed here today that Egypt had demanded a long-term credit of \$250,000,000 from West Germany as the price of convincing the Arab League not to boycott the Germans if they make reparations payments to Israel. It is understood that Dr. Westrick will attempt to cut the Egyptian demands.

Indications that Germany is willing to extend credit to Egypt were seen in reports that the German National Bank had agreed to make available several hundred million marks to the Egyptian Government. The Egyptian plan calls for this loan to be extended over and above the annual trade between the two states. Last year this amounted to \$70,000,000.

GERMANY DOES NOT INTEND TO YIELD TO ARABS ON PACT WITH ISRAEL

LONDON, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The West German trade delegation which yesterday began meeting with Arab political leaders in an attempt to offset Arab hostility to German payment of reparations to Israel and the Jews, has given no indication that the Germans have any new proposals to put to the Arabs nor that they intend to abrogate the reparations pact, it was reported in Cairo dispatches today.

The reports from the Egyptian capital quoted Ahmed Shukairi, assistant secretary general of the Arab League, who attended the parley, as stating that the meeting opened with both sides making statements stressing traditional ties between the Germans and the Arabs. This was all the progress made at yesterday's preliminary session, Mr. Shukairi indicated.

TAFT OPPOSES SALE OF U. S. ARMS TO ARABS; SUPPORTS AID TO ISRAEL

CLEVELAND, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Sen. Robert A. Taft, the Senate Majority Leader, said today that he considered the State of Israel as a special case meriting economic aid from the United States Government. He expressed himself forcefully against the delivery and sale of arms to the Middle East except, he said, as part of an overall plan against possible Soviet aggression.

In an interview here with the correspondents of three Israel newspapers, the Ohio Senator declared that he was opposed to the granting of economic aid to foreign countries with a few exceptions in special cases. He considered Israel one of these special cases, he said, because of the newness of the country and its immigration problem which he described as really an international responsibility.

Sen. Taft said he was opposed to financial aid for the Arab States which, with the possible exception of Egypt, did not need money. Saudi Arabia and Iraq, he asserted, have more money than they know what to do with.

PLAN TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT IN ISRAEL PRESENTED BY MINISTER

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Israel's Labor Minister, Golda Myerson, today outlined a six-point program designed to relieve the unemployment situation. At the same time, however, she warned that there was a good possibility that the number of jobless, already at a record high, may increase. The plan, which Mrs. Myerson presented to the Economic Advisory Council, calls for:

1. Increasing investments in development of agriculture and the settlement of immigrants in agricultural areas, in conjunction with the expansion of areas under cultivation for citrus crops for export and vegetables for domestic use;
2. Expansion of the irrigation system;
3. Continuation of government investments in quarries;
4. Expansion of the program to develop the nation's communications system;
5. Diversion of 35,000 families from immigrant work villages to agricultural settlements, and
6. Persuasion of the families of unemployed workers to leave the cities and settle in rural areas.

Dr. Peretz Naphtali, Minister of Agriculture, who presided over the Economic Advisory Council session, emphasized that the government's goal in solving the problem of the jobless was not only to return them to full employment, but to turn them to productive work and thereby increase efficiency in industry.

The Knesset Economic Committee today discussed the new economic policy recently inaugurated by the Minister of Trade and Industry, one of whose first moves was to free virtually all goods from government control. Minister Peretz Bernstein appeared before the committee to outline his policy.

ISRAEL TO SEND AID TO FLOOD VICTIMS IN HOLLAND, KNESSET TOLD

JERUSALEM, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- The Israel Government will send a quantity of oranges and will initiate a clothing collection campaign in Israel for the benefit of Holland's thousands of flood victims, it was announced last night by Acting Premier Pinchas Lavon at a session of Parliament at which various government leaders expressed their sympathy for the hard-hit people of the Netherlands.

Speaker of the House Joseph Sprinzak reviewed the centuries of "heroic struggle" against the elements which the Dutch people had waged to build their "splendid cities and a great culture." He pointed out that the people of Holland had showed a great "breadth of heart and heart-warming sympathy" in "our own hour of distress." The Knesset session was attended by Netherlands consul M. von Karnebeek and his wife, both of whom were dressed in black as a sign of mourning.

DR. SILVER'S 60TH BIRTHDAY MARKED TODAY; BEN GURION SENDS GREETINGS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Israel Premier David Ben Gurion today cabled his congratulations on the 60th birthday of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, veteran American Zionist leader. The message was sent to Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the Zionist Organization of America, which will tender a dinner in New York tomorrow evening to mark Dr. Silver's birthday.

The message wished Dr. Silver "many decades of fruitful work for Judaism and Zionism." It expressed Mr. Ben Gurion's hope that Dr. Silver would "give his hand to strengthen the Zionist lines" and to help achieve greater cooperation among the various Zionist groups in the United States, as worked out at a recent meeting of American Zionist leaders with the Premier.

ANTI-SEMITES GATHER IN SAN FRANCISCO TO FIGHT UNITED NATIONS

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Professional anti-Semites gathered here today for a two-day conference, starting tomorrow, for the purpose of initiating a nationwide campaign "to abolish the United Nations." Invitations to the conference were issued by Gerald L. K. Smith, leader of the anti-Jewish "Christian Nationalist Crusade."

The announcement of the conference said that the blue-and-white United Nations flag was the U. N.'s way of "aping the Jew flag of Palestine." It charged that Jews and Zionists control the United Nations for "subversive" purposes and made other fantastic allegations. The meeting will take place in the Native Sons' Auditorium here.

SENATE IMMIGRATION BODY WILLING TO REVIEW MCCARRAN ACT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Sen. Arthur V. Watkins, of Utah, newly-appointed chairman of the Senate Immigration Subcommittee, said today he is willing to "review" the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act in keeping with President Eisenhower's request, but that he does not think the act is a failure.

Sen. Watkins indicated, however, that it is up to the White House to propose specific changes in the Act. "I voted for the bill and to override the President's veto and I'm not willing to say the law is a failure," Sen. Watkins said. "However, my mind is not closed and I'm ready to consider concrete proposals to change the law." Sen. Herbert H. Lehman said today that a bill would be introduced in the near future to "drastically revise" the controversial Act.

JEWS WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS LIST AMENDMENTS TO MCCARRAN ACT

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Six major amendments to the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act are requested in a resolution forwarded today to President Eisenhower and to Congressional leaders by the Conference Committee of National Jewish Women's Organizations which represent 1,000,000 women.

The amendments which, in the opinion of the women's group, would make the Act conform with "fundamental democratic principles" are: Elimination of the national origins quota system; Increase of the number of possible annual admissions of immigrants; Establishment of a permanent and independent commission on immigration and naturalization; Also, elimination of deportation provisions against an individual admitted for permanent residence unless entry was based on fraud; Abolition of distinctions between native born and naturalized citizens; Institution of procedural safeguards for the protection of the alien as well as the security of the United States, in all immigration proceedings.

The organizations in whose behalf the resolution was presented include: Hadasah; Mizrachi Women's Organizations of America; National Council of Jewish Women; National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods; National Ladies' Auxiliary, Jewish War Veterans; National Women's League of the United Synagogue; Pioneer Women's Organization; Women's American ORT; Women's Branch, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America; Women's Division, American Jewish Congress; and Women's Supreme Council, B'nai B'rith.

BALTIMORE RABBI DELIVERS INVOCATION IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. (JTA) -- Rabbi Abraham Shusterman of Har Sinai Congregation, Baltimore, today led the House of Representatives in prayer when he pronounced the invocation.