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U. N. DELAYS DEBATE ON ISRAEL-SYRIAN DISPUTE; EBAN SEES VISHINSKY

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Vigorous diplomatic activity was initiated today by the Israel delegation at the United Nations following a sudden postponement of a meeting of the UN Security Council scheduled for further discussion of the Israel-Syrian dispute over the Jordan waters used by Israel for its hydroelectric project.

The discussion was slated for resumption today under a Security Council decision of last month. However, Dr. Charles Malik, chairman of the Security Council for this month, announced late last night that at the request of the Western Big Three he had put off the meeting for a week.

The Big Three are the sponsors of a joint resolution at the Security Council which is acceptable to Israel but not to Syria. It was reported today that they feel they had not secured a sufficiently wide basis for support of their resolution and wanted more time for behind-the-scenes negotiations. A British spokesman confirmed today that "exchanges are continuing."

As a result of the new situation, Ambassador Abba Eban, head of the Israel delegation at the UN, conferred this afternoon with Andrei Vishinsky, head of the Soviet delegation, who at previous Council sessions had expressed strong opposition to the Big Three resolution, arguing that Israel's hydroelectric development of the Jordan waters "would play into American hands." Members of other delegations represented at the Security Council were also seen today by Israeli diplomats.

Later in the day Ambassador Eban and M. Kidron, member of the Israel delegation, conferred with UN Secretary General Dag Haimmarakjold on Jordan's opposition to direct talks with Israel under Article XII of the armistice agreement. Such a meeting is mandatory and the responsibility for convoking it lies with the UN Secretary General. (In Washington, Congressman Emanuel Celler today issued a statement urging that the U. S. delegation at the UN act "immediately" to have the Security Council "bring Jordan to terms.")

ISRAEL ADMITTED AS MEMBER OF WORLD BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION

JERUSALEM, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Israel has been admitted as a member of the World Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund, it was officially announced here today. The announcement revealed that Israel applied for membership in September, 1953 and that it was accepted in a mail ballot carried out among the members of the bank.

BRITAIN ASKED TO INTERVENE FOR RELEASE OF ISRAELIS IN BAGDAD

TEL AVIV, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The Israel Government has asked the British Embassy in Bagdad to intervene to obtain the release of three Israeli citizens now being held by the Iraqi authorities in Bagdad Prison.

The three were aboard a Teheran-bound plane forced down at Bagdad by adverse weather conditions. The other passengers and the crew were released, but the three Israelis--two women and one man--were taken into custody.

ISRAEL-CHARTERED VESSEL DISAPPEARS; FEARED CAPTURED IN RED SEA

TEL AVIV, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The mysterious disappearance of an Italian vessel under charter to an Israeli corporation was reported here today. It is feared that the vessel may have been sunk or captured in the Red Sea.

The vessel, the S.S. Maria Antonia, was en route from the East African port of Massawa and was scheduled to arrive at the Israeli port of Eilat, on the Gulf of Aqaba. All attempts to contact the vessel have failed. It left the African port on December 25 with a cargo of 121 tons of canned meat and 40 tons of hides.

WORLD URGED TO PAY ATTENTION TO SUEZ BLOCKADE AGAINST ISRAEL

LONDON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The significance of Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal against Israeli shipping, as pointed up in the recent confiscation of a cargo of kosher meat destined for Israel, should be more closely considered by the nations of the world, the Manchester Guardian declared in an editorial today.

The newspaper stressed the fact that Israel protested the same issue two years ago and that the United Nations Security Council at that time ordered Egypt to halt such illegal blockading actions. It emphasized that Egypt's refusal to heed the Council has meaning for other nations. It warned that if this violation of international law were permitted other nations with whom Egypt had quarrels could also be barred from use of the vital Suez waterway.

The Manchester Guardian reviewed the history of the Canal, noting that the first article of the Constantinople Convention, which defined international rights in the Suez Canal, stated that "the Canal shall never be subjected to the right of blockade." It also stated that this principle of no blockade has been recognized in peace and war and as late as 1947 by an Egyptian Premier who told the Security Council that the Canal was an "international artery open to all nations in time of peace and in time of war."

ARAB LEAGUE COOL TO IRAQ'S PROPOSAL FOR AN ARAB FEDERATION

LONDON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The Arab League Political Committee, which is currently meeting in Cairo, has given an Iraqi plan for an Arab federation a cool reception and has consigned the proposal to a "study," it was reported here today from the Egyptian capital.

The dispatch said that only Jordan endorsed the idea of such a federation and that the opposition to it came from Saudi Arabia and Syria. It pointed out that Saudi Arabian opposition springs from hostility to the Hashemite family which rules both Jordan and Iraq, while Syria fears the revival of a "Greater Syria" plan which would swallow Syria and Lebanon in a federated state dominated by Iraq and Jordan.

WOMEN INSPECTORS TO SUPERVISE CONSCRIPTION OF GIRLS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- A national inspector, two deputies and six regional inspectors, all women, will be appointed by the Israel Government to implement the national conscription law for non-military service for women, it was indicated today in a statement issued here by the Israel Office of Information.

These inspectors, the statement said, will regulate the employment of girls eligible for service in coordination with the respective governmental and private institutions. Special regulations for the observance of Sabbath, holidays and Kashrut will be issued soon.

This is in accordance with Article 8 of the National Service Law which provides that "a person eligible for service exempted from defense service on religious grounds shall be assured during her national service of an opportunity to maintain a religious way of life in accordance with rules to be prescribed by regulations," the statement explained.

"As far as service will require staying overnight outside a girl's home, this stay will be arranged in a religious place," the statement emphasized. "However, every effort will be made to enable the girls to return to their homes after doing their day's work."

Girls with Higher Education to be Drafted First

The girls will be employed in relief services, teaching, health services and agriculture. Among the first to be drafted will be those girls with a high school education and graduates of teachers colleges. These will greatly contribute to the educational and social welfare services in the immigrant settlements. Regulations will require inspectors to assign girls to service wherever possible in accordance with their personal preferences.

"In this connection," the statement pointed out, "it should be remembered that religious girls whose traditional way of life is inconsistent with any employment outside their home environment will be completely exempt from any kind of national service."

The statement drew attention to the fact that Article 13 of the law stipulates that "the Minister shall appoint general or special boards for national service which shall be authorized to grant relief from the duty of national service, or to postpone the service for family, educational or economic reasons or for reasons connected with a family's special way of life."

From authoritative circles it is learned that the exemption boards will be composed mainly of religious persons.

AMERICAN RABBIS APPEAL TO ISRAEL AGAINST DRAFTING OF WOMEN

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- A resolution appealing to the Israel Government to refrain from carrying out the law which provides for the conscription of women into military service and religious women into non-military national service was adopted here last night at a mass meeting arranged by the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada.

The meeting, attended by about 1,000 Orthodox Jews, was addressed by leading rabbis who emphasized that Orthodox Jewry in the United States is opposed to any kind of national service for women in Israel. The speakers also demanded increased religious education in Israel.

JEWISH EXPERTS ASK GERMANY TO IMPROVE INDEMNIFICATION LAW.

FRANKFURT, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Resolutions calling for specific improvements in the text of indemnification legislation for individual claimants and in the administration of the Federal Indemnification Law that went into effect last October, were adopted at the conclusion of a two-day conference of Jewish jurists from all parts of Germany and from other countries, held in nearby Bad Homburg.

The conference, which was convened by the Central Council of the Jews in Germany, was attended by some 150 lawyers, judges and government officials. It was held under the chairmanship of Dr. Kurt Werthauer, the only Jewish attorney practicing before the Federal Supreme Court in Karlsruhe.

Speakers at the conference voiced disappointment with the operation of the Indemnification Law to date, and with the lack of progress in securing the most urgent amendments. In the American and French zones, as well as in Berlin, the new Germany-wide law, adopted by the Bundestag more than five months ago, has caused a slowdown in payments and not infrequently even a deterioration of the legal position, it was brought out. In Berlin, for instance, monthly payments dropped from \$1,500,000 to less than half; in Bavaria the average number of settlements plummeted from more than 1,500 to substantially less than 100 a month.

BERLIN TO COVER \$100,000 DEFICIT OF JEWISH HOSPITAL

BERLIN, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The only Jewish hospital in Germany will continue to exist for the time being, thanks to the city government's temporary assumption of the annual \$100,000 deficit incurred by the Berlin Jewish Hospital.

The hospital, with its 400 beds and its staff of 250, can look back upon a great healing tradition. It was the solitary Jewish institution in Germany able to continue operations, albeit amid constant harassment and on a severely restricted scale, throughout the Nazi regime.

In recent years the Berlin Jewish Community has modernized the hospital plant at considerable expense and, under the medical direction of Dr. Oscar Rosenberg, has carried on the work of nursing the sick as a Jewish responsibility, even though only a small fraction of the patients are now Jews. The heavy deficit, however, drained the resources of the shrunken community to the point where it had to announce, after long negotiations, that it could no longer carry the burden after January. At this juncture the West Berlin municipal administration stepped in, bridging the financial gap until the beginning of the next fiscal year.

HALF OF GERMAN REPARATIONS TO GO TO ISRAEL ON GERMAN SHIPS

HAMBURG, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Commencing in October, 1954, half of all German reparations shipments to Israel will be carried in German bottoms and the other half in Israeli owned or chartered vessels, according to an agreement between the German authorities and the Israel purchasing mission in Germany, it was learned here today.

In the past, German shippers were reluctant to carry goods to Israel for two reasons; because the Israelis, fearful of possible riots, have refused to grant German merchant seamen shore leave in their ports; and because the shippers have feared that they would be barred from Arab harbors if they stopped off at Israeli ports.

ANTI-SEMITIC "PROTOCOLS" DISTRIBUTED IN U.S. MAILS IN BOSTON

BOSTON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- A protest against distribution in the U.S. mails of copies of the so-called "Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion," has been made to Postmaster-General Arthur E. Summerfield by Rep. James A. Burke of the Suffolk District.

Rep. Burke reported receipt of the pamphlet in the mails in an envelope without a return address. He asked the Postmaster General to "look into the mailing privileges, if any, of the addressor and determine whether or not any of the nation's postal laws are being violated."

He also asked Mr. Summerfield to call the matter to the personal attention of the Attorney General "to determine that there is no violation evident in this mail of the Federal laws, particularly pertaining to the spread of Communism."

Copies of the "Protocols" are being distributed to members of the Massachusetts legislature by Cende McGinley, anti-Jewish publicist, according to the local office of the Anti-Defamation League.

INDIANAPOLIS PAPER CHARGED WITH PLAYING UP ANTI-JEWISH LETTERS

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The Indianapolis Star, one of the leading newspapers of the mid-West, was publicly charged here with taking every opportunity "to present a pro-Arab viewpoint that is derogatory both to the Jews and the Jewish State."

The charge appeared in the Indiana Jewish Chronicle in an editorial signed by its publisher, Morris Strauss, who accused the Star of "playing up anti-Zionist and anti-Jewish letters to the editor." The editorial also took sharp exception to a definition of the word "nomad" appearing in a Star feature which said that "as a race, the Jews fit that designation better than any other modern ones."

NEW JERSEY SENATOR APPEALS FOR REVISION OF IMMIGRATION LAW

NEWARK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- A demand that the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act be revised "in the American spirit of courage, humanity and freedom, and not in a frightened atmosphere of suspicion and withdrawal from reality," was made here last night by Senator Robert C. Hendrickson of New Jersey, speaking at a meeting at Montclair, near here.

The Senator charged that in many instances administration of the law is "harsh and arbitrary" and infringes on traditional standards of fair play. He pointed out that except for the Indians all Americans are "immigrants or the descendants of immigrants."

"BROTHERHOOD WEEK" TO BE OBSERVED IN WEST GERMANY

BONN, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Professor Theodor Heuss, President of West Germany, has agreed to become patron of this year's West German "Brotherhood Week," which is scheduled to be held from March 14 to March 25 under the auspices of the Societies for Christian-Jewish Cooperation.

MONTH-LONG JEWISH MUSIC FESTIVAL STARTS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The 10th annual Jewish Music Festival will start this week-end throughout the country with concerts in Jewish Community Centers; synagogues, Jewish schools and other institutions.

The Festival, which will last a full month, will be marked by special radio and television programs, exhibits, forums, Sabbath service music programs, contests and lectures. Salutes will also be presented by a number of national symphonies, colleges and civic orchestras.

Indicative of non-Jewish interest in the Festival are the programs planned by the New York Pro Musica Antiqua Society, which will feature the works of the 17th century court musician, the Venetian, Salomone Rossi, and the concert to be presented by the New York College of Music Faculty, which will include music of Jacob Weinberg. The Cincinnati Symphony orchestra is presenting the cantata, "Let There Be Light" by Baruch J. Cohon at a program in which the Jewish Music Festival Chorus will participate.

DELEGATE REPORTS ON FIGHT AGAINST DELINQUENCY IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- There are thousands of teen-agers in Israel in danger of becoming delinquents, but the joint efforts of the Israel Government and the Working Women's Council is "slowly but surely" directing them towards a "healthy, constructive life," Mrs. Bathsheva Vilenski, told a press conference here yesterday.

Mrs. Vilenski, director of the Working Women's Council vocational training program for youth, has just arrived in the U.S. for a six-month tour for the Pioneer Women, American sister organization of the Council. She reported that many of the youth of recent immigrants to Israel "find it easy to justify anti-social acts" because of the basic insecurity they have suffered in their former environments.

ALLIANCE ISRAELITE FORMS COMMITTEES IN SUDAN AND ERITREA

PARIS, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- The Alliance Israelite Universelle today announced the formation of two more Alliance committees abroad, one in Khartoum, Sudan, and the other in Asmara, Eritrea. Alliance leader Andre Chouraqui recently returned from these two areas where he helped the committees with their initial organization.

MILTON KATZ NAMED HEAD OF HARVARD'S WORLD LEGAL STUDIES

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Milton Katz, former administrator of the Marshall Plan in Europe, has been named to head Harvard University's international legal studies, Dean Erwin N. Griswold announced here yesterday. Prof. Katz, who will resign the post of associate director of the Ford Foundation to accept the Harvard post, left a position teaching law at Harvard to enter government service in 1941.

JEWISH WOMAN NAMED HEAD OF COLLEGE AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

LONDON, Jan. 14. (JTA) -- Ruth Cohen, 47, an economist, was today named principal of Newham College at Cambridge University. Miss Cohen, who is the sister of Sir Andrew Cohen, Governor of Uganda, is the first Jewish woman to head a college at either Cambridge or Oxford University.