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ISRAEL ENVOY DISCUSSES CURRENT CRISIS WITH STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, April 6. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban today discussed the question of consideration by the United Nations Security Council of Arab-Israel tension with Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs.

After talking with Mr. Byroade, the Ambassador said that Israel hoped that the current crisis would be discussed before the Security Council later this week or next week. Mr. Eban said that Israel has thought for the last two weeks that the Security Council should embark on consideration of Arab-Israel difficulties notwithstanding the admitted difficulties with regard to the Great Power relations.

He took cognizance of the last two anti-Israel vetoes by the Soviet Union of United Nations resolutions but said that Israel saw no substitute for United Nations action. He added that any United Nations discussion of the Near Eastern problem should be broad and general and said that he believed the need for such a general review was uppermost in the thoughts of the Western Powers.

(In London, Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath today saw British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden with whom he discussed "matters of common interest." It is believed that the visit was connected with the forthcoming Security Council discussion on the Israel and the Lebanese complaints.)

One purpose of today's visit at the State Department by the Ambassador was to introduce Meir Sherman, an Israel diplomat with the rank of Minister who is the newly-appointed Director of Economic Services of the Israel Government in the United States. Coincidental to the introduction of Mr. Sherman, various economic matters were reviewed in very general terms including the proposed foreign aid program of the United States for the coming year.

Reduction of U. S. Aid to Middle East Indicated

WASHINGTON, April 6. (JTA) -- Foreign Operations Administrator Harold Stassen revealed today that the major portion of American military, economic, and technical assistance in the coming year would be allocated to the Far East. It was indicated that Europe and the Middle East might receive less than in previous years.

Mr. Stassen said the development assistance category does include some aid for Israel and the Arab states, but did not specify how much. He disclosed that the requested allocation for aid to the Near East, Africa, and South Asia totalled \$569,100,000. However, it was impossible to tell from this figure how much was intended for the Arab states or Israel because of the vast area covered in the regions specified.

U. N. COUNCIL STARTS DEBATE TOMORROW ON ARAB-ISRAEL COMPLAINTS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 6. (JTA) -- Details of Jordan's violations of the armistice agreement were submitted by Israel today to the United Nations Security Council following the request made last night to the Council to give urgent consideration to the question of Jordan's repudiation of its armistice obligations.

Soviet delegate Andrei Vishinsky, who presides over the Council this month, announced last night that he is calling a meeting of the Council for Thursday to consider a Lebanese complaint against Israel for the raid on the Jordanian village of Nahalin as well as Israel's complaint against Jordan.

The Security Council is likely to be tied up in a long procedural wrangle since the Arabs seek to confine the debate to the Nahalin incident while the Western Powers are known to feel that the only constructive approach to the present Arab-Israel situation is one that would allow a general review of armistice arrangements. This is also Israel's view.

Doubt was expressed today in UN circles whether Mr. Vishinsky will permit the Security Council to do anything positive about Israel's complaint. It was pointed out that Mr. Vishinsky has recently used the veto twice to kill resolutions of the Council acceptable to Israel but opposed by the Arabs.

U. N. Urged to Insist on Direct Arab-Israel Talks

NEW YORK, April 6, (JTA) -- "The United Nations Security Council which is convening to discuss the Palestine problem this Thursday will be wasting its time if it is not determined to bring about direct peace negotiations between Israel and its Arab neighbors," Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, declared today.

"The Security Council," Dr. Goldstein said, "can no longer evade what has been its fundamental responsibility in this area"--the negotiation of a peace treaty for which Israel has repeatedly declared itself eager and ready and which the Arabs have equally repeatedly refused to consider or discuss.

He called upon the United States and the Western Powers to adopt a policy of firmness which will bring about such direct peace negotiations. "Any further evidence of equivocation or ambiguity by the Western Powers," Dr. Goldstein warned, "will only further encourage the Arabs to believe that by playing off East against West they can safely continue to refuse to make peace with Israel."

Dr. Goldstein also urged that the United States cease supplying arms to Arabs as these shipments have only served to strengthen their intransigence and defiance. This stoppage, he said, coupled with "unequivocal insistence on peace negotiations" can play a decisive role in preventing further deterioration of a situation fraught with alarming possibilities.

ISRAEL REPORTS NEW AGGRESSIONS FROM THREE ARAB LANDS

TEL AVIV, April 6. (JTA) -- An Israeli military spokesman today announced three new aggressive acts from three neighboring Arab countries.

Two Israeli soldiers were wounded when an Egyptian military post opened fire on an Israeli guard near Kissufin, in the Negev. At the same time armed Jordanians opened fire on an Israeli guard near Lifta, a suburb of Jerusalem, while eight armed Syrians crossed the Israel-Syrian border and looted 200 head of cattle from an Israeli collective settlement.

GRAND CEREMONY MARKS REBURIAL OF BARON DE ROTHSCHILD IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, April 6. (JTA) -- Impressive ceremonies marked today the reburial on a Carmel hill of the remains of the late Baron Edmond de Rothschild--known as "Hanadiv Hayaduah" (The Famous Philanthropist)--and his wife, the Baroness Adelaide, which were brought from France in accordance with his will. Baron de Rothschild died in Paris in 1934.

The colorful, solemn ceremonies lasting more than 24 hours, culminated this morning when a unit of Marines and a group of police cadets took up the two biers to place them in the mausoleum built on the site chosen by the Baron himself--a site overlooking from a 300-foot eminence many of the very fields and colonies which the Baron's benefactions had made possible.

The ceremonies got under way yesterday morning when the government frigate, The Mivtach, carrying the coffins from France, entered Haifa harbor. As heavy showers beat on the waters, every ship in the port lowered its flag to halfmast. A 19-gun salute was fired. The Baron's own insignia, that had flown from the Mivtach mainmast, was lowered. The coffins were taken by hearse to Haifa Town Hall.

50,000 Pass Coffins; President, Cabinet Attend Funeral

Through the night, the bodies lay in state. Fifty thousand men and women passed by the coffins atop a platform draped in green and black. This morning members of the Rothschild family, who had come here from Europe, took their places at the bier. The Government was represented by President Ben Zvi and the full Cabinet led by Premier Moshe Sharett. Former Prime Minister David Ben Gurion and his wife had come up from their Negev retreat at Sdeh Boker. The Mayor of Haifa led the procession. Seventy-six-year-old Baron James de Rothschild, son of the deceased Baron, with tears in his eyes and in choked voice, recited the Kaddish.

The funeral convoy started for the burial place--now named "Ramat Hanadiv." Along the entire route, streets and highways were decorated with the national flag at halfmast. There was weeping as the corteges passed the main streets of two colonies--Zichron Yaakov, named after the Baron's father, and Benyamina, bearing the Baron's own Hebrew given name. There are veteran colonists in those settlements who had come in personal contact with the Baron, had benefited personally from his help.

Atop a platform near the mausoleum, the coffins were placed at the spot the Baron had himself chosen for his final resting place. Baron James again recited the Kaddish, standing between the two coffins, while all present stood at attention around him. Representatives of 46 settlements established on land acquired by the late Baron filed into the mausoleum. Each man placed a small sack with soil from his settlement as a bed for the coffins. The biers were lowered. A cantor and choir chanted El Moleh. The will of Hanadiv Hayaduah had been fulfilled.

U. N. GROUP ASKS FOR FURTHER STUDY OF QUESTION OF MINORITIES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., April 6. (JTA) -- The Commission on Human Rights this morning adopted a resolution requesting the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to give further study to the whole question of minorities, including the definition of the term "minority."

The resolution, sponsored by Chile, China, Egypt, India and Pakistan, was adopted by a vote of 10 in favor, 6 against (Australia, Belgium, France, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States) with one abstention (Greece).

U. S. JEWISH SOLDIER SUES GERMAN TRUST FOR \$40,000 DAMAGES

HEIDELBERG, April 6. (JTA) -- Bruno Ritter, a Jewish ex-DP who is now a sergeant with Headquarters Company of the 4th Infantry Division here, has filed a formal claim for \$40,000 in damages and back pay against the IG-Farben chemical trust, because of slave labor performed and sufferings endured by him in the notorious Nazi synthetic rubber plant of Buna-Monowitz.

When he was thirteen years old, Ritter was torn from his home at Cracow and shipped to the first of a series of labor and concentration camps, in which almost all his family perished. For a year he was employed at Monowitz, an installation established by IG-Farben so as to profit from the unpaid labor of concentration camp inmates. He suffered clubbings, whippings and other tortures, as well as exposure and starvation.

A few days prior to the American occupation of Germany, Ritter escaped from a concentration camp trek. While he was living in the German city of Bamberg as a DP, Lt. Arthur D. Williams of the Quartermaster Corps took an interest in him. They became such good friends that Williams sponsored young Ritter for entry into the United States, where he lived with the Williams family in Kansas City until he joined the U. S. Army in 1949. He recently re-enlisted and wants to make the army his career, but still considers Kansas City his home town.

Ritter's demand for \$40,000 has been submitted to the Registration Office for Creditors' Claims against IG-Farben and will not be acted upon until a test case for \$2,400 in back pay, brought some years ago by Norbert Wollheim, has been finally adjudicated. The suit of Wollheim, a New York resident who served as the foremost leader of German Jews in the British Zone during the first postwar years, was successful in the lower courts, but has been appealed by the IG-Farben combine.

SWISS OFFICIAL BLAMED FOR NAZI BRANDING OF PASSPORTS FOR JEWS

ZURICH, April 6. (JTA) -- Dr. Heinrich Rothmund, chief of the Police Division of the Federal Department of Justice, was today charged with being the originator of the discriminatory "J" which was stamped into the passports of all Jews by the Nazis in Germany. The charge is made in an article in the "Schweizerischer Boebachter," a liberal Swiss publication.

The Boebachter says that after the Austrian "Anschluss" by the Germans in 1938, Dr. Rothmund went to Berlin and proposed to the Nazi officials that the passports of Jews be stamped with "J" because he wanted to prevent large numbers of Jewish emigrants from seeking asylum in Switzerland. This practice, declares the publication, was the first step on the "road to the dire fate for many thousands of Jewish emigrants." The Boebachter emphasizes that its information is based on documents in the fifth volume of German foreign policy archives published jointly by the United States, Great Britain and France.

JEWISH COMMUNITY ELECTIONS HELD IN TURKEY; FIRST IN TWENTY YEARS

ISTANBUL, April 6. (JTA) -- For the first time in two decades elections for the Jewish community council took place here this week. Elections can only be held with the permission of the Turkish authorities and until now they had not granted such permission.

The number of votes cast in the balloting was very low and communal authorities are alarmed at the lack of interest thus displayed. The council is a body which is responsible for the administration of all synagogues and other assets belonging to the Chief Rabbinate.

CZECH AUTHORITIES CLOSE TWO JEWISH OLD-AGE HOMES

BERLIN, April 6. (JTA) -- The Jewish old age homes in Bratislava and Brno are to be closed by the end of April, according to word received by Radio Free Europe from usually reliable sources. The inmates will be evacuated to smaller towns.

SABBATH OBSERVERS ENTITLED TO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

CLEVELAND, April 6. (JTA) -- The Ohio State Supreme Court, by a four to three vote, reversed a 1949 decision and ruled that conscientious Sabbath observers who refuse work on Saturday because of their religious convictions cannot be denied unemployment compensation benefits.

The case arose when Regina Tary of Toledo, a Seventh Day Adventist, denied unemployment compensation because she refused work on the Sabbath, carried her case to the courts, alleging that the addition by the Ohio Legislature of "morals" as a bona fide reason for refusing work included religious convictions.

Six Ohio Jewish community organizations: Jewish Community Council of Akron, Cincinnati Jewish Community Council, Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland, Columbus Jewish Community Council, Jewish Community Council of Dayton, and the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Youngstown submitted a brief as "friends of the court" when the issue reached the Ohio Supreme Court. The lower courts had ruled in favor of Mrs. Tary.

The Ohio Jewish community organizations in their brief said that they "obviously have a direct interest in the controversy, since Jews observe the same Sabbath as the Seventh Day Adventists. Were the Sabbath involved in this case the first rather than the seventh day of the week, we would be equally concerned. The organizations we represent are devoted to the preservation of religion and the protection of civil rights." Leo Pfeffer, Assistant National Director of the Commission on Law and Social Action of the American Jewish Congress, acted as counsel in preparation of the brief and pleaded the constitutional aspects of the case before the Supreme Court.

(In New York, Rabbi Normal Salit, president of the Synagogue Council of America, and Bernard H. Trager, chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, joined in hailing as a "great gain in the continuing battle for the preservation of religious liberties" the decision of the Ohio Supreme Court.)

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN OPENS THREE-DAY PARLEY

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- More than 80 leaders of the National Council of Jewish Women, representing 200 branches of the Council throughout the country, today started a three-day meeting here to discuss the welfare service and education activities conducted by the 61-year-old organization.

Addressing the opening session, Mrs. Irving M. Engel, president of the organization, urged a continued and vigorous fight against those powerful interests which are attempting to subvert those American liberties which are the fundamental heritage of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. She cautioned that "at this moment there seems to be a turning point in favor of freedom and justice, but there is no assurance that the extremists and fanatics will now be repudiated."

Mrs. Elsie Elfenbein, executive director of the Council, reported that a field staff has been organized and trained since last October, to visit the 245 communities where there are Council branches, give direct service in the development of local projects, and relay views and experiences between the Sections and the national office. She also reported that new equipment for audio-visual education is being sent to the School of Education of Hebrew University, which the Council supports.

Under the Council's overseas scholarship program, two students recently completed their training in the United States and returned to Israel--one a specialist in education of mentally retarded children, one a specialist in adult education. Ninety-seven scholarships to students in fields of social welfare and education from Jewish communities in 15 countries have been granted since the program's inception in 1946, Mrs. Elfenbein said.

U. S. RABBIS IMPRESSED WITH ORTHODOX OBSERVANCE IN ISRAEL ARMY

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- Assurances that all religious issues in Israel can be solved through open-minded, intelligent discussion between lay and rabbinical leaders, were brought home today by two American rabbis who have just returned from a mission to Israel on behalf of the Rabbinical Council of America. The Council has a membership of more than 500 American trained rabbis serving orthodox Jewish communities all over the United States.

In a joint report delivered to nearly 100 members of the Council on their return from Israel, Rabbi Theodore L. Adams and Rabbi Zev Segal, declared that they had "found readiness and willingness to discuss the issue of national service for women, and all other religious questions in an open-minded, intelligent and sincere manner."

"We left Israel," the rabbis said, "with the impression that if this spirit of good will continues there and is paralleled by a similar spirit in America, all issues will be satisfactorily solved. We were greatly impressed by the great desire of the religious and spiritual community in Israel to establish a spiritual bridge with American Jewry as well as with Jewry everywhere."

Rabbi Adams and Rabbi Segal said they were impressed with the facilities for Jewish observance in the Israel Army. "The care for observance of Kashruth and the Sabbath was something that filled us with a deep sense of gratitude and a realization that the positive religious values in Israel were many and strong," they said. "We were similarly impressed by the schools which we visited, both under government and private auspices and with the remarkable work being done toward the fostering of scholarship in Israel through many of the great yeshivot."

J. W. B. ARRANGES "SOLC SEDERS" AT ARCTIC MILITARY POSTS

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- A parachute drop of Passover foods and religious supplies flown by helicopter to a handful of American Jewish GI's on US post T-3, the floating iceberg island 300 miles from the North Pole, will typify the Passover arrangements in remote areas of the world to be carried out this year by the National Jewish Welfare Board, it was announced here today.

The arrangements for the little "solo seders" at Arctic installations, Caribbean jungle outposts and stations in Korea, the Far East and Europe are part of JWB's total Passover preparations including mass seders to be conducted by more than 300 full and part-time Jewish chaplains in the U. S. and abroad. Kosher foods and religious supplies were shipped by JWB for the holiday services to be held at posts in Europe, Africa, Asia and at 600 camps and veterans hospitals in the U. S.

U. S. JEWISH SOLDIERS ADOPT 150 HOMELESS FILIPINO CHILDREN

NEW YORK, April 6. (JTA) -- One hundred and fifty Filipino youngsters whose families have been driven from their homes by the "Huks," the pro-communist guerrillas waging underground war on the Philippine government, have been adopted by the Jewish servicemen, it was reported today by the National Jewish Welfare Board. The new welfare project called "Operation Brotherhood," which is headed by Chaplain Milton Matz in Manila, is providing plenty of nourishing food, clothing and medical services.

An assessment of one dollar on each Jewish soldier monthly has made possible the inauguration of weekly "protein parties," where the bill of fare features lots of red meat, fish and eggs, the report said. "The GI parties are literally lifesavers for the children, who have been forced to subsist on rice alone, gathered in the fields by their parents," the JWB stated.