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SHARETT REJECTS BYROADE'S "ADVICE" TO ISRAEL; CRITICIZES RUSSIA

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA) -- Israel's Prime Minister Moshe Sharett today publicly rejected the "advice" given to Israel by Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade not to consider the Jewish State a center of world Jewry and to limit immigration to Israel as a reassurance to the Arabs.

Speaking before Parliament, the Israel Premier charged that Byroade's recent speeches can be taken as indication that the United States is attempting to compete with the Soviet Union "in showing greater leniency towards the Arab states while turning a stern face toward Israel."

The line adopted by the Soviet representative at the United Nations Security Council to veto any proposal detrimental to the Arabs and endorse at every stage the attitude taken by the Arab side raises serious problems and may lead to far-reaching results, Mr. Sharett warned. This Soviet stand, he said, threatens either to paralyze the Security Council as a forum where problems concerning the Middle East and Israel-Arab relations can be considered and decided, or to turn the Council into a one-sided instrument capable only of action against Israel.

"If persisted in and further developed, this line is bound to affect Israel's vital interests and have a negative bearing on peace and stability in the entire region," Mr. Sharett declared. He added that the new turn in the Soviet attitude serves as an additional factor in promoting a trend in the American policy -- increasing noticeably lately -- to be more lenient towards the Arabs and more strict with Israel. "This tendency," he said, "received clear and authoritative expression in Mr. Byroade's recent speeches."

Byroade Charged With Casting Shadow on Israel-American Relations

The Israel Premier pointed out that although Mr. Byroade's speeches contained statements about the Arabs not pleasing to their ears, at the same time he distorted or ignored basic facts concerning the very nature and policy of Israel. Mr. Byroade's speeches also contained attacks -- expressed or implied -- on Israel's vital interests and the roots of its existence, he said.

"They have justly excited public opinion in Israel and worldwide Jewry, throwing a shadow across the friendly relations between Israel and the United States," Mr. Sharett stated.

In criticizing Mr. Byroade for suggesting that Israel stop considering itself a center of world Jewry, Mr. Sharett noted that this advice is "tantamount to an invitation to Israel and world Jewry to repudiate the essence of their being." Mr. Byroade's definition of Jewry is "meaningless," the Premier continued, "Jews are a people -- one people throughout the world -- the members of which are loyal

citizens of their respective states. The world of Jewish brotherhood," he maintained "is based on a common destiny -- past, present and future -- as well as a world-wide Jewish partnership in the construction of the State of Israel, and their spiritual attachment to it are fundamental facts of Jewish life."

Referring to the "astounding passage" in Mr. Byroade's latest speech in which he suggested that Israel limit immigration, the Premier asserted that while Mr. Byroade might have wanted to show his full understanding for the feeling of the Arab world his statement did "injury to Israel's most sacred and precious asset" while at the same time adding difficulties to the cause of peace between Israel and the Arab states. Israel, Mr. Sharett stated firmly, cannot possibly accept Mr. Byroade's advice, while the attempt to justify Arab opposition to immigration is liable only to serve as a new excuse not to conclude peace.

Hits Byroade's Reference to Jewish Emigration from USSR

Referring to Mr. Byroade's statement that if the USSR were to let the Jews out of the Soviet Union it would be only to create turmoil in the Middle East, the Premier recalled Britain's justification for closing Palestine's gates to Jews fleeing the Nazis, and continued:

"We do not often make public statements about Jewish immigration from Russia, but if the United States State Department found it necessary to hold a public discussion we cannot but express what is in our hearts -- if ever the great day should come when the Soviets let out the Jews to Israel, we shall open the gates to receive all who want to come or are forced to leave."

"This will not be a catastrophe, but a great deliverance. What will be set ablaze will not be a conflagration in the Middle East, but a holy fire in the Jewish people which will rise with all its might and main to help us receive our brothers. Deep in our hearts there is faith that that day will come."

Turning to Mr. Byroade's remarks about the Arab fears that Israel will expand across its borders into their territory, Mr. Sharett pointed out that Israel had much more reason to fear Arab aggression. If the Arabs do not place their faith in the tripartite declaration of May, 1950 as a bulwark against aggression in the Middle East, why should Israel be asked to place its unreserved reliance on that document, he asked.

There is no indication that the Arabs are ready for a gradual, piece-meal approach to peace, but there is -- in Mr. Byroade's remarks -- an implied charge that Israel is stubborn on this issue insisting -- in the words of Mr. Byroade -- on "total peace or nothing." Israel is ready to enter into negotiations with the neighboring states on either a final and comprehensive peace or a partial or interim arrangement, Mr. Sharett emphasized.

But, he warned, any such arrangement must be based on reciprocity else it would be only a premium for intransigence and would contribute only to the retardation of peace. "Let me also make clear," he stated, "that this means a settlement with Israel as it is, in its present boundaries and without the introduction of Arab refugees. Just as the settlement with any Arab state means with that state as it is."

Pointing out that the United States Government decided to arm Iraq over the strenuous objections of Israel, Mr. Sharett said the present situation "calls for some plain speaking on our part. Israel owes much to the United States," he declared. "It is intimately connected with American Jewry. It appreciates deeply the political and financial aid which it has been privileged to receive from the United States. It values highly the sympathy extended by large parts of the American people. It regards itself as an organic part of the democratic world."

"Yet Israel's concern for its own security comes first. In matters of security it must be left to be its own judge. Israel will welcome any help to strengthen its security position, including grants of arms, but no such assistance will ever absolve it of its ultimate responsibility for its own safety," he declared.

ISRAEL LEADERS SEEK TO CHECK DECLINE IN PRO-AMERICAN SENTIMENT

TEL AVIV, May 10. (JTA) -- Attempting to check the deterioration of pro-American sentiment among Israelis caused by the recent speeches of Assistant Secretary of State Henry A. Byroade, the Israel-American Friendship League last night held three public meetings in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa at which Cabinet members and members of the Israel Parliament were the principal speakers.

Mrs. Golda Myerson, Minister of Labor, told a League meeting here that she hoped friendly relations between the two countries would continue on a basis of "mutual honor and understanding." She criticized Mr. Byroade's recent speech advising Israel to limit immigration as a sop to the Arabs, noting that the speech would have been overlooked by Israel had it not been linked with the American decision to arm Iraq. In this connection she charged that Mr. Byroade's speech played into the hands of the Arab states, giving them all the excuse they needed to ask for more American arms and to refuse to make peace with the Jewish State.

She pointed out that Mr. Byroade had hit Israel in its "most sensitive spot"--the deep-rooted ties between the Jewish people and Israel. She underlined that the present generation of Jews who had paid for their state in the blood of millions of martyrs in Europe and thousands of dead in the War of Liberation would not surrender the independence and sovereignty of Israel and would stick by its most important principle--an open door immigration policy. She called upon American Jewish youth to give Mr. Byroade his "proper reply" by coming to Israel.

Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, speaking at Jerusalem, reported that the country had already achieved sixty percent of self-sufficiency, but warned that the remaining 40 percent of the battle would require an "immense effort -- a hard, uphill battle." He asserted that if Israel were to double its economic capacity in the next six-seven years it could maintain a mass immigration, but that even without such an immigration, the normal rate of increase would boost the population to 2,000,000 within a few years.

NEW INCIDENTS ON JORDAN-ISRAEL FRONTIER; FIVE ISRAELIS KILLED

TEL AVIV, May 10. (JTA) -- Two more incidents occurred along the Israel-Jordan frontiers today, an Israeli military spokesman announced here. This brings to five the number of incidents along the border in the past three days, in which Israel suffered five dead and several wounded and the Jordanians are known to have suffered at least two killed and several wounded.

Today's incidents occurred north of Tulkarem where an Israel patrol unit found a Jordanian unit inside Israel and drove it out with gunfire, and in the Kalkilya area where an Israeli unit was fired on from across the border. No casualties were suffered in either affair.

The spokesman revealed that the two-part battle near Wadi Fukien yesterday cost the Israelis a third soldier killed and two more wounded by Jordanian mortar fire. In the first part of the battle, precipitated by a large Jordanian unit of infiltrators, two Israelis were wounded and then murdered by the Arabs when the Israeli force retreated before counter-attacking.

JORDAN PREMIER SAYS HE WILL NEVER HOLD PEACE TALKS WITH ISRAEL

LONDON, May 10. (JTA) -- "Jordan's policy with regard to the Jews will never change. We shall never enter into negotiations leading to peace with them," Abdul Huda Pasha, new Jordan Premier, told the Times of London in an interview published here today.

The Premier, who was brought to power following the resignation of the el-Mulki government over a British note advising Jordan to confer with Israel over the armistice agreement, said that his government would not give any consideration "to pressure from any foreign power." He said that Jordan would act in accordance with the views of the Arab states in relation to Israel.

GERMANS SENTENCED FOR MURDER OF JEWS IN UKRAINIAN TOWNSHIP

FRANKFURT, May 10. (JTA) -- A former German Army captain and his top sergeant have been sentenced to four and three years imprisonment, respectively, by a Darmstadt Court following their conviction on charges of responsibility for the murder of between 60 and 250 Jews in a small village near Smolensk, Ukrainia, in 1941.

The case was notable for two things: the court rejected the defense position that the responsibility for the murders rested with superior officers and the testimony of another former captain in the same outfit who refused to carry out the extermination orders.

The captain who was convicted is E. K. Noell, now a school teacher, who ordered his first sergeant, Emil Zimmer, and a corporal, Wilhelm Magel, to carry out the annihilation. The corporal, whose wife told the authorities of the murders, was acquitted. The defendants had pleaded that they had refused to obey the orders of their commander, a Major Commichau, they would have suffered terrible punishment. A similar plea recently won 20 members of the Darmstadt police corps, who wantonly slaughtered Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto, their freedom.

This time, however, Joseph Sibille, also a captain of a company commanded by Major Commichau, related how he had refused to carry out the orders. The Major had threatened him and had given him 72 hours to change his mind, he said. When he remained adamant, Sibille continued, the Major had called him a "softie," but had not punished him.

The defense has announced that it will appeal the conviction of the ex-captain and sergeant.

COURT DELAYS DECISION ON JEWISH CLAIM AGAINST GERMAN TRUST

FRANKFURT, May 10. (JTA) -- Not until the second half of September, will the local Superior Court hand down a decision in the test case against the IG-Farben chemical combine, in which Jewish leader Norbert Wollheim is suing for back pay and damages for injuries suffered while he was a slave laborer in the synthetic-rubber factory of Buna-Monowitz, it was learned here today.

The Monowitz plant was established by IG-Farben near the Auschwitz extermination camp, because the SS administration of the camp was glad to supply a pool of slave labor.

Several years ago, Wollheim brought a civil suit against IG-Farben for 10,000 marks--about \$2,400--in back pay and damages. Early last year his claim was upheld by a lower court. IG-Farben appealed to the Frankfurt Superior Court, which had originally indicated that it would take up the case in April or May, but has since postponed it until September for "technical reasons."

Both IG-Farben and legal counsel for the approximately 2,000 surviving Monowitz slave laborers have agreed to accept, as binding for similar cases, the final adjudication of the Wollheim suit. The losing party in the Superior Court proceedings is expected to appeal to the Supreme Court in Karlsruhe, the highest judicial authority in Germany.

PRESIDENT HEUSS, DR. ADENAUER, RABBI BAECK HONORED IN GERMANY

BONN, May 10. (JTA) -- Dr. Leo Baeck, onetime Chief Rabbi of Berlin and a prisoner of the Nazis, this week-end received an award from World Brotherhood, an organization springing from the National Conference of Christians and Jews, in recognition of his courage and his leadership of German Jewry. He came here from London to accept the citation.

Similar awards were presented to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and West German President Dr. Theodor Heuss. The citations were presented by Dr. Everett Clindy, president of both World Brotherhood and the NCCJ, and Prof. Arthur Compton, Nobel Prize winner.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE WARNS AGAINST "HATE GROUPS" IN U.S.

CINCINNATI, May 10. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee, at the closing session of its national executive committee here last night, adopted a statement strongly assailing "hate groups" which masquerade in the United States under the cloak of patriotism.

Characterizing "hate groups" as an "insidious growth" of major concern to all Americans, the AJC leaders declared that these groups "strive to promote racial and religious bigotry," and in some cases "under the cloak of patriotism" have obtained support "from individuals of standing in the community."

"These organizations frequently misuse legitimate issues and pervert them to divisive aims," the AJC statement declared. "Their claims to fight Communism, to guard our economic welfare, to defend our schools, are masquerades for their destructive anti-democratic purposes. We call on all Americans to remain alert to the hidden purposes of these instruments of discord and bigotry which undermine our national unity."

Former Federal Judge Simon H. Rifkind of New York, chairman of AJC's administrative committee, sharply attacked private vigilante groups who "without authority, without trial, and without the procedures of justice convict and punish their neighbors." "Private action to punish lawbreakers," he asserted, "inevitably degenerates into brutality and injustice. After long struggle such vigilantism as the Ku Klux Klan has been suppressed but in recent years the Communist threat has again evoked the danger of private action."

Dr. John Slawson, executive vice president of the American Jewish Committee, warned that the new "unity" line of the Communist Party called for infiltration of Communists into all walks of American life, including both major political parties. The new tactic, he said is designed "to strengthen the phony 'peace' offensive now being conducted by Russia to neutralize opposition to her fundamental design of world conquest."

"A parallel danger," he reported, "is the exploitation of the Communist threat by demagogues who, under the guise of fighting Communism, subvert our civil liberties and, by spreading suspicion and mistrust among the American people, weaken our power to deal effectively with the Communist menace."

WORLD CONGRESS OF SEPHARDIC COMMUNITIES OPENS IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, May 10. (JTA) -- The Second World Sephardic Congress opened here last night with more than 200 delegates from Sephardic communities throughout the world in attendance.

President Ben Zvi, greeting the delegates, declared that the Jewish State was established "not only to provide a permanent home for the Jewish masses, but also to unite and integrate all the Jewish tribes into one nation with one language and one national tradition." The Congress was also greeted by Berl Locker, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, and representatives of the World Jewish Congress and the Histadrut.

The Congress, which is expected to last a week, will discuss various problems of Sephardim, especially increasing Sephardic immigration to Israel and the integration of Sephardim in Israel. It is estimated that fully half the immigrants to Israel since the state was established have been Sephardim, some of whom complain they have not been integrated fully into the economic and political life of the state.

In addition to the regular work of the congress, a number of experts on Maimonide will read papers devoted to the work and thought of the great medieval Jewish scientist and philosopher. The session last night was opened by Asher Benroy, president of the World Sephardic Federation. Delegates come from many countries including: Britain, United States, Brazil, Algiers, Belgium, Belgian Congo, France, Colombia, Greece, Holland, Iran, Mexico, Morocco, Portugal, Rhodesia, Tunis, Switzerland, Uruguay, Yugoslavia and Turkey.

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JEWISH SCIENTIST FINDS METHOD TO RELIEVE HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

BUENOS AIRES, May 10. (JTA) -- El Dia Medico, Argentine medical magazine in its current issue describes the successful experiments of two Argentine doctors with "ionization" apparatus designed by a Jewish scientist to relieve the suffering of persons with high blood pressure.

The article, signed by Drs. Augusto Robles Gorriti and Antonio Medina, describes the use of the equipment on 30 patients. The apparatus was designed by Dr. Asher Mibashan, who has been living in Argentina for the past seven years. Dr. Mibashan received his Doctorate in Philosophy in physical chemistry from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

HABIMAH INVITED BY CITY OF PARIS TO GIVE FIVE PERFORMANCES

TEL AVIV, May 10. (JTA) -- The Habimah Theatre, the oldest Jewish troupe, has received an invitation from the city of Paris to participate in the International Dramatic Arts Festival to be held in the French capital in July as part of the city's anniversary celebration, it was announced here today.

The Habimah has been asked to perform five plays. It has already sent a list of 10 possible choices for the Paris festival management to use in reaching its decision. The performances will be given in the Sarah Bernhard Theatre.

COLLEGE FOR TRAINING RABBIS AND MINISTERS OPENED IN JOHANNESBURG

JOHANNESBURG, May 10. (JTA) -- A college for the training of rabbis and ministers is being established in Johannesburg under the joint auspices of the South African Board of Jewish Education and the Federation of Synagogues of the Transvaal.

The College will consist of two departments: a department for the training of ministers, particularly for the country communities, and a department to enable ministers to study for a rabbinic diploma.

Rabbi A. Hilewitz, principal of the Rabbi Judah Leib Zlotnik Seminary, has been appointed head of the college which will be administered by a joint committee of the sponsoring bodies. Chief Rabbi Prof. L. I. Rabinowitz, who was instrumental in bringing about the establishment of this college, and Rabbi S. Rosenzweig will be actively associated with him.

MONTREAL OPENS ISRAEL BOND DRIVE WITH \$250,000 IN SUBSCRIPTIONS

MONTREAL, May 10. (JTA) -- The Jewish community here opened the Israel Development Bond Drive with subscriptions amounting to nearly a quarter million dollars. The response was generated by the visit of Moshe Shapiro, Israeli Minister of Religions. Local organizations are now setting up the machinery for an all out effort to equal, and even to surpass 1953, when nearly \$3,000,000 worth of bonds were sold in Montreal.

BRAZILIAN-ISRAELI CULTURAL INSTITUTE OPENED IN RIO DE JANEIRO

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 10. (JTA) -- A Brazilian-Israeli Cultural Institute to stimulate the exchange of cultural programs between the two countries, was opened here today at a ceremony in the offices of the Foreign Ministry. It was attended by diplomatic representatives from many countries.

The ceremony, at which prominent Brazilian writers and scientists were present, was addressed by Foreign Minister Vincente Rao who emphasized the contribution which Jews in Brazil have made to the development of the country. Other speakers included Senator Hamilton Nogueira, president of the Institute; Dr. Pedro Calmon, Rector of the University of Brazil, and Gen. David Shaltiel, Israel Minister to Brazil.

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