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REPORTS ISRAEL PLANS TO ATTACK ARABS TERMED "WILD NONSENSE"

JERUSALEM, June 8. (JTA) -- Reports published in the American press linking the arrival in Washington yesterday of Francis H. Russel, American Charge d'Affaires in Israel, with alleged Israeli plans to attack Syria and Lebanon this summer were described here today as "wildest nonsense" by a spokesman of the Israel Foreign Ministry.

"It is odd that stories of this kind crop up with predicted dates of 'planned' attacks," the spokesman said. He pointed out that each time the predicted dates have passed and nothing has happened. The stories, he said, are then repeated after a short while with a new date of "attack."

"Those who spread such tales regarding Israel's alleged aggressive intentions are either utterly irresponsible or pursuing some malevolent object of their own," the Foreign Ministry official stated. "Is it possible that certain American circles have an interest in spreading such allegations in order that they may subsequently represent themselves as the saviours of peace?" he asked.

ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC POSITION IMPROVING, STASSEN TELLS SENATE BODY

WASHINGTON, June 8. (JTA) -- Israel is in a "much stronger position" economically today than it was a year ago, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was told today by Harold E. Stassen, director of the Foreign Operations Administration. Mr. Stassen testified in support of the Administration's Foreign Operations program for the coming fiscal year.

"During the past year," Mr. Stassen said, "we have worked very closely with the Government of Israel in establishing improved techniques of assistance and greater stability in debt management and balance of payments arrangements. The economy of Israel is in a much better position today than it was a year ago.

"Israel," he continued, "had acute economic problems inherent in the establishment of a homeland for hundreds of thousands of displaced, oppressed, and exiled peoples from Eastern Europe and other parts of the world."

In the Near East, he reported, the continued tension between the Arab states and Israel has thus far prevented the carrying out of plans for coordinated economic development of water resources during the past year. The program in the Arab states, he reported, has placed "high priority upon water development including irrigation, well drilling and water spreading. Arab leaders have visited the United States to observe water conservation and water use methods."

HERBERT MORRISON VISITS ISRAEL; FINDS COUNTRY GREATLY DEVELOPED

TEL AVIV, June 8. (JTA) -- Herbert Morrison, last Foreign Secretary in the late British Labor Government, today expressed the opinion that the tremendous development which he has witnessed in Israel since his arrival here two days ago would not have taken place had the British Mandate over Palestine continued. The Mandate was surrendered and Israel independence achieved during the administration of the late Ernest Bevin, Mr. Morrison's predecessor in office during the Labor Government.

Mr. Morrison, who was today a guest of the Histadrut, Israel's general federation of labor, also said that he hoped Israel would be able to reach an understanding with its Arab neighbors and end the border tension which he witnessed when he visited Jerusalem yesterday. He extended British labor's greetings to the Histadrut.

Mordecai Namir, secretary general of the Histadrut, stressed the ties of friendship between the two labor movements despite the differences and ill will which had developed toward the end of the Mandate. He called attention to the border situation and expressed the hope that Britain would learn from it and use such lessons in its future policy toward the area.

TURKISH GOVERNMENT PROVIDES \$5,357,000 FOR IMPORTS FROM ISRAEL

ISTANBUL, June 8. (JTA) -- The Turkish Government has made available 15,000,000 Turkish pounds (\$5,357,000) for the importation of goods from Israel within the framework of the trade pact between the two countries, it was announced here today. Turkey has already exported to Israel an equal amount of goods, mostly agricultural products.

Trade between the two countries has recently been held up by delays within the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce which must pass on the price of all imported goods. Pending action by the chamber, import licenses have been held up. Recently, after talks between Israeli representatives and the government in Ankara, it was decided to expedite the granting of import licenses. Turkey will buy from Israel chiefly cement, textiles and refrigerators.

REVISIONIST PARTY IN S. AFRICA ENDS BOYCOTT OF ZIONIST FEDERATION

JOHANNESBURG, June 8. (JTA) -- The Revisionist Party of South Africa has returned to full activity in the Zionist Federation here after a six-month boycott of the organization in protest against an attack on Menahem Beigin, head of the Herut Party of Israel, which appeared in the official publication of the federation last December.

In a statement explaining their return, the Revisionists reaffirmed their protest against the attack on Mr. Beigin, but noted that because of the present serious situation regarding Israel and the imminence of a new United Israel Appeal campaign in this country there is a "paramount" need for unity.

STATELESS IMMIGRANTS PERMITTED TO REMAIN IN BRAZIL PERMANENTLY

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 8. (JTA) -- The Brazilian immigration authorities, in an abrupt reversal of policy, today ruled that all stateless persons who entered this country on valid Brazilian visas may remain as permanent residents despite a recent regulation which barred persons with stateless passports.

The ruling is expected to affect several hundred persons, of whom a goodly number are Jewish refugees. Recently a party of Jewish refugees with such documents were refused permission to land here and sailed on to Buenos Aires. When the vessel on which they were passengers again touched at this port on the return trip to Europe the refugees were permitted to land pending final determination of their cases in the Brazilian courts.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES COUNSELED ON DEALING WITH ANTI-SEMITISM

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA) -- A report meant to guide Jewish communities in dealing with anti-Semitic incidents was issued today by the National Community Relations Advisory Council, coordinating body of the American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans, central Jewish religious bodies and more than 30 local and regional Jewish community councils. The recommendations contained in the report have been endorsed by more than 60 social scientists and community leaders.

The report recommends "constant vigilance" in view of the fact that "the problems of overt anti-Semitism are important at all times regardless of their frequency and severity at any particular time."

Noting that incidents of anti-Semitic violence and vandalism occur less often and with less severity than several years ago, the NCRAC report observes that "in today's political atmosphere there is a potential danger which must be kept in mind," and it recommends that Jewish community relations bodies "deal with underlying causes rather than merely surface manifestations."

The NCRAC emphasizes that some "ruthless groups and individuals identified from time to time with anti-Semitism have concentrated on other targets." It cautions that in taking the various steps recommended in its report, Jewish communities "should maintain and guard their traditional adherence to the principles of civil liberties, even if some immediate purpose of preventing anti-Semitic expressions may appear to be served by abridgement or infringement of these principles in some particular case."

Warned on Exaggerating Current Trends for Fund-Raising Purposes

These are some of a series of conclusions and recommendations set forth in the report for dealing with anti-Semitic manifestations in the current situation. The report cautions, in connection with these recommendations, that there should be no "exaggeration of current trends or arousing of scare psychology for any purpose, and especially for organizational promotion and fund-raising." Among the major conclusions and recommendations are the following:

1. The problems of overt anti-Semitism are important today and at all times, regardless of their frequency and degree of severity at any particular time. Every Jewish community should be prepared in accordance with its size and resources to deal effectively with the problems of overt anti-Semitism.
2. The Jewish community has a psychological need for assurance that such problems are not being ignored and should therefore be kept informed that effective action is being provided for such incidents and situations. This can and must be done without exaggeration of current trends or arousing scare psychology for any purpose, and especially for organizational promotion and fund-raising.
3. Every situation must receive the most careful investigation and analysis to determine the extent to which the harmful acts were intentionally or specifically directed against Jews as Jews.
4. Jewish communities should seek the cooperation of all groups and resources of the general community to deal effectively with local problems of anti-Semitic violence, vandalism, and defamation, and action within the general community should be on a continuing basis rather than confined to emergency periods only.
5. Jewish agencies and community bodies should maintain and guard their traditional adherence to the principles of civil liberties, even if some immediate

purpose of preventing anti-Semitic expressions may appear to be served by abridgement or infringement of these principles in some particular case.

6. Systematic monitoring and reporting of the frequency and nature of incidents, studies of community response and action, and theoretical and analytical research are continuing necessities.

7. It should be the responsibility of each local Jewish community relations agency to be alert at all times to these problems and to make itself known in the Jewish community as the resource for all such problems. In small communities local leadership should keep in mind the need for calling immediately upon national resources.

8. Local Jewish community bodies should turn to the Jewish national agencies in accordance with the functions of each agency for consultation and advice. National fact gathering and counter-action services must therefore be continued, to supply specialized assistance to communities. Such service is most effective when supplied in an orderly way, without duplication and competition, and within the framework of joint planning and joint policy formulation.

U. S. JEWISH WOMEN APPEAL TO EISENHOWER ON CIVIL LIBERTIES

NEW YORK, June 8. (JTA)-- The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods today urged President Eisenhower to appoint a Presidential Commission on National Security and Individual Freedom to "study the best ways of protecting the nation from Communist danger without at the same time subverting traditional American freedom."

A resolution to this effect was passed by the executive board of the Federation. The resolution suggests that the Commission should include "religious leaders of all faiths and other outstanding citizens who will be representative of a broad cross-section of American life," and that it "should be charged with the responsibility of recommending such safeguards as it may deem necessary in the conduct of lawful investigations by legislative investigating bodies."

"We recognize the continuing danger to America, world freedom, and religious freedom, from the forces of Communism," the resolution states. "Constant vigilance is needed to guard against these dangers. We support efforts to guard our liberties against subversion, through proper governmental agencies and due process of law. Yet we recognize that wrong methods of meeting the Communist menace can and do undermine the very civil and spiritual liberties which they claim to protect. The whipping up of hysterical fears and the making of irresponsible attacks upon individuals who are not given an adequate opportunity to defend themselves must be condemned as un-American and inimical to the American democratic tradition."

JEWS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA HAVE HIGH INTERMARRIAGE RATE

VANCOUVER, June 8. (JTA) -- British Columbia's Jewish community has the highest rate of intermarriage in Canada, according to Rabbi David C. Kogen, director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the local university. There were 28 intermarriages in British Columbia in 1949 as compared with 43 marriages in which both bride and groom were Jewish, he reported today.

Rabbi Kogen also reported, in supporting his argument that intermarriages "usually don't work out," that in a study of divorces granted in Vancouver from the beginning of 1948 to the middle of 1951, he had discovered that in one year, "five out of five divorces in which Jews were involved dissolved intermarriages."

HALF OF JEWISH POPULATION OF NEW ORLEANS IS SELF-EMPLOYED

NEW ORLEANS, June 8. (JTA) -- About half of the Jews of New Orleans who are employed are in wholesale-retail occupations and an additional 20 percent are in the professions, a population study of the Jewish community here has established. The concentration of the Jewish "labor force" in the wholesale-retail trades and in professional services is one of the characteristics which the Jewish community here shares with other Jewish communities in the United States.

The term "labor force" refers to the males and females in the Jewish community over the age of 16 who are employed or looking for work. It was found that eight out of ten of the males could thus be classified and one out of three of the females; total figures show that more than half the Jewish population over the age of 16 is in the labor force.

Jews are heavily represented in the medical and legal professions as well as in the semi-professional occupations. The other appreciably large group of the Jewish labor force can be found in construction, manufacturing and transportation. This classification includes 12 percent of the Jewish labor force. In the total white labor force about 37 percent are employed in this classification.

Of the total Jewish labor force, almost one-half are self-employed. This accounts largely for the concentration of Jewish employment in the wholesale-retail and professional fields, since these offer the greatest opportunities for self-employment. The study shows that fully 62 percent of the Jewish males engaged in these two fields are self-employed, compared with 38 percent for the remainder of the Jewish labor force.

The study offers interesting data with regard to the professional and semi-professional occupational grouping. These occupations include four times as many males as females, with the major fields for the males being medicine, semi-professional occupations and legal; almost half of the females are teachers and another 25 percent each are in medicine and miscellaneous professional activities.

Of Every 100 Jews, 63 Are Married, 22 Single and 11 Widowed

The survey established that of every 100 Jews over the age of 15 in New Orleans, 63 are married, 22 are single and 11 widowed. Of the remainder, two are divorced or separated and two did not supply information on their marital status. While the single group is 22 percent of the total, almost a quarter of these are under the age of 20, and one-half are under 30 years of age.

A large proportion of the 11 percent widowed are women. This fact is accounted for by the greater longevity of women and the relatively greater ease with which widowers remarry than widows. The proportion of the New Orleans Jewish population divorced or separated is small.

The study bears out the frequently advanced thesis that Jews marry later in life than others in the white population. This may be accounted for in New Orleans by the problem of marrying within the relatively small Jewish community. Then again, it can be correlated with the high degree of educational attainment and professional aspirations of the Jewish population.

In comparison with the total white population of New Orleans, there are proportionately fewer married Jews in each age category under 30; after 30 this reverses and there are more married individuals among Jews than among the total white population.