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U.S. PRESENTS NOTE TO ISRAEL GOVERNMENT ON BORDER SECURITY

JERUSALEM, June 20. (JTA) -- An American note on Arab-Israel border security was today handed to Premier Moshe Sharett in his Jerusalem office by Francis Russell, American Charge d'Affaires. It is understood that the note also represents the views of the British and French Governments. The proposal which Mr. Russell--who was in Washington for consultations with the State Department last week--presented to the Israel Premier is believed to suggest:

1. Replacement of Gen. Vagn Bennike as head of the United Nations truce supervision organization and replacement of his staff by a new team of observers which would include British officers;
2. Strengthening the UN observer staff by providing it with helicopters;
3. Widening the powers of the chairmen of the four mixed armistice commissions;
4. Marking out all border lines;
5. Agreement by both Israel and Jordan to participate in MAC meetings, and renewal of the Israel-Jordan agreement giving certain discretionary powers to local commanders; and,
6. Agreement by Israel to permit Arabs to cross Israel territory from the Gaza strip to the Hebron area.

Talks between Ambassador Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's personal envoy, and Premier Moshe Sharett and several members of his Cabinet on the American-proposed plan for development of the Jordan Valley's resources began here today and will continue tomorrow. A report on the talks was presented to the Cabinet today by Mr. Sharett.

Mr. Johnston arrived in Israel Friday and immediately went to confer with Premier Sharett. In a brief comment upon his arrival, he declared that his four days of talks with Arab representatives in Cairo last week were exploratory and inconclusive. Beside the American plan, the Arabs and Israel have each offered a plan for development of the region.

ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES KILLING OF THREE ISRAELIS BY JORDAN

JERUSALEM, June 20. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet today discussed the killing by Jordanians this week-end of three Israelis at the border settlement of Mevoot Betar and on the general border situation.

A government spokesman reported that the three victims were members of a five-man crew which went to work in the fields near the frontier. Only one member of the group was armed--with a Sten gun. When some 50 khaki-clad Jordanians attacked them about half a mile from the settlement, the man with the Sten gun replied. His gun jammed after a few bursts. He and another man in the party went for help. When reinforcements arrived there were bloodstains on the ground, but no bodies.

Later, Jordanians at the Mandelbaum Gate to this city handed over the bodies of the other three members of the group to Israeli authorities. The Jordanians charged the three with having crossed into Israel territory.

N. C. R. A. C. ASKS EISENHOWER TO ACT ON IMMIGRATION AND BIAS

ATLANTIC CITY, June 20. (JTA) -- Resolutions urging President Eisenhower "to assert his leadership in behalf of enactment of legislation to revise the McCarran-Walter immigration law," and calling upon the Senate and House Judiciary committees to hold hearings promptly on all pending immigration legislation, were adopted here today at the closing session of the four-day annual conference of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, coordinating body of six national and 32 local Jewish groups active in the fight against anti-Semitism and in the protection of civil rights.

The conference also asked President Eisenhower to convene a meeting of the governors of all the states to consider what action the various states can take "to eliminate those forms of discrimination that continue to mar our society."

President Eisenhower was also asked by the conference to appoint a commission on national security and individual liberty, "empowered to present to the nation a security program consistent with all our needs and our traditional liberties." At the same time, the conference adopted a resolution affirming again its "unalterable opposition to communism as a totalitarian conspiracy which denies the dignity of the individual and opposes those freedoms of religion, the press, and assembly, which are indispensable attributes of democracy."

Opposes Religious Observances in Public Schools

The conference expressed opposition to religious holiday observances, or joint religious observances in the public schools. It asserted the right of Jewish children to refrain from participating in such observances.

Early ratification by the Senate of the United Nations Convention on Genocide was requested by the conference in one of its resolutions. Another resolution hailed the recent Supreme Court decision on segregation cases as a ruling which "has inspired all Americans with due understanding of the principle of equality that is fundamental to American democracy." The resolution pledged the organizations associated with the NCRAC to "do all that lies within their power to help make the transition required by the decision as harmoniously and as rapidly as possible."

A resolution expressing "regret and consternation" over the report of the research director of the House committee to investigate tax-exempt organizations was also adopted. "The session expresses its conviction of the worth and value of the work done by the leading foundations attacked in the report and expresses its strong support for free inquiry in the social sciences," the resolution said.

The conference condemned the persecution of Jewish leaders in Rumania. It commended the President of the United States for having protested this campaign and urged other nations of the free world to do likewise.

The conference declared its determination "to continue to explore all possible efforts of expanding the area of common planning and cooperative action until the NCRAC embraces all responsible Jewish organizations engaged in community relations activities. It also called for the establishment of more local Jewish community relations councils.

Increased local community participation in national programs, improved service to communities, greater and more effective joint planning, and fresh, critical joint evaluation of programs and methods were cited as achievements of the National Community Relations Advisory Council in reports by its chairman, Bernard H. Trager, and its executive director, Isaiah M. Minkoff. Mr. Trager called for full cooperation among all Jewish community relations agencies.

"Grave and urgent threats menace freedom and peace and the great purposes that we in the Jewish community relations field pursue," he declared. "This is no time, if there ever was a time, for separatism, for doing it alone, for lone wolfing. Those

who choose such a way are not only flying in the face of what I think is clearly a trend; they are endangering the realization of objectives common to all."

A. J. C. and B'nai B'rith Urged to Rejoin N. C. R. A. C.

In an evident reference to the American Jewish Committee and the B'nai B'rith, both of which withdrew from the NCRAC in 1952, Mr. Trager said: "We shall continue to strive for the involvement in our cooperative enterprise of all agencies of the Jewish community dedicated to the same ends. We shall always regard division as a disservice to the common cause. We shall not cease to labor for unity of effort within a frame-work that assures independence of opinion and action. We shall always keep open the door to participation in our joint process for any who find themselves outside it."

Mr. Minkoff traced the impact on Jewish community relations of major changes in the world during the past ten years. "In 1944, when the NCRAC was formed," he said, "the principal concern of Jewish community relations agencies was anti-Semitism in its most direct expressions--Nazi-inspired literature, the canard of the domestic anti-Semites that the Jews had finagled the United States into the war, physical assaults on Jews, desecrations of synagogues, and the like."

He contrasted this with the present basic principles of Jewish community relations. These, he said, rested on the conviction that "the conquest of anti-Semitism could be achieved only through the triumph of egalitarian principles." The change, he noted, made the Jewish agencies "advocates of great, positive purposes, rather than mere watchmen of our own rights." This change, with the added factor of the cold war and the activities of native demagogues, he continued, had made the problems of Jewish community relations more and more complex. This demanded "more and more joint consultation and joint planning."

Isaac S. Heller, prominent civic leader of New Orleans, told the conference that the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court declaring segregation in the public schools unconstitutional "must be accepted and carried out according to its present terms." He predicted a long period of litigation and urged the Jewish organizations composing the NCRAC to join in testing in the courts various "subterfuges to circumvent the law."

Isaiah L. Kenan, executive director of the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs, told the conference that peace between Israel and the Arab states is essential if America is to develop and to defend the Near East and make it safe from the threat of Communist subversion and aggression." He spoke against the U. S. arming of Iraq.

The NCRAC conference reelected the following officers: Mr. Trager, chairman; Isaac Pacht, Sidney Hollander and Lewis H. Weinstein, vice-chairmen; Julian A. Kaiser, secretary; and David L. Ullman, treasurer.

JEWISH LEADERS FROM BRITISH COMMONWEALTH START PARLEY TODAY

LONDON, June 20. (JTA) -- Delegates from Jewish communities throughout the British Commonwealth assembled here today in advance of the opening tomorrow afternoon of the second conference of Commonwealth Jewry. The first session will be devoted to a discussion of the problems of Israel.

The delegates were formally welcomed today at a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews and will be guests at a special reception given tonight in their honor by the Board. The World Jewish Congress will give the delegates a reception tomorrow evening.

Neither the president nor the vice-president of the South African Board of Jewish Deputies will be able to attend the sessions of the Commonwealth parley. I. Maisels, president, is recovering from a recent operation, while M. Ettlinger, who is in London now, has been prevented from attending the parley by a sudden illness.

AUSTRIA AGREES TO PAY PENSIONS TO FORMER AUSTRIAN JEWS

VIENNA, June 20. (JTA) -- The Austrian Government has agreed to pay pensions and social security payments due former Austrian Jews living abroad, regardless of whether they have maintained their Austrian citizenship or not, it was announced here today. This is the first concrete result of the resumed Austro-Jewish negotiation for claims set forth by world Jewry.

The negotiators are now concentrating on two other matters, the amount to be paid by the Austrian Government in settlement of claims for heirless Jewish property and the amount to be paid as indemnification for synagogues, cemeteries and other Jewish communal property destroyed or damaged by the Nazis. Negotiators on both sides expect further progress.

NEW FRENCH PREMIER IS SON OF SEPHARDIC JEWISH FAMILY

PARIS, June 20. (JTA) -- The new Premier of France, Pierre Mendes-France, whose Cabinet formally took office today, is the son of a Sephardic Jewish family, while his wife comes from an Egyptian Jewish family.

Although raised in a Jewish atmosphere, he has never displayed any interest in Jewish affairs. Born in Paris 47 years ago, he was educated at the Ecole des Sciences Politiques and at law school where he became interested in economic and financial subjects, on which he is now considered an expert.

At the age of 25, the earliest legally possible, he was elected to the Chamber of Deputies. At 30, he became Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs in the Popular Front Government of Leon Blum. In World War II he was an Air Force lieutenant; when France fell he made his way to North Africa. There he was arrested by Vichy authorities and sentenced to six years in prison. He escaped, spent a year in the underground, then fled to London and flew bomber missions with the Free French.

Back in North Africa in 1943, he was made Commissioner for Finance in Gen. de Gaulle's provisional government. In June, 1946, he was elected to the Second Constituent Assembly and was re-elected twice to the National Assembly on the Radical Socialist ticket.

BUNDESTAG APPROVES AMNESTY BILL BENEFITING CONVICTED NAZIS

BONN, June 20. (JTA) -- The West German Bundestag this week-end approved a bill to grant amnesty to thousands of "minor offenders" including many convicted Nazis and to free from threat of prosecution tens of thousands of other former Nazis who are still in hiding. The measure has been sent to the Bundesrat, the upper house of the Bonn Parliament, for approval.

The measure is designed to give a "fresh start" to Nazis and members of the Wehrmacht who had been given sentences of three years or less for crimes committed during the last stages of the war and during the immediate postwar period. It also frees from threat of prosecution those who illegally adopted false names and identities to avoid Allied arrest and prosecution for war crimes; it is estimated that there are still some 60,000 Germans in this category.

The bill also removes from the records of Nazis any notation of criminal conviction placed there by denazification courts. This provision is expected to benefit all except some 15 or more than 25,000 former Nazis. The bill also amnesties foreign currency violators who are not subject to more than three months' sentence for their violations, or--in the event violators are in financial distress--it amnesties those whose sentences might have run up to one year. A small number of Jews are included among the Germans and others who will benefit from this provision.

RUMANIA ATTEMPTS TO COUNTERACT WORLDWIDE JEWISH PROTESTS

LONDON, June 20. (JTA) -- In an effort to counteract the worldwide Jewish protests against the arrest, trial and imprisonment of Zionist leaders, the Bucharest radio--heard here--today carried an address in English by the chairman of the Jewish community council of Bucharest. He declared that Jews were "guaranteed complete religious and social freedom and that public provision has been made for their ritual and other requirements."

Meanwhile, Ager Press, the official Rumanian news agency, today published another report on Jews who "deluded by Zionist propaganda left for Israel years ago" and have returned to Rumania.

BRITISH JEWS PLAN PUBLIC PROTEST AGAINST ARRESTS IN RUMANIA

LONDON, June 20. (JTA) -- The possibilities of holding a march through London, or a public rally in Trafalgar Square or some other form of public protest to focus attention on the plight of Zionist leaders in Rumania were discussed here today by the Board of Deputies of British Jews. It was decided to hold a public meeting.

It was also reported to the meeting that no reply was received from the Rumanian Legation here to a protest from the Board of Deputies over the arrest, trial and imprisonment of leading Zionists and Jewish communal figures.

U. A. H. C. CONDEMNS RUMANIA'S "SPIRITUAL" GENOCIDE AGAINST JEWS

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- The program of "spiritual and cultural" genocide practiced by Rumania against its Jewish residents was condemned by the national executive board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at its annual meeting today.

The board, comprising leaders of Reform temples throughout the country, adopted a resolution expressing "profound concern over the continuing persecution of innocent Rumanian Jews by the Communist rulers of that country."

The resolution contained a commendation of the "United States Department of State for having focussed world public opinion upon the Hitler-like campaign," and a proposal that "our government place this question before the UN as soon as possible so that the spiritual and cultural genocide practiced by Red Rumania be halted."

BRITH ABRAHAM CONVENTION DENOUNCES ARRESTS OF JEWS IN RUMANIA

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., June 20. (JTA) -- A denunciation of the Rumanian Government for the arrest and imprisonment of Zionist and Jewish communal leaders in Rumania "not because they have violated any law, but simply because of their religion," was voiced here today by Irving L. Hodes, grandmaster of the Jewish Fraternal order Brith Abraham, at the opening session of the four-day 67th annual convention of the organization.

Mr. Hodes also hit out at the methods of Sen. Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin as "creating a climate of disunity and fear in our nation" and outlined a program for American Jewry--unity for combatting anti-Semitism, discrimination in employment and education and the McCarran-Walter Immigration Law.

A message to the convention from President Eisenhower noted that "the results of your discussion may well be of importance to groups other than your own" and underlined the large number of Americans participating in fraternal groups and their activities. A message from New York State Governor Thomas E. Dewey called for aid to Israel by the American people.

7,000 JEWISH GROUPS PLEDGE INCREASED SUPPORT FOR U. J. A.

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- The Arab states, having failed to exterminate the people of Israel in open warfare, are now attempting to crush them economically, General Yigal Yadin, former Chief of Staff of the Israel Army, declared here today at the 15th annual conference of the Council of Organizations of the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York.

The nearly 2,000 delegates, representing some 7,000 organizations with a total membership of 1,000,000, pledged themselves to "redouble their efforts" in behalf of the UJA drive, noting the need for funds to speed housing and communal developments for recent immigrants to Israel and to provide special bombproof shelters for children living in border villages in that country.

Gen. Yadin reported that "into the breach of economic harrassment, infiltration and border marauding, our people have thrown democracy--training and education of all our people." He noted that Israel's actual military defense is part and parcel of this process of development and democratization, citing the fact that Israel does not plant large standing armies on its borders but has turned the entire citizenry into soldiers and producers and is filling its border gaps with agricultural settlements.

30,137 CHILDREN ATTEND ALLIANCE ISRAELITE SCHOOLS IN MOROCCO

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- A total of 30,137 Jewish children are presently attending schools operated by the Alliance Israelite Universelle in Morocco, it was reported here today by the American Friends of the Alliance. The report emphasized that this represents a 50 percent increase over the attendance five years ago.

At the same time, it was announced that additional classes were opened recently by the Alliance for girls, who now number 49 percent of the total enrollment in the Alliance schools. This is considered particularly significant since previously girls had been denied any education in the Moslem areas. The number of students in the Alliance schools in the entire Mediterranean area, including Israel, is today over 50,000.

MINISTER PRAISES JEWISH CONTRIBUTION TO CANADIAN LIFE

MONTREAL, June 20. (JTA) -- The Jewish contribution to Canadian life was praised here by Secretary of State J. W. Pickersgill, addressing a dedication ceremony of the Bronfman Collection of Jewish Canadian at the Jewish Public Library.

Established to stimulate interest in the study of Canadian Jewish affairs, the collection was started in 1953, and it is the intention of the library to assemble all available books, articles, pamphlets and other material relating to Canadian Jews.

DR. BLUMENFELD TO HEAD JEWISH AGENCY'S EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

NEW YORK, June 20. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency announced today the appointment of Dr. Samuel M. Blumenfeld, president of the College of Jewish Studies in Chicago, as director of its Department for Education and Culture in New York. He will also act as director of the Cultural Department of the American Zionist Council.

Dr. Blumenfeld is on leave of absence from the College of Jewish Studies for the academic year 1954-55. He is a member of the Commission on Religion of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. He is a former president of the National Council for Jewish Education. Dr. Blumenfeld is also the author of numerous scholarly works in the field of Jewish and general education.