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CHURCHILL BIDS AMERICANS HELP ISRAEL; REFUTES U. S. VIEWS

WASHINGTON, June 28. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Winston Churchill, speaking before more than 1,000 members of the press corps here, went out of his way to register strong support of Israel and called Americans to "help forward the legitimate Zionist aspirations." He emphasized that he considers himself a Zionist.

The British Prime Minister made his statement in reply to a question put to him by Milton Friedman, Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent. This was one of about six written questions on vital world problems which he chose to answer from a great number of other questions submitted to him on many issues.

Sir Winston inferentially refuted recent anti-Israel expressions by Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. Mr. Byroade expressed concern over alleged Arab "fears" of over-population of Israel, but Sir Winston said that the population in Palestine was far greater 2,000 years ago than it is today. He also expressed optimism on eventual Arab-Israel peace.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles listened intently at the head table as Sir Winston spoke before television cameras and a world radio hook-up. Sir Churchill appeared in response to a luncheon invitation extended to him and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden by a joint committee of press, radio and TV correspondents.

-- Says Establishment of Israel "Most Wonderful Thing"

"I am a Zionist," the British Prime Minister said, "let me make that clear. I was one of the original ones after the Balfour Declaration, and I have worked faithfully for it. I think it is a most wonderful thing that this community should have established itself, so effectively turning the desert into fertile gardens and thriving townships, and should have afforded a refuge to the millions of their co-religionists who had suffered so fearfully under the Hitler, and not only under the Hitler, persecution. I think it is a wonderful thing.

"I also have a great liking for the Arabs. I was the man who appointed Abdullah to be King of Trans-Jordania; I presented to the cabinet that idea, and they put it into force. Alas, he had been murdered, but I have the the greatest regard for the Arabs, too. Really, I think we ought to be able, somehow or other, to use our influence from every quarter to make them work out a plan together.

"It is so easy to reduce what little there is of that part of the world to the desert, to the level of the desert, and that is all that can be done by their quarrels; whereas, by agreements, and so forth, we may be able to greatly increase the population who can live in that area. There were far more 2,000 years ago than there are now in Palestine; and we not only can greatly increase the population in the area, but we can bring a harmony there which will be a security and not an element of anxiety in the Middle East. Let us be tolerant and let us be friendly, and let us support Arab rights and help forward the legitimate Zionist aspirations."

SHARETT REVEALS HIS TALKS WITH JOHNSTON; POINTS TO DISAGREEMENT

TEL AVIV, June 28. (JTA) -- Premier Moshe Sharett today told Israel and the world what he and Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's personal envoy, had discussed in relation to the American and Israeli plans for development of the Jordan River Valley. At a press conference he outlined points of agreement and disagreement between the American and Israeli negotiators. He explained the United States attitude toward the entire problem, as it had been outlined for him.

Mr. Sharett said that the purpose of the talks last week was to clarify the possibility of coordinating various plans to use the Jordan and Yarmuk Rivers for irrigation and hydroelectric power purposes for all countries having rights to these rivers. The immediate object of the talks, he stated, was to arrive at an initial arrangement for a division of the water, so that work could be started without delay on specific projects. He stressed that Israel opposition had been expressed on the following points:

1. Israel was unable to accept Ambassador Johnston's principle that only Jordan Valley lands should be irrigated with water from these projects. Israel demanded that the water be used to irrigate much wider areas. As a result of this argument at cross-purposes, the Premier noted, no agreement was reached on this point.

2. Israel refused to accept any form of international supervision of these water resources, despite Mr. Johnston's explanation that he had in mind a neutral body whose function would be merely to supervise the allocation of specific quantities of water which had been agreed to by each country, from a common water resource.

The Premier underlined the fact that Israel had taken a favorable view of the settlement of a certain number of Arab refugees in the Jordan Valley, but had stated that it considered the quantities of water set aside in the Johnston plan for such purposes as being exaggerated.

He said that Israel had not yet received any direct information concerning a preliminary understanding between Mr. Johnston and the Arab states. Israel's attitude on any plan which finally emerges will depend entirely on whether it will assure that the proposed distribution of water secures Israel's rights and provides for Israel's vital needs in the period immediately ahead as well as in the more distant future, he declared.

Denies U.S. Threatened to Cut Off Aid if No Agreement Reached

In response to questions from the newsmen, Mr. Sharett denied that the American delegation had threatened to cut off American aid to Israel in the event the latter rejects the Johnston plan. He said the United States position in this matter is that of a mediator offering assistance to settle a serious dispute, desiring the development of the entire area and the elimination of a possible international dispute. The United States, he continued, is also interested in a settlement of the Arab refugee problem which is costing the U.S. considerable sums of money without tangible results.

He said that at no time was there any talk of Israel making territorial concessions as a condition of the carrying out of a regional water scheme. He declared that Israel would take no further action in the matter until full clarification had been received from Mr. Johnston.

Mr. Johnston, he reported, had rejected the Israeli suggestion for inclusion of the Litani River in the regional development scheme because Lebanon, within whose borders alone the Litani flows, refuses to agree to its inclusion.

The Premier said that Israel had specific rights to the Yarmuk River, most of whose course lies in Jordan because: the river constitutes its border for nine kilometers; Israel uses Yarmuk water at present and has specific riparian rights to it; the Palestine Electric Corporation has a concession involving the Yarmuk; and, finally, the specific plan put forward involves the construction of a dam for the Yarmuk in Israel territory.

AUSTRIA ASSURES ARABS SHE WILL NOT PAY RESTITUTION TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, June 28. (JTA) -- The Austrian Government has sent diplomatic memoranda to Arab League states confidentially advising the Arabs that Austria has no intention of paying restitution to Israel, it was learned here today.

The Syrian Embassy has confirmed that Syria has received such official advice from Austria. The Austrians told the Arabs they considered Austria to have been an innocent victim of the Nazis during World War II and therefore in no way obligated to Israel for claims arising from the Nazi persecution of Jews.

Austria said it would pay minor sums taken from heirless sources to relieve the condition of Austrian Jews who can prove they suffered under Nazism, but that the Austrian Government has decided that it will not negotiate an agreement with Israel like the one effected between Israel and West Germany.

The Austrian communication said that Austria desires the friendliest relations with the nations of the Arab League. The Austrian Cabinet decided to send its position on Jewish claims to the Arabs through diplomatic channels after the Arabs protested to Austria against the position of the Jewish claims committee which is now negotiating with the Austrian Government in Vienna.

ITALIAN MINISTER REPORTS TO SENATE ON MIDDLE EAST TENSION

ROME, June 28. (JTA) -- The Italian Government's concern over unrest in the Middle East was expressed in the Italian Senate today by Attilio Puccioni, Foreign Minister, during a foreign policy debate.

Mr. Piccione also expressed Italy's determination to strengthen her ties with the Arab countries and said that he favored all moves aimed at establishing peace in the area. He outlined the reasons for Italy's concern for the Middle East and her historic position within it.

Since the recent signing of an Israel-Italian trade pact several Arab states have begun retaliatory action against Italy, the Italian press reported today. The reports stated that Jordan has prohibited the importation from Italy of 24 specific items which Italy has agreed to buy from Israel, asserting that this was a measure aimed at preventing Israel goods from reaching Jordan. Libya is said to be planning restrictions on the trading activities in Libya of Italian nationals who are members of the Italian-Israel Chamber of Commerce.

ETHIOPIA WILL GRANT ISRAEL DE JURE RECOGNITION; DEVELOPS TRADE

JERUSALEM, June 28. (JTA) -- Ethiopia will shortly grant Israel de jure recognition and will establish diplomatic relations with the Jewish State, it was learned here today.

It is understood that the move is being made over the strenuous objections of the Arab states. Ethiopia and Israel have developed a lively trade in recent years, and the Ethiopian Government owns considerable real property in the new city of Jerusalem.

ARGENTINE AND ISRAEL DIPLOMATS DISCUSS PROJECTED TRADE PACT

BUENOS AIRES, June 28. (JTA) -- Questions concerning the new trade agreement to be negotiated between Argentina and Israel were discussed here when Foreign Minister Dr. Jeronimo Remorino received Israel Minister Dr. Ariele Kobovi. During their talk, the two diplomats discussed steps still to be taken to clear up several outstanding matters in connection with the pact.

Later, Dr. Kobovi was also received by Dr. Antonio Francisco Cafiero, Minister for Foreign Trade. They also discussed the pending negotiations between the two states and other matters concerning economic relations between Israel and Argentina.

BERLIN JEWS PROTEST GOVERNMENT'S AWARD TO ANTI-SEMITIC ACTOR

BONN, June 28. (JTA) -- The Berlin Jewish community and democratic organizations and leaders throughout Germany have protested to Bonn President Theodor Heuss for the awarding of a German medal to Werner Krauss, 70-year-old German actor who was notorious during the Nazi regime for his anti-Semitic portrayals of Jewish characters.

The Berlin community noted that its attitude toward Krauss had not changed. Other protests directly to President Heuss expressed "consternation and dismay" and spoke of the "collective shame" brought on Germany by the granting of such honors to Krauss in the name of the President.

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN BAVARIA SEND THEIR ARCHIVES TO ISRAEL

NUREMBERG, June 28. (JTA) -- Jewish communal records and archives no longer needed for current operations will be given to the Jewish National Archives in Jerusalem, it was decided at the annual conference of the Bavarian State Association of Jewish Communities.

The decision follows an appeal by Dr. Alex Bein, deputy director of the Zionist Central Archives, who reminded the delegates that they could best perpetuate the memory of Bavarian Jewry by making the documents available to future Jewish historians in Israel.

Most of the source material was destroyed during the Nazi period, but records dating back many centuries have been preserved from more than 70 communities that are now defunct or but a shadow of their former selves. All such records and archives will first be centralized and catalogued in Munich, where the necessary selection is to be made.

J. D. C. INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONFERENCE OPENS IN PARIS

PARIS, June 28. (JTA) -- An international health conference for doctors working in the Joint Distribution Committee's medical welfare and health programs throughout the world opened here today to review medical progress and sanitation and health activities in the countries in which the JDC operates.

Moses W. Beckelman, European director of the JDC, welcomed the medical men and noted that the JDC had inaugurated these medical conferences in 1947, even before Israel was established as a state and began to have its present health problems. He revealed that the JDC spent \$10,960,000 in Israel last year, the equivalent of half its total budget. He stressed the JDC's policy of having local communities assist themselves and said that this policy was bringing results in North Africa at "a gratifying rate."

Dr. Alexander Gonik, director of the JDC Health Department, outlined for the conference the two major aims of the meeting. These, he said, are the "normal" aim of all medical conferences--the exchange of new methods and new thinking in the field of health based on the experience of the JDC staff and others in the field; and, the "more direct" JDC aim--the improvement of health and sanitary services in the countries in which the JDC's clients live.

Dr. Shimon Btsh, director of the Israel Health Ministry, addressing the conference, outlined the manifold health problems in Israel resulting from the mass immigration. He paid the highest tribute to the JDC for its high standards of health work in Israel and in its health preparation of prospective immigrants to Israel.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS TO SUPPORT CLAIMS OF NAZI VICTIMS

LONDON, June 28. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress announced here today that it was reorganizing its European Tracing Office so as to place major emphasis of its work on providing documentation to support claims of individual victims of the Nazis in their applications for restitution, indemnification and compensation under the laws of West Germany and Austria.

RESOLUTIONS IN CONGRESS SEEK TO CURB ANTI-SEMITIC LITERATURE

WASHINGTON, June 28. (JTA) -- Rep. Jacob K. Javits today introduced two resolutions in Congress in an attempt to curb hate literature aimed against religious and minority groups.

Anti-Semitic propaganda, said Rep. Javits, "under the cover of anti-Communism" is "transmitting a newly increased stream of violent hate propaganda through the mails." One resolution asks that the Postmaster General report on the extent of such hate mailings and recommend measures to bar such matter from the mails.

The second resolution calls for an investigation to be made by the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service of the exploitation of the mails for the purpose of distributing false and defamatory allegations attacking the virtue and patriotism of racial and religious groups.

According to Rep. Javits 500,000 copies of anti-Jewish matter originating in Sweden were recently sent through the United States mails.

CHRISTIAN GROUPS PROTEST DISSEMINATION OF ANTI-SEMITIC PAPER

PORTLAND, Me., June 28. (JTA) -- Statewide protest by religious, civic and political leaders against the distribution throughout the state of the anti-Semitic publication "Common Sense" was reported here today by attorney William Cohen of Lewiston, state chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Sharp counter-action to the appearance of the anti-Semitic publication in Portland, Bangor, Augusta and Lewiston resulted almost immediately after the extent of the circulation was made known by the ADL. Protestant religious leaders in Portland issued a statement saying:

"We are concerned about the dangerous divisive character of this paper. Jews and Gentiles in Maine have always had a fine relationship and the attempt to set group against group and brother against brother is against the best interests of America and religion.

"In making this statement, we join with other organizations such as the Rhode Island Legislature, the Massachusetts Legislature, the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion Committee on Americanism in Maine who have on other occasions vigorously opposed the tactics of Conde McGinley of New Jersey, who publishes this paper."

Throughout the State of Maine, Protestant ministers exposed McGinley and "Common Sense" in Sunday sermons. Bernard Hanning, president of the Council of Churches of Greater Portland, was a leader in stimulating this activity as a means of enlightening the public as to the source of this publication.

At Portland, Postmaster J. Leo Cook conferred with Superintendent of the Mails, Howard C. Mayo, on an investigation by postal authorities of reports that copies of "Common Sense" had been stuffed in household mail boxes. Use of mail boxes for unmailed circulars, Cook said, is against the law and carriers were under instruction to remove such circulars. Circulars stuffed into mail boxes are subject to postage, he said.

The complaint to postal authorities was made by Isadore Zack of the New England Regional Office of the ADL, who was in Maine to assist B'nai B'rith lay leaders in investigation and counter-action of this problem.

PITTSBURGH MAYOR FLIES TO ISRAEL; WILL STUDY ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- Mayor David L. Lawrence of Pittsburgh left aboard an El Al plane for his first visit to Israel where he will observe the economic advances achieved as a result of American investments in Israel bonds. He is scheduled to arrive in Israel on July 18, after visiting other parts of the Middle East and Europe.

1,000 U.S. ZIONIST LABORITES SETTLED IN ISRAEL SINCE 1948

PHILADELPHIA, June 28. (JTA) -- More than 1,000 members of the American Labor Zionist movement have immigrated to Israel since 1948 when the state was established, it was reported here today at the 29th national convention of the Labor Zionist Organization of America. Another report noted that 1,000 members of the Hahonim youth movement were presently attending Labor Zionist camps in this country and Canada.

Dr. Herman Seidel of Baltimore and Ralph Wexler of Newark were today named a two-man presidium to lead the organization until the next convention in 1956. The organization decided earlier not to fill the presidency, vacated by Rabbi James G. Heller, at this convention. Dr. Seidel was named head of the 51-member central committee, while Mr. Wexler will be chairman of the 15-member administrative committee.

The convention adopted resolutions calling for ratification of the Genocide Convention and abolition of the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act and commended the U.S. Supreme Court's recent anti-segregation decision.

A demand that the United Nations approach the Middle East problem "with a greater degree of vision and courage" was contained in another resolution. The resolution asked UN condemnation of Egypt for its blockade of Israel traffic through the Suez Canal, of Jordan for repeated violations of the truce and of the Arab states for their boycott of Israel. The Labor Zionists also called upon the United States Government to reconsider its decision to send arms to Iraq.

BRITAIN GREETES LEADERS OF JEWISH GROUPS IN BRITISH COMMONWEALTH

LONDON, June 28. (JTA) -- Harry Crookshank, leader of the Conservative Party in Commons welcomed the second conference here of leaders of Jewish organizations in the British Commonwealth in the name of the government at a dinner given in his honor and that of Herbert Morrison, deputy leader in Commons of the Labor Party. Mr. Crookshank also brought the delegates of 900,000 Commonwealth Jews the greetings of Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Mr. Morrison hailed the Board of Deputies of British Jews as a responsible body which had served the Jews and Britain well. He noted that throughout the Commonwealth Jews enjoyed the same privileges and rights as all other citizens and stressed that this brought with it a parallel obligation of citizenship.

U.J.A. PAYS TRIBUTE TO FRIEDLANDER, LATE BOSTON JEWISH LEADER

NEW YORK, June 28. (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal today paid tribute to the late Israel Friedlander, founder and first president of the Combined Jewish Appeal of Greater Boston, who died suddenly last week in Boston at the age of 63. Less than 24 hours before his death he participated in a Combined Appeal meeting. He was also active in other Jewish organizations and was a board member of the Associated Jewish Philanthropies.

Mr. Friedlander, who was born in Boston, was highly praised by M.M. Warburg, national chairman of the UJA, and Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, UJA executive vice-chairman, for his humanitarian activities on behalf of needy Jews. The UJA leaders sent condolences to the family of the deceased as well as to the Boston Jewish community.

ARGENTINE JEWRY MOURNS DEATH OF CHALUTZIM KILLED IN ISRAEL

BUENOS AIRES, June 28. (JTA) -- The DAIA, central representative body of Argentine Jewry, today mourned the death of two Argentine Jewish chalutzim who were among the three Israelis killed last week in an Arab ambush at Mevoot Betar in Israel. Other Jewish organizations here joined the DAIA in issuing statements of sorrow while the Buenos Aires Jewish Community wrote to the parents of the youths, who still live here, expressing sorrow and to the village of Mevoot Betar expressing its solidarity with the village's pioneering work on Israel's border.