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EGYPT BLAMED BY U. N. BODY FOR VIOLATION OF DEMARCATION LINES

TEL AVIV, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Israeli-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission expressed its concern today over the problem of Arab infiltration from the Egyptian-held Gaza strip into Israel territory, after declaring Egypt responsible for the violation of the demarcation lines by civilians.

Pointing out that the armistice agreement places responsibility for halting such infiltration on the governments from whose territory the infiltrators come, the MAC condemned Egypt for two instances of civilians illegally crossing the line during July.

The UN chairman's abstention on the grounds of insufficient evidence forced the dropping of three other such cases and one Egyptian complaint against Israel. Twenty-three other complaints filed by both parties were dropped without any discussion.

ISRAEL WANTS U. S. TO "REPAIR" BALANCE OF POWER IN MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Informed Washington quarters familiar with Israel thinking and the background of current Israel-American discussions made known today the view that Israel is currently concerned as to whether the United States will continue to accept and adhere to the concept of a balance of power in the Near East as enunciated in the Tripartite Declaration of 1950, guaranteeing the present Arab-Israel borders.

Israel is characterized as anxious for the United States to bring its Near Eastern policy toward the Jewish State into conformity with its policy toward Arab League states by repairing the balance of power and removing factors Israel considers unilateral and discriminatory.

An atmosphere of goodwill exhibited toward Israel recently by Secretary of State Dulles, according to these sources, has not yet been translated into anything tangible in connection with Israel's concern over the arming of the Arabs. Hope is held that favorable developments may be forthcoming. The scene is said to be a dark one for Israel with, however, a light visible on the horizon.

Egypt, it is thought, has been given the impression that its policies toward Israel are acceptable in that arms may be granted to Egypt even though no Egyptian assurances are extended to Israel. It is pointed out that Egypt could show its peaceful intentions, in the wake of the Suez Canal settlement, by lifting its anti-Israel blockade of the Suez waterway.

As a result of the American policy of granting arms, the Arabs have become more intransigent while Israel becomes more restless. Those familiar with Israel thinking say Israel is concerned lest the U. S. dismiss Arab threats against Israel

as "merely intended for Arab home consumption." A recent statement by the Egyptian Prime Minister is cited in which he laid claim to two-thirds of Israel's territory. It is felt that this Egyptian claim against Israel caused little or no concern on the part of the State Department.

U.S. COMPETITION HITS ISRAEL CITRUS INDUSTRY ON EUROPEAN MARKETS

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Leaders of Israel's citrus industry intend to enter into negotiations with representatives of the American citrus industry in the near future to attempt to come to some sort of working agreement on the matter of competition on the European market, it was announced here today.

The announcement was made by Mendes H. Sachs, a representative of the Citrus Marketing Board of Israel, at a luncheon of the American-Israel Chamber of Commerce. He pointed out that the American citrus industry relies almost entirely on the local market, with significant exports only to Canada. The exports to Europe, in the summer, largely do not coincide with Israel's exports of citrus which take place mainly in the winter. However, some competition has been felt by Israeli exporters from American citrus fruit, particularly in Belgium and Switzerland, because of an export subsidy which the U.S. Government gives its citrus exporters.

"This subsidy seems to us to be not only unjustified and unnecessary, but also contradictory to the avowed policies of the U.S. Government," Mr. Sachs said. He stressed the fact that the Israel citrus industry spends up to \$8,000,000 annually on imported materials, primarily for packing purposes. Of this, about \$1,500,000 is spent in the U.S. - mainly for wrapping paper and chemicals, since the wooden boxes are much cheaper in Europe. However, if experiments to be made next season in using American corrugated cardboard boxes for packing prove successful, there might be some change in the situation, he indicated.

A report on U.S. equipment used in manufacturing, in Israel, of merchandise exported to the U.S., was made on behalf of the Carmel Wine Company by Miss Ziva Shapir, Israel's Queen of the Wine Festival, who arrived here last week. She said that with the modern U.S. equipment, 50,000 bottles of wine are produced daily at the world-famous Rishon Wine Cellars. Part of this wine is being sold here, and Miss Shapir will visit Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington and other cities to stimulate consumer interest in Israeli wines.

PAKISTAN, INDONESIA REBUKED FOR REFUSING ENTRY TO ISRAELIS

GENEVA, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Pakistan and Indonesia received today a sharp rebuke from the World Federation of United Nations Organizations when the group passed over both of them in settling on the site of its next annual meeting because both countries refuse Israeli nationals the right of entry.

The group, concluding its annual session, decided to hold the 1955 session in an Asian country. Both Pakistan and Indonesia were mentioned as likely choices, but the Israeli delegate, Daniel Auster of Jerusalem, rising on a point of order, explained that these countries violated UN principles by discriminating against Israelis. The delegates from 40 nations thereupon passed over the two Moslem states and voted to meet in Bangkok, capital of Thailand.

500 JEWS FROM YEMEN ARRIVE AT ADEN; WILL PROCEED TO ISRAEL

LONDON, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- A truck caravan of 500 Yemenite Jews arrived yesterday at the border of Aden, British protectorate bordering Yemen, en route to Israel, it was reported here today. The party is believed to include the last of the Jews from Yemen immigrating to Israel.

GERMAN COURT DELAYS HEARINGS ON CLAIM BY JEWISH SLAVE LABORER

FRANKFURT, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Superior Court of Frankfurt postponed today hearings on a case involving payment of back wages and damages to a Jewish slave laborer of the IG Farben synthetic rubber plant at Monowitz until next Jan. 4.

The case deals with the claim of Norbert Wollheim, onetime slave laborer of the Nazis, subsequently a Jewish leader in post-war Germany and now a resident of New York, who won a verdict in a Frankfurt lower court granting him some \$2,400 in damages and back pay for the time he worked at the IG Farben plant. The plant was established near Monowitz to draw on the labor pool of inmates of the Oswiecim satellite camp.

The case is of great importance because both the company and representatives of some 2,200 surviving Monowitz slave laborers who worked at the rubber plant have agreed to abide by the principles of the Wollheim case in handling subsequent claims of a like nature. The appeal, brought by IG Farben, was originally scheduled for hearing last April, postponed until today and was again delayed because IG Farben lawyers insisted they needed more time to study the voluminous briefs in the case.

TRIAL OF NAZI GENERAL WHO DEPORTED 120,000 JEWS STARTS IN PARIS

PARIS, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The long-delayed trial of S.S. General Karl Oberg, known as the "Butcher of Paris," during the Nazi occupation of France, and his adjutant, Col. Helmuth Knochen, began here with the reading of a 241-page charge sheet, including responsibility for the persecution of French Jews and the deportation and death of some 120,000 Jews from France.

An entire chapter in the charge sheet is devoted to crimes of the defendants against Jews, including: the deportation of the 120,000 Jews, very few of whom survived the Nazi holocaust; the destruction of French synagogues; forcing Jews to wear a yellow Star of David on their clothes; and for promulgation of a law de-naturalizing all French naturalized Jews so as to provide a legal basis for their mistreatment as foreigners. The defendants have pleaded the now-familiar excuse that they were acting on orders from their superiors.

GERMANY TO PAY CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONS TO REFUGEES IN SMALL LANDS

BONN, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Former German civil servants ousted by the Nazi regime for racial, religious or political reasons, and who did not heretofore receive pensions because they reside in small countries which do not have diplomatic relations with the Federal Republic, have now been ruled eligible.

The countries just added to the list are a number of Arab states, Ceylon, Ethiopia, Haiti, Iceland, Liberia and New Zealand. In general, only states maintaining full diplomatic relations with Bonn are recognized. Exceptions are Austria, Guatemala, Honduras and Israel.

JEWISH ORPHAN IN HOLLAND PLACED WITH "RELIGIOUSLY NEUTRAL" FAMILY

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Rebecca Melhado, 14-year-old Jewish war orphan who was three times spirited away from the Dutch authorities and hidden in a convent, was placed today with a non-Jewish family considered to be "religiously neutral."

The action was taken by the Amsterdam Board of Guardians which had received numerous protests from Holland and abroad over its earlier decision to place the girl with a Catholic family.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE SENDS AID TO VICTIMS OF ALGERIAN QUAKE

PARIS, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- A donation of 50,000 francs was made today to the Committee for Aid to Victims of the Orleansville Earthquake by the American Jewish Committee. The gift was made through the AJC's European office in Paris to the general fund which aids victims of all faiths.

BARUCH EXPRESSES VIEWS ON RETURN OF GERMAN PROPERTY BY U.S.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The opinion that the United States should return to Germans their private property and investments that were sequestered in this country at the outbreak of World War II, was expressed here by Bernard Baruch, who said this action should be taken on condition that private property of American citizens seized in Germany is also restored.

Mr. Baruch made it clear that he advocates the return by Germany only of property of those Americans who were U.S. citizens when these assets were seized by Germany, and not of those who became American citizens after the war was declared. "I feel a great horror at what was perpetrated upon the Jews and, indeed, other citizens of Germany, and have a deep sympathy for those who although left to live lost all their property, we can only give an expression of our feelings to them. Certainly we cannot use the private property to force Germany to make restitution to her own citizens," Mr. Baruch declared.

Mr. Baruch's statement, published in the New York Daily News, was addressed to John O'Donnell, Washington correspondent of that paper, in connection with measures now pending in Congress designed to turn back to Germany property and investments of Germans sequestered by the U.S. Government during the last war. A bill to this effect, introduced by Sen. Everett M. Dirksen, is expected to be a controversial subject before the new Congress.

GERMANY'S PAYMENTS TO ISRAEL ANALYZED IN AMERICAN STUDY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Federal Reserve Bank of Germany has paid, in goods and credits to Israel, more than 100 million dollars since April 1, 1953, according to "Germany's Moral Debt," a study of the German-Israel agreement by Kurt R. Grossman, published today.

Of this amount Israel has spent \$35,000,000 for urgently needed oil from Britain and \$28,000,000 for ferrous and nonferrous metals and other essential raw materials from West Germany. The balance was spent on long range investment projects for the development of the country's transportation and communication system and the exploitation of its natural resources.

The fully documented story of the German-Israel agreements, its dramatic background and the many crises that it weathered is told for the first time in "Germany's Moral Debt." The book is published by Public Affairs Press in Washington and contains a preface by Earl G. Harrison, former Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization.

Mr. Grossman, a native of Germany where he was once secretary general of the League for Human Rights, has been actively engaged in Jewish organizational work in this country for the past ten years. He has published several comprehensive studies of the Jewish refugee and DP problems. In 1952 and 1953 he visited West Germany in connection with the then pending negotiations.

The writer points out that the German-Israel agreement, now in its second year in operation, stems from a policy first defined January 5, 1943, when the Allied Governments reserved the right to declare invalid "any transfers of, or dealings with property rights and interests situated in the territories which have come under the occupation or control of the government with which they are at war."

Earl G. Harrison, who was President Truman's special envoy to the DP camps right after World War II, states in his preface that West Germany's leaders have regained much of their country's moral losses as a result of the agreement with Israel. But final judgment on this score must be reserved, he says, until Germany has discharged her obligations completely.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES URGES CHRISTIANS TO FIGHT RACIAL BIAS

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. has called upon Christians to work against racial and other group discrimination. The Council consists of the representatives of 30 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches with a combined membership of over 35,000,000.

In a 4,000-word declaration of principles, including a set of "norms of guidance" through which members could apply in their daily lives Christian principles relating to economic and social life, the General Board of the Council said: "It is a clear Christian responsibility to work against those special forms of economic injustice that are expressed through racial and other group discrimination."

JEWISH GROUPS SEEK TO PROTECT SABBATH OBSERVANCE IN N. Y. STATE

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Democratic State Committee was urged today by Jewish groups to include a plank in its platform calling for the amendment of New York's archaic Sunday Blue Laws.

The Joint Committee for a Fair Sabbath Law, which submitted a statement to the Democratic group now in session, specifically asked that Orthodox Jews, Seventh Day Adventists and others who observe Saturday as their day of rest, be permitted to keep open their places of business on Sunday, provided they did not disturb those persons who observe Sunday as a day of rest.

The Joint Committee is made up of representatives of nearly every local and national Jewish organization with headquarters in New York State, including the American Jewish Congress, the American Jewish Committee, B'nai B'rith, Synagogue Council of America, the New York Board of Rabbis and the various Zionist organizations. The Protestant Council of New York and the New York Federation of Churches have endorsed the proposals advanced by the Joint Committee.

JEWISH PHYSICIST REINSTATED BY ARMY AFTER SECURITY INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The Army has confirmed the reinstatement of Allan G. Weisner, 29-year-old physicist employed by the Army at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, who was one of 22 employees suspended during a security investigation resulting from charges by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy that the Army was lax in its handling of security matters at the Fort.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, which took an interest in the case because the vast majority of the suspended workers were Jews, had asked the Army to investigate whether anti-Semitism had played a part in the matter. Mr. Weisner's attorney stated that his client had been suspended and reinstated three times on charges questioning the loyalty of his father.

CHICAGO OBSERVES 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN U.S.

CHICAGO, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- City-wide observances of the 300th anniversary of the settlement of Jews in America are being held here as this major center of Jewish life in the United States joins the national celebration of the American Jewish Tercentenary. Observances here, as in New York and many other cities, began with special synagogue services this week.

The Chicago Sun-Times, in an editorial hailing the Tercentenary, noted for the benefit of the world that Christian Americans were joining with Jewish fellow citizens to mark this anniversary. "Americans of all creeds live together in peace and understanding," the newspaper added.

FRENCH ACADEMY GIVES HIGHEST AWARD TO JEWISH COUPLE

PARIS, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The French Academy announced today the award of the Vermilion Medal, its highest distinction, to M. and Mme. A. Djivre, directors of the Alliance Israelite Universelle school at Fez, French Morocco. The award was made for the propagation of French culture outside France.

JEWISH SCIENTIST REPORTS DISCOVERY IN FIELD OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- A clue toward achieving more successes in corneal transplants on the blind may be found in a new and improved method of studying keratocytes, the tiny cells of the cornea, it was suggested today at the Seventeenth International Congress of Ophthalmology by Dr. Jose Sverdllick of Buenos Aires, one of Argentine's leading scientists, who is active in Jewish affairs in his country.

The assistant professor of ophthalmology at the University of Buenos Aires School of Medicine reported that he had achieved "remarkable microphotographic pictures" of the corneal cells, which cannot be stained with ordinary dyes. He said he used a variation of the silver impregnation method developed by the late Dr. Del Rio Hortega, director of the Cancer Institute of Research, Madrid.

In a second scientific report to the Congress, Dr. Sverdllick told more than 1,000 eye specialists from 24 countries that he found the retinas in the eyes of deep water fish off Argentina's Atlantic coast equipped with double and twin cones and multiple rods to penetrate the darkness of the ocean depths. He explained that this extra vision apparatus was in sharp contrast to fish living near the surface.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHES CANTORIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Establishment of a Cantorial Training Institute at Yeshiva University to prepare professionally cantors for traditional synagogues in the United States and Canada was announced here today by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University.

The newest division of America's first university under Jewish auspices is to open this month offering programs leading to Cantorial Diplomas and Associate Cantors Certificates. An outgrowth of the University's Cantorial Workshop, established in 1951, the Institute will serve both students of the various schools of Yeshiva University and the community-at-large.

GIRLS' CHOIR OF GERMAN RADIO STATION STUDIES HEBREW SONGS

HAMBURG, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- The well-known girls' choir of the Northwest German Radio network has added some 30 Jewish melodies, both traditional melodies and songs of the new Israel, to its repertoire which already includes half a dozen languages.

The 70 German girls can now provide musical accompaniment to the programs of the weekly quarter-hour series of the Northwest German Radio, "From the World of Judaism." They were taught the Hebrew words and melodies by the Rev. G. Singer, who was until the flight of Jewish communal leaders from East Germany early last year president of the Erfurt community and since that time cantor of the Hamburg community.

ISRAEL MINISTER TO ARGENTINE LEAVES FOR CHILE NATIONAL FETE

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Ariele Kubovi, Israel Minister to Argentina and Chile, left for Santiago today to attend the Chilean celebration of national independence day. Earlier, Dr. Kubovi paid an official visit to the Governor of the Argentine province of Cordoba, Raul Felipe Luchini, during which the Israeli diplomat met with the governor and his ministers.

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