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JORDAN PROTESTS PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS IN JERUSALEM

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- Jordanian Ambassador Abdul Rifai met with Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, today, to raise a question involving Jerusalem and the presentation of credentials by Edward B. Lawson, new American Ambassador to Israel.

After talking with Mr. Byroade for 55 minutes, Rifai told reporters that his conversation pertained to "a new subject," the presentation of credentials by the American Ambassador "which is said to take place in Jerusalem." He said "the Arab representatives in Washington, on behalf of their governments, are dealing seriously with the State Department in regard to this matter."

He said the question was of "major concern and importance to the Arabs and the Arab world." This is due, he said, "to the special status of Jerusalem" and will have "special implications and repercussions."

(Ambassador Lawson arrived at Haifa this morning and was met by American Embassy officers and representatives of the Israel Foreign Ministry. He refused to comment on the Israel political scene, but told newsmen that he had come to Israel without preconceived ideas and with an "open heart and open eyes.")

It was learned from diplomatic sources that the Arab point stressed today was that a presentation of credentials by Ambassador Lawson in Jerusalem would tend to give legality to the Israel claim that Jerusalem is the rightful capital of Israel. The Jordan Government has maintained that Jerusalem belongs to Jordan. Some difference exists, however, in the view on Jerusalem held by Jordan and the other member states of the Arab League which have in the past called for internationalization.

PROPOSE 'GOOD OFFICES' BODY TO ACT IN ISRAEL-ARAB CONFLICT

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 2. (JTA) -- A plan to appoint a special "good offices" commission composed of past presidents of the General Assembly to attempt to conciliate the basic conflicts between Israel and the Arab states is being advanced here behind the scenes of the Security Council.

The Security Council will meet tomorrow, at Israel's request, for discussion of Egypt's illegal blockade of the Suez Canal in the Bat Galim case. Egypt is expected to continue stalling tactics aimed at deferring Council consideration of the Israel complaint. Dr. Mahmoud Azmi, the Egyptian representative, is expected to tell the Council that his country is ready to return to the Israel-Egypt Mixed Armistice Commission to discuss the Bat Galim matter "substantively." The Egyptian position is that Council consideration should await completion of the Armistice Commission's handling of the issue.

The Colombian delegation is seeking an overall examination of all the Arab-Israel conflicts. A suggestion that the Council tackle the Israel-Arab issues "in depth" was made at the last meeting of the Council by Dr. Francisco Urrutia, head of the Colombian delegation. Colombia was reported to be ready to offer its good offices in this area when and if it is requested to do so by the parties concerned.

(In Washington, Egyptian Ambassador Ahmed Hussein conferred today with Assistant Secretary of State Byroade but declined to reveal the subject of discussion. Diplomatic sources advanced the view that the visit concerned the Egyptian attempt to block Security Council consideration of the Bat Galim case.)

POLICY CRITICS ASK BRITAIN TO OFFER ISRAEL DEFENSE PACT

LONDON, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- The British Government is prepared to support a plan in the United Nations to extend for a further five years the activities of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for the Palestine refugees in an effort to solve the Arab refugee problem, which Britain considers one of the most important aspects of the Arab-Israel dispute, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Anthony Nutting declared today.

Mr. Nutting opened debate in Commons on Britain's Middle East policy. He expressed no hope of an early settlement of the Arab-Israel situation, although he assured his listeners that he was "far from despairing."

"It will require time and patience and above all restoration of peaceful conditions upon the Arab-Israeli frontier so that co-existence may grow into toleration and toleration into good neighborliness," he stressed. Reporting an improvement on the Israel-Jordan frontier and Israel's return to the Mixed Armistice Commission, Mr. Nutting welcomed "this progress towards more settled conditions."

He reiterated the British Government's offer of its good offices to the Arab states and Israel and said that Britain had already made some moves in that direction, but had not publicized them because it felt that the glare of publicity would not serve a useful purpose in this case.

The Minister of State asserted that there was nothing in the Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the Suez Canal which violated Britain's obligations under the Tripartite Declaration. He said that arms for the legitimate defense needs of the various Middle East states and for the area as a whole would continue to be sent into the region, adding that there was no evidence that any country in the Middle East was planning aggression.

Britain Bears no Responsibility in Suez Conflict, Nutting Says

Mr. Nutting rejected any onus in connection with the British Government's failure to insist on Egyptian guarantees to end its blockade against Israel-bound shipping, noting that since the issue had been brought to the UN, Britain bore no responsibility in the matter. He expressed hope that conclusion of the Anglo-Egyptian pact on the Suez Canal would make it easier to secure some improvement in the Arab-Israel situation.

Herbert Morrison, former Foreign Secretary and leader of the Labor opposition in the debate, expressed understanding of Israel's apprehension over the sale of arms by Britain and the gift of arms by the United States to the Arabs. He warned that this placed Israel at a distinct military disadvantage and that the Jewish State "may be in real military danger."

Clement Davies, leader of the Liberal Party, suggested that Britain conclude with Israel the sort of binding agreements it concludes with the Arab states. "If a definite agreement is made with Israel saying 'if you're attacked we're with you,' might it not have an affect on the Arab states?" he asked. If such a step were taken, Arab-Israel differences might be settled, Mr. Davies suggested.

ENVOY WARNS BALANCE OF POWER BEING TILTED AGAINST ISRAEL

LONDON, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Eliahu Elath tonight welcomed the British Government's offer of its good offices to improve the Middle East situation, but pointedly noted that the Western Powers have left Israel isolated among its hostile neighbors while at the same time concluding treaties with these neighbors and supplying them with arms.

Speaking at a dinner of the Anglo-Israel Association at which British Defense Minister Harold MacMillan was present, Ambassador Elath pointed out that Israel's anxieties over the current situation could not be dismissed as "unfounded or even exaggerated" because the "balance of power in the Middle East is being tilted against us."

Israel does not doubt the good faith of the signatories of the Tripartite Declaration of 1950, the Ambassador said, but he stressed:

"Let us not for one moment forget that the Declaration gives no assurance, direct or indirect, of automatic support of Israel if she is attacked. All it actually provides for is 'consultations' and unfortunately our experiences in 1948 taught us that consultations of this kind often mean that action, if it comes at all, comes 'too little and too late.'"

"Some of the Arab states have guarantees incorporated into their treaties with this country and all of them are bound to one another by a mutual defense pact... Israel is thus alone in a highly bellicose environment--entirely isolated and left to its own devices," the Ambassador declared.

EGYPTIAN RAIDERS ATTACK NEGEV SETTLEMENT; BLAST TWO HOUSES

TEL AVIV, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- Infiltrators from Egypt last night blasted two empty houses in the settlement of Patish, in the Western Negev, an Israel military spokesman reported this morning. Israel has protested to the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission and a team of UN observers has already begun an on-the-spot investigation, he added.

The military spokesman charged that a commando unit from the Egyptian-held Gaza strip infiltrated the Israel village about 8 P.M. Apparently they set their dynamite charges, lit the fuses and immediately headed back toward their base across the demarcation lines.

The Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission adopted two resolutions today condemning Egypt for an attack on an Israel patrol near Kissufim on October 30 and for an attack on an Israel Bedouin encampment on October 29.

A third resolution condemned Israel for firing on an Egyptian position on October 30. The Israelis maintained that it was from this position that the attack was made on their patrol.

ISRAEL MERCHANTS CLOSE SHOPS IN 'STRIKE' AGAINST TAXES

TEL AVIV, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- Some 40,000 shops and privately-owned businesses throughout the country closed down this morning in a four-hour "strike" against taxes.

Called by several merchants associations, the strike took place on the 30th day after the suicide of Israel Sinai, a Jerusalem cake baker, who left a suicide note blaming high taxes for his action.

The merchants groups stated that the aim of the strike was to arouse public opinion in favor of a tax reduction for small, independent businessmen who, they said, are unable to bear the current tax burden.

GERMAN NEO-NAZI ASSAILS MENDES-FRANCE AT BROWNSHIRT MEETING

DUSSELDORF, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- An attack on French Premier Pierre Mendes-France as a Jew was made today by Major H. Krueger, chairman of the neo-Nazi German Reich Party for the state of North Rhine-Westphalia.

Addressing a meeting at nearby Duisberg on the question of a United States of Europe, Maj. Krueger told his brownshirted audience that "we do not want to be ruled by the Jew Mendes-France." The audience consisted of members of the "Reich Youth" group, whose brown shirts are adorned with belts, straps and scarves like those of the Hitler Youth formations.

The Bonn Government recently dropped efforts to ban the German Reich Party alleging there was insufficient evidence of the anti-democratic character of the party's members.

ANTI-JEWISH DEPUTY MAYOR OF BERLIN QUILTS UNDER ATTACK

BERLIN, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- Dr. Walter Conrad, Deputy Mayor of West Berlin, who was condemned last week by his fellow councilmen for refusing to grant a license to a Jewish pharmacist, resigned today from membership in the council and from leadership of the Free Democratic Party.

For the moment at least, this ends the public career of the first German official in many years to be called to account for open sabotage of indemnification to Jews and other victims of the Nazis. Dr. Conrad, as head of the city's Health Department not only discriminated against the Jewish pharmacist, but lied about the case in a report to the council.

Meanwhile, Carl-Hubert Schwennicke, chairman of the FDP in Berlin told the party's executive today that the party had "no sympathy" with Dr. Conrad's attitude. The Conrad case had aroused considerable interest in Berlin and thousands of Berliners had protested Dr. Conrad's action.

BEY OF TUNIS PLEDGES LIFELONG FRIENDSHIP TO JEWISH PEOPLE

PARIS, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- The Bey of Tunis pledged today that "as long as I live, there will be no discrimination between Moslems and Jews" in Tunisia. The Bey voiced this pledged during an audience he gave to Irving Engel and Jacob Blaustein, members of an American Jewish Committee mission studying conditions in North Africa.

The American delegates, who thanked the Bey for his past manifestations of friendship for the Jews, were invested as Grand Officers of the Tunisian Legion of Honor.

The American delegation, which also includes Dr. John Slawson, executive vice president of the committee, and Zachariah Schuster, its European director, was also received by Premier Tahar ben Amar and attended receptions at the French Residency and the American consulate. The delegation left here for Casablanca.

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT RATIFIES U. N. REFUGEE CONVENTION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 2. (JTA) -- Austria has ratified the United Nations Convention on the Status of Refugees, becoming the 12th nation to ratify the document. The certificate of ratification was deposited at a ceremony at UN headquarters here.

HOME ESTABLISHED IN BERLIN FOR 'MISCHLING' VICTIMS OF NAZIS

BERLIN, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- The first old-age home for Christians persecuted by the Nazis because of their Jewish descent was established here today. In the home, set up by the Lutheran Provost of Berlin, are some 20 elderly people who were treated as Jews by the Nazis because they or their antecedents were Jews before becoming Christians.

W.J.C. ACCEPTS COUNCIL OF GERMAN JEWS AS MEMBER GROUP

LONDON, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress here has announced that its executive board has accepted the application of the Central Council of Jews in Germany for membership in the WJC. According to information furnished the WJC, the number of Jews in Germany now is estimated at between 22,000 and 25,000.

HATE LITERATURE ON INCREASE IN WASHINGTON AREA

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- The Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington reported today that "there appears to have been an increase in the amount and varieties of hate literature coming into the area."

This development occurred during the last few months with some pieces distributed through the mails while other matter has been circulated by individuals.

APOLOGIZES FOR RACIAL LISTING IN POLICE 'WANTED' CIRCULAR

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Nov. 2. (JTA) -- Attorney General William E. Powers of Rhode Island had apologized today for issuance of a police "wanted" circular which contained the listing, "Race - Jew." and expressed "regret over the unfortunate language."

The apology was made by letter to Joseph M. Finkle, vice-chairman of the New England Regional Board of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, a member of the Rhode Island State Commission Against Discrimination. Mr. Powers declared that preparing the circular "was a new experience for us and we followed the form used by other departments." He asserted that a second printing of the circular eliminated the "offensive terms" and promised that "it is this latter form which will be used by this department in the future."

FREEMAN ISSUES CALL FOR 23RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF C. J. F. W. F.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2. (JTA) -- A call for the 23rd General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds was issued here today by Julian Freeman, CJFWF president. The conference will be held in Atlantic City Nov. 18-21.

"This will be a workshop session," Mr. Freeman declared. "The pressing problems facing communities in meeting their world-wide responsibilities in 1955 demand that Jewish leaders from all over the United States and Canada sit down together to find effective solutions and guideposts for action." The workshops will consider such problems as fund-raising, multiple appeals, budgeting, planning and leadership.

U.S. WILL NOT SIGN U.N. COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Nov. 2. (JTA) -- The United States will not sign, nor ratify, any of the proposed international covenants on human rights, Mrs. Oswald B. Lord, American delegate, told the UN General Assembly's Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee yesterday.

Mrs. Lord said that the U.S. believes that in the present international political atmosphere the use of treaties cannot be a "productive method for promoting respect for human rights." Mrs. Lord also criticized various specific clauses in the covenants.