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FIRST SHIPMENT OF U. S. ARMS ARRIVES IN IRAQ, STATE DEPT. REPORTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The Defense Department today said that the first shipment of American military aid arrived in Iraq yesterday and is being unloaded from the freighter "Steel Artisan" at the port city of Basra. It includes military vehicles and engineering equipment. The vessel was met at dockside by representatives of the United States Embassy and the Iraqi Ministry of Defense.

The U. S. Information Agency announced today that in expanding its program of publicizing abroad the peaceful uses of atomic energy it is sending newly-built mobile exhibit units promoting "atoms for peace" to the Middle East. The units are now en route and will begin their tours in mid-January.

ISRAEL SEEKS SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON "BAT GALIM" CASE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Israel is pressing for a meeting of the Security Council to continue consideration of the Suez Canal blockade issue and to reiterate Israel's insistence that Egypt release the Bat Galim.

The last meeting of the Security Council left the Bat Galim issue hanging in mid-air as a result of Egypt's implied readiness to release the Israel freighter. However, not only has the Bat Galim not been released, but the crew of ten Israel sailors is still in an Egyptian prison.

No formal letter demanding re-opening of the Bat Galim matter by the Security Council has been sent. However, members of the Council have been approached by members of the Israel delegation here who insist that the Council resume its session. As a result of these talks it is possible that the Council may meet again this week--unless Egypt yields to the urgings of the United States and Britain by releasing the ship and crew.

Egypt Puts Conditions to U. S. For Release of "Bat Galim"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Egyptian Ambassador Ahmed Hussein today sought concessions from the State Department as a precondition for the release of the Israel freighter "Bat Galim," according to informed sources here.

The Ambassador, who met with Robert D. Murphy, Deputy Under Secretary of State, was said to have asked the United States to "ease tensions" involving Egypt and Israel if the ship is to be set free.

The exact nature of steps Egypt wants the United States to take could not be immediately determined, but apparently Egypt is seeking a formula by which it can release the ship and at the same time "save face" on the home front. The interview with Mr. Murphy was requested by the Egyptian Ambassador.

JEWS WHO FLED NAZI GERMANY CAN HAVE CITIZENSHIP REINSTATED

BONN, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Acting on a suggestion by the Central Welfare Agency of the Jews in Germany, the Social Democrats in the Bonn Parliament introduced a clause in the new West German nationality act which entitled refugees who fled Germany to escape Nazi persecution to reinstatement of their German citizenship if they so demand. The nationality act was subsequently adopted. The present nationality status or residence of Germans thus demanding their citizenship will have no bearing on their rights.

The Central Welfare Agency also suggested that Jews from Danzig and the former German-speaking areas of Czechoslovakia be entitled to apply for German citizenship, provided they reside in Germany and have not been naturalized elsewhere. This stipulation, which would benefit only a handful of people, was aimed at preventing a recurrence of recent cases where the German police sought to expel as "undesirable aliens" Jews who were once residents of Danzig or the Sudetenland and recently came to Germany from Israel or other countries. Despite these two aspects of the law, the major aim of it was to give German citizenship to all "ethnic Germans" whom Hitler took under his wing.

SWISS PUBLISHER WITHDRAWS NOVEL BRANDED AS ANTI-SEMITIC

GENEVA, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The publisher of a novel attacked by the Jewish community and the Swiss press as anti-Semitic has agreed to withdraw it from circulation; it was reported here today.

The novel, "Amram Bela" by F. H. Acherman, tells the story of the son of a Jewish millionaire and lays the blame for the world's ills on "Jewish free masonry" and the "Jewish conspiracy."

"Israelitisches Wochenblatt," Switzerland's chief Jewish weekly, reports that the book's publisher, Otto Walter, has declared that the "public attack and harm" which the novel has caused, influenced him to decide not to print any more copies and to halt all sales after the first edition is sold out. He said he is withdrawing all advertisements for the book.

JEWS IN AUSTRALIA REPORT PENETRATION OF ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA

LONDON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Anti-Semitic propaganda is finding its way into the rest of Australia from Queensland, it was reported here today in the current issue of the Australian Jewish Herald of Melbourne.

The newspaper notes that while Queensland itself has been fairly free of anti-Semitic propaganda, it has at some times in the past been the headquarters for the dissemination of anti-Jewish material obviously produced abroad. Now, however, a "home grown" anti-Semitic pamphlet, considered the work of a crank, has come to the attention of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry.

The Melbourne paper also reports that Borge Jensen, author of many notorious anti-Jewish books and pamphlets, is currently on a lecture tour in Australia. At a recent meeting in Melbourne, Jensen condemned "Judaic influences" and paid tribute to the anti-Semitic Victorian League of Rights.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS GROUP TO PARTICIPATE IN WASHINGTON PARLEY ON ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Attention was drawn here today to the fact that among the presidents of the organizations which are sponsoring the projected conference on Israel in Washington early in March is the president of the American Zionist Committee for Public Affairs. The name of this organization was inadvertently left out of the original announcement last Friday.

The conference, which will be the first of its kind in this country since the establishment of Israel, has been called for the purpose of "reviewing Israel problems of interest to American Jewry, including issues of American-Israel relations."

ELIMINATION OF BIAS IN EMPLOYMENT URGED BY MANPOWER COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Expansion of measures to insure equal opportunities for all workers without regard to race or religion was urged today in a report containing recommendations issued by the National Manpower Council in connection with a new policy for skilled manpower.

The Council recommends that all employers hire and promote employees and all unions admit individuals to membership without regard to their race, creed, color or national origin; also that employers and unions and the joint apprenticeship councils and committees eliminate the practice, wherever it exists, of barring individuals from admission to apprenticeship programs because of their race or national origin.

The report urged that the President of the United States insure that the heads of Federal departments and agencies eliminate discrimination wherever it remains in Federal employment. The President was asked to use "the full authority of the Federal Government" to "prevent such discrimination in all work performed for it under contract."

The Council said the findings of its research indicated that "to restrict opportunities for education and training on the basis of race, religion, ethnic origin or sex not only violates American ideals, but it also wastes potential abilities of a significant proportion of our total population. It thereby prevents the full development and effective utilization of the nation's manpower resources."

The Council was established at Columbia University in 1951, under a grant from the Ford Foundation, to study significant manpower problems during a period of enduring emergency and to contribute to the improved development and utilization of the country's human resources.

ASSAULTS IN CHICAGO REFLECT CRIME SITUATION, NOT ANTI-SEMITISM

CHICAGO, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Acts of hoodlumism in the Lawndale district of Chicago are not confined to Jewish victims but have victimized non-Jews as well, Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman, president of the Hebrew Theological College and member of the board of the Greater Lawndale Conservation Commission, said today.

Previously, Rabbi Leonard C. Mishkin, educational director of the Associated Talmud Torahs, had published a list of anti-Semitic incidents in the district and protested the breakdown of law enforcement in the district.

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith also said that recent outbreaks of lawlessness and assaults in the Lawndale area of this city reflect a general crime situation, not anti-Semitism. Following an investigation by its Chicago staff, the ADL pointed out that "whites as well as Negroes, Christians as well as Jews have been the victims of these criminal assaults. Non-Jewish public buildings have had their windows broken as frequently as those belonging to Jews."

Rabbi Fasman said that "there has been no evidence of anti-Semitism but of general lawlessness. Non-Jews have been the victims as frequently as Jews in proportion to population numbers and non-Jewish public buildings have sustained broken windows as frequently as the Jewish."

Rabbi Fasman said that conditions in the Greater Lawndale District "have caused a great measure of alarm among the residents of this area." About 20,000 Jews live in the district. He reported that increased police protection is now being given to the area. He stressed the need for a long-range program involving added public school space, recreational facilities and housing.

CHILDREN IN MILE-LONG PARADE CELEBRATE CHANUKAH IN TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Tel Aviv's children began their week-long celebration of Chanukah last night with a mile-long parade through the city's streets, singing and chanting as they waved their festival torches in celebration of the 2,100-year-old victory of the Jews over the Graeco-Syrian forces. The torches were lighted from a torch carried from Modin, home of the ancient revolt, to Jerusalem and later Tel Aviv by a chain of runners.

At ZOA House here, a special celebration was held for some 150 American tourists. About 100 children representing the various communities who returned to Israel from exile in the last few years, also participated, as did Tel Aviv's Mayor A. Levanon and Chief Rabbi I. J. Unterman. The entire ceremony, including the lighting of the candles on a huge Menorah by Rabbi Unterman, was televised for showing in the United States.

HIGH BRITISH OFFICIALS ATTEND CHANUKAH RECEPTION IN LONDON

LONDON, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Senior British Defense Ministry officials and high-ranking armed forces officers were guests tonight at a Chanukah reception given at the Israel Embassy by Col. A. Bengal, Israel's military, air and naval attache in London.

Defense Minister Harold Macmillan was present, together with Marshal of the Royal Air Force John Dickson and Brigadier Sir John Hunt, leader of the British expedition which conquered Mt. Everest. Also present were diplomatic representatives of the United States, Soviet Union, France and other nations with which Israel maintains diplomatic relations. Members of Parliament, Maj. Gen. Yigal Yadin, retired Chief of Staff of Israel's Army, and leaders of the Anglo-Jewish community were present.

DENVER SCHOOLS GET INSTRUCTIONS ON CHANUKAH-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

DENVER, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The Denver school system, in cooperation with the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith, has issued a revised teachers' manual, "December Festivals," on Chanukah-Christmas joint celebrations in the public schools.

The Joint Advisory Committee of the Synagogue Council of America and the National Community Relations Advisory Council has been on record since 1950 in opposition to religious and joint religious holiday observances in the public schools as a violation of the traditional American principle of the separation of church and state.

In a foreword to the manual, Kenneth Oberholtzer, Superintendent of Schools, said that "December can be a month of great understanding for Christian and Jewish children alike." He said that the schools "can teach that religion is sacred and that the only attitude we have toward it is one of reverence - remembering that we are talking about religion and not religious indoctrination."

In referring to ADL cooperation in the joint holidays program, the Intermountain Jewish News said: "Denver ADL leaders candidly admit they are experimenting and taking a few years to arrive at a decision who is right - the Synagogue Council-NGRAC Committee or those trying to work out Chanukah-Christmas plays and pageants as a means of showing children what they have in common and how they differ and why they must live together as Americans in diversity of religion."

J. N. F. RAISES \$100,000 AT CHANUKAH BANQUET IN LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The sum of \$100,000 was raised here last night at the 21st annual Jewish National Fund Chanukah Banquet in Los Angeles. An additional \$50,000 was pledged for a special JNF project by the Chaim Weizmann Zionist District. Some 1,000 persons attended the banquet. Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, was the featured speaker.

70TH BIRTHDAY OF ISRAEL'S PRESIDENT CELEBRATED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- The 70th birthday of Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi was celebrated here yesterday afternoon by the founding of two villages in Israel on the site of ancient Modi'in, birthplace of the Maccabeans, heroes of Israel, who 2,120 years ago fought the Syrians and freed Jerusalem and its Temple from alien domination, an event which has since been observed throughout the Jewish world as the Feast of Lights.

The celebration took place at a luncheon session of the Labor Zionist conference for the Jewish National Fund at the Hotel Commodore. Messages to the conference arrived from President Ben Zvi, Prime Minister of Israel Moshe Sharett and the Speaker of Parliament Joseph Sprinzak. Cabling from Jerusalem to the conference, the President expressed satisfaction that the "festive conference of Labor Zionist organizations, will help, through the Jewish National Fund, to redeem from desolation the birthplace of the Maccabeans and help to revive the spirit of the ancient fighters for Israel's freedom."

Premier Sharett, drawing a parallel between the feat of the Maccabeans and the Jewish National Fund, said: "As the Maccabees of old found it necessary to cleanse the sanctuary that had been defiled, so the Jewish National Fund today is clearing the soil of Israel of waste and ruin of ages, is preparing the land for home-coming people."

Among the speakers at the conference were Louis Lipsky, veteran Zionist leader, Mordecai Reginald Kidron, deputy permanent representative of Israel at the United Nations, Mendel N. Fisher, executive director of the Jewish National Fund, and Louis Segal, secretary general of Farband-Labor Zionist Order.

(In Argentina and Canada, representatives of Jewish organizations marked the 70th birthday of Israel President Ben Zvi. The DAIA expressed Argentine Jewry's congratulations while the United Zionist Council of Canada sent a cable to the President hailing his "high-mindedness and sacrificial devotion" in office.)

JAVITS WANTS ISRAEL INCLUDED IN NATO; HONORED BY Z. O. A.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20. (JTA) -- Representative Jacob K. Javits, Attorney General-elect of New York, today called for the active utilization of the defense capability of Israel for the security of the Middle East, and the inclusion of Israel together with the Arab states in a regional defense organization for the area within the framework of the United Nations.

"Unless Israel is invited into this Near East defense organization, Israel should be invited to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) either directly or by an alliance with Greece and Turkey which are now members," he urged. Mr. Javits also warned that the shipment of arms to the Arab states endangers the present whole U.S. policy "by grave unbalance in the Near East." He spoke at a reception tendered him by the Zionist Organization of America at the Hotel Plaza.

In his address Mr. Javits, who during the day was President Eisenhower's guest at luncheon in the White House, declared that the "current emphasis upon defense arrangements with the Arab states including military assistance, which present serious dangers to the security of the Near East, is at the same time apparently causing us to overlook the strong defense capability and strategic location of Israel."

Dr. Emanuel Neumann, in behalf of the officers and membership of the ZOA, presented a scroll to Mr. Javits in tribute for his "outstanding contributions to the future of Israel and the Jewish people." He criticized the pamphlet which was issued a few days ago by the State Department on its present policy in the Middle East. "Frankly designed as a reply for the great numbers of citizens who have been writing letters on this subject, this pamphlet is largely a recapitulation of the well-known arguments which have been used in the past to justify the Department's attitude," Dr. Neumann said.