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## SYRIAN PREMIER URGES USE OF AMERICAN ARMS FOR WAR ON ISRAEL

LONDON, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The Arab states should take American arms and use them against Israel, Syrian Premier Faris el Khoury advocated in an interview with the Cairo weekly "El Musawwar," which has just arrived here.

The Syrian Premier said that the Arab states should not "hesitate" to accept the American offer of arms, since the only condition on acceptance is that they will not be used for "aggression." "Let us take these weapons and use them in self-defense against the Jews," el Khoury insisted. "Israel gives us an opportunity for self-defense and an occasion for war each day," he added, asserting that Israel has attacked Syrian villages, rustled Arab cattle and diverted the Jordan River.

"Let us take American arms and attack Israel while we can," he continued. "I guarantee to justify our position before the United Nations and the International Court of Justice, too," the Syrian Premier told the correspondent for "El Musawwar." "The important thing," he lectured, "is to possess the means of attack."

As for his opinion on how to "settle the Palestine problem," el Khoury declared: "The Palestine problem will not be solved unless Israel returns to the border which is both just and legal. But Israel will not. This means that Israel ought to be made to carry out United Nations decisions, either by the United Nations and that's impossible because Israel was created by the United Nations; or it should be compelled to do so by force, and that's up to the Arab armies."

## ULTRA-ORTHODOX LEADER RELEASED FROM JAIL IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Rabbi Amram Blau, leader of the ultra-Orthodox Neturei Karta, has been released from jail after 21 days. Rabbi Blau, together with Jerusalem's Deputy Mayor, Moshe Porush, however, must still stand trial before a magistrate's court, on charges of disturbing the peace on the Sabbath, a charge growing out of earlier attempts to block the streets of this city to vehicular traffic on the Sabbath.

Meanwhile, members of a special municipal committee for an "armistice" met with Rabbi Blau in connection with still another source of friction. This one relates to a club and playground on the outskirts of Jerusalem's Mea Shearim section, operated by the Israel Working Women's Association. Members of Rabbi Blau's sect have demonstrated against this club on the grounds that it would exert a corrupting influence on their children.

Rabbi Blau, in his talks with the special committee, indicated that the Neturei Karta would cease its attacks if a high wall were erected around the club to hide what he termed its "goings on." But the working women's group has made it known that it opposes any changes in the structure or operation of the club.

## NEW RESTITUTION DECREE TO AID GERMAN JEWS WHO LOST JEWELRY, BONDS

BERLIN, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The British, French and American commandants here have issued a new decree which will enable former Jewish residents of West Berlin and West Germany to seek restitution of certain items located in East Berlin. Items included under the new decree are stocks, bonds, jewelry and precious metals.

The new order plugs one of the largest loopholes in the handling of restitution claims and one which was cited by former Berlin Jews as a prime element in the sabotaging of claims by bureaucratic methods. Most banks had their safe deposit vaults in what is now East Berlin, and the Berlin municipal pawnshop, where Jews were forced to surrender their jewelry and precious metals in November, 1938, is also located in the Soviet sector. Of 31,000 monetary restitution claims thus far filed, the Berlin government has "settled" 21,000--only 800 in favor of Jews--rejecting all "pawnshop" and stocks and bonds claims with the argument that the owners had been deprived of their property in East Germany.

The new decree includes East Berlin in the legal restitution area, insofar as monetary matters are concerned. This means that all rejected claims must now be heard again, and that new claims may be filed until November 15, 1955. Such claims are limited to those under legislation for restitution of identifiable property, and the new, enlarged restitution area does not apply to indemnification.

## GERMAN DELAYS ON INDEMNIFICATION CREATE ILL WILL IN U.S.

BONN, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Unsatisfactory handling of individual indemnification claims is proving increasingly injurious to German interests in the United States, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer has been told. The report was made by Ernst Majonica, Christian Democrat Bundestag deputy, who recently returned from a State Department-sponsored eight-week tour of the United States, during which he visited German consulates in all parts of the country.

Herr Majonica, an attorney and leader of the younger elements in the Christian Democratic Union, told of increasing uneasiness in American Jewish circles over the way individual cases were dragged out, legalistic pettifoggery and general ill will with which former German Jews were met.

The deputy said that he had filed a similar report with Heinrich von Brentano, Parliamentary leader of his party, and he urged that Parliament take steps to speed the indemnification program for individual claimants.

## MEXICAN JEWS PROTEST AUSTRIAN DELAYS ON RESTITUTION NEGOTIATIONS

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Representatives of Mexican Jewry have submitted a memorandum to the Austrian envoy here, sharply protesting the Austrian Government's manner of handling negotiations on the question of reparations for Jewish victims of the Nazis.

The delegation of members of the Jewish Central Committee and the local section of the World Jewish Congress was received by the Ambassador, who gave them assurances that he would transmit their memorandum to his government in Vienna.

## POLISH GOVERNMENT TO HOLD PARLEY OF YIDDISH TEACHERS

LONDON, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The Polish Ministry of Education has decided to convoke a conference of all teachers of the Yiddish language and literature in the country, Radio Warsaw declared in a Yiddish-language broadcast monitored here by the World Jewish Congress. The announcer said that at that conference, which will be held in Lodz next month, the teachers would hear "lectures on the international situation and would discuss proposals for implementing a program of Yiddish language and literature instruction."

**ANTI-SEMITISM INJECTED INTO DESEGREGATION ISSUE, NCRAC REPORTS**

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- An expression of concern over the fact that anti-Semitism was injected into the conflict over desegregation of American public schools, as ordered by the Supreme Court, was voiced here today with the release of a report on the segregation problem by the National Community Relations Advisory Council.

The report, dealing specifically with incidents in Washington, Baltimore and lower Delaware where adults and high school students attempted to sabotage the desegregation issue, was sent to Jewish communities in an effort to obtain information and views on the subject, particularly from Jewish communities in the South.

In a letter accompanying the report, Milton Goldstein, chairman of the NCRAC Committee on Discrimination in Educational Institutions, said that Bryant W. Bowles, who heads the anti-desegregation National Association for the Advancement of White People, was resorting with increasing openness and violence to anti-Semitic appeals.

Representatives of community organizations in the cities where the disturbances occurred met in Washington to consider the significance of the riots and what could be done to deal with them. Among other recommendations made by this conference, the NCRAC report said, was a call to clergymen of all faiths, together with businessmen, civic leaders, professionals, veterans and other groups of the population to rally to the support of the authorities in the case of further troubles of such a nature.

The conference also urged national religious organizations, virtually all of which have taken stands supporting desegregation, to launch educational programs to prepare people for moves in their community to comply with the Supreme Court ruling. It also urged the authorities to explain well in advance their plans for desegregation and to deal speedily and firmly with any disorders.

**WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS, S.A. GROUP REACH AGREEMENT ON POLICY**

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The World Jewish Congress Executive has ratified an agreement with the South African Board of Jewish Deputies under which the two bodies will confer on certain matters affecting world Jewry "with a view to reaching common policy," it was announced here this week-end by the WJC Organization Department.

The agreement also provides that the Congress will give "all available assistance" to the South African Board on cultural matters. The agreement between the groups provides for the permanent exchange of relevant material and information.

Under terms of the new agreement, the Board will nominate a representative who will be given the right of full participation in Congress Executive meetings in a consultative capacity. The Congress' Organization Department expressed its great satisfaction at the new step which had been taken in further cementing relationships between the Congress and the South African group.

**DUTCH WEST INDIES CONGREGATION ENDS TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION**

CURACAO, N. W. I., Dec. 26. (JTA) -- The Netherlands Portuguese Congregation "Mikve Israel" has completed its celebration of three hundred years of uninterrupted existence here. In a special ceremony preceding the Chanukah Thanksgiving service of the congregation, the Governor of the Netherlands West Indies conferred on Rabbi Izak Jessurun Cardozo the title of "Knight of the Order of Oranje Nassau," on behalf of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands.

Rabbi Cardozo, who was called to the pulpit here in 1939, is a native of Amsterdam who served as rabbi in a Tel Aviv congregation and as secretary of the Netherlands consulate there. Government officials and representatives of all Catholic and Protestant Churches here took part in the tercentenary observance. As a special mark of honor to the Congregation, the Protestant Church planted 300 trees in the Curacao Forest in Israel.

**EDWARD M. M. WARBURG TO BE HONORED FOR HUMANITARIAN SERVICES**

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Edward M. M. Warburg, president of the United Jewish Appeal, will be honored at a testimonial dinner January 22 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel for his general chairmanship of the UJA over the past four years and for more than a decade and a half of humanitarian service to refugee and distressed Jews in all parts of the world, it was announced today by Jack D. Weiler, a national campaign chairman of the UJA.

Mr. Warburg, until recently the general chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, has played a prominent part since 1939 in marshalling aid for the rescue, resettlement and rehabilitation of the victims of war and oppression. In addition to serving as President of the UJA, he is chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, one of the Appeal's constituent bodies and the major American agency assisting Jews in distressed areas abroad.

**BROTHERHOOD WEEK TO BE OBSERVED FEBRUARY 20-27**

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Brotherhood Week, whose theme this year will be "One Nation Under God," will be celebrated from February 20 to 27, it was announced this week-end by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, sponsor of the observance.

Ben Duffy will serve as general chairman of Brotherhood Week, while Dr. Arthur H. Compton, chairman of the World Brotherhood organization, will lead overseas observances.

**NATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE ON ZIONIST PROBLEMS OPENS TODAY**

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- More than 200 students from 50 colleges and universities throughout the United States will open a three-day conference on Zionist problems, the State of Israel and the American Jewish Community here tomorrow. Conference sessions and workshops, which will be held at Columbia University will close on Thursday with a reception by the Israel Consulate here in honor of the delegates.

Principal speakers at the conference will be Dr. Eli Ginsberg, Columbia University professor, Avraham Harman, Israeli Consul in New York, and Mrs. Rose Halprin, a member of the Jewish Agency executive.

**MRS. ALTSCHUL GIVES BARNARD \$100,000 FOR PROFESSORSHIP FUND**

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Mrs. Frank Altschul, a trustee of Barnard College, has made a gift of \$100,000 to the college for the establishment of the Millicent Carey McIntosh Professorship of English Fund. At the same time, she announced her intention of eventually increasing the endowment to \$250,000. Until the fund yields sufficient income for the salary of a full professor, Mrs. Altschul will make up the difference.

Dr. W. Cabell Greet will hold the Professorship, named for the president of the College. Besides establishing the professorship, Mrs. Altschul has given \$10,895 to refurbish and redecorate a residence hall at Barnard.

**RABBI MENACHEM HAGER, HEAD OF MIZRACHI IN ISRAEL, DIES AT 65**

TEL AVIV, Dec. 26. (JTA) -- Rabbi Menachem Hager, national chairman of the Mizrahi Organization of Israel, died here this week-end. He was 65.

A native of Poland, Rabbi Hager also served as chairman of the Tel Aviv Chevra Kadisha, and had been Chief Rabbi of Sosnowice, Poland, before emigrating to Israel.

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