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ISRAEL CABINET DISCUSSES STAND ON TURKISH-IRAQI DEFENSE PACT

JERUSALEM, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet heard a report today from Premier Moshe Sharett, in his capacity as Foreign Minister, on the possible effects on Israel of the projected Turkish-Iraqi defense alliance.

The draft of the Turkish-Iraqi agreement, which is being studied here, has provoked fear among Israel statesmen that it can serve as a further basis for arming Iraq, which is hostile to the Jewish State. There are other features in the pact which are considered as aimed against Israel. These features originated with Iraq and not with Turkey, it is believed here.

At today's Cabinet meeting a committee was appointed to conduct talks with Ambassador Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's personal envoy, upon his arrival here this week to discuss regional water development projects. The committee is composed of several members of the Cabinet and of high-government officials who will participate in the talks as experts.

U. S. Sends Another Shipment of Munitions to Iraq

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- A second shipment of United States munitions is on its way to Iraq as the implementation of recommendations of an American Army survey mission is being expedited.

The mission urged mainly that the mobility and firepower of the Iraqi forces be increased. Today, as Iraq moves closer to a pact with Turkey, the United States is encouraging Iraq with a tangible demonstration of the rewards which will be forthcoming in greater measure when and if Iraq is affiliated with a unit of the Western defensive coalition. The speeding up of arms to Iraq is also envisaged here as a way of bolstering the Iraq Government in its stand against Egyptian and Arab League attempts to dissuade Iraq from signing the pending pact with Turkey.

A recent demand by Gen. Mohammed Arif, Iraqi Chief of Staff, for heavy self-propelled artillery and jet aircraft of the latest design has been noted here. Iraq indicated displeasure over the first arms shipment which was reported to have included military vehicles and engineering equipment rather than the weapons Iraq craves more urgently.

Discussions have been held in Washington between the Iraqi military attache and the Defense Department with a view to speeding up the movement of arms. The State Department has rejected flatly current Israel appeals to terminate arms shipments. The State Department has told Israel that it should be pleased that Iraq is considering joining Turkey in a pact against Communism because this might tend to lessen Iraq's hostility toward Israel and weaken Iraqi ties with the Arab League. Diplomatic sources report that Israel is even more worried than ever about the Iraqi arms issue.

ISRAEL WARNS JORDAN ON BORDER INCIDENTS; INFORMS U.N. OFFICIALS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 23, (JTA) -- Israel warned Jordan today, through the United Nations truce supervision organization, that the Arab state cannot evade responsibility for the renewed tension along the Israel-Jordan border resulting from a series of incidents which started early last week and continued through this week-end.

The warning was given to aides of Gen. E. L. M. Burns, UN truce supervisor, who were invited to the Foreign Office. It was pointed out to them that the extended period of quiet along the borders before this latest outbreak proved that the Jordan authorities were able - if they wished - to prevent attacks from Jordan territory against Israel. The fact was stressed that Israel was concerned with the outbreak of violence, started with the murder of two Israelis peacefully working fields near Mevot Beitar with tractors, and which has since reached a total of 13 separate incidents on various borders.

The failure of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission to condemn Jordan for this attack, because of the abstention of the UN chairman of the MAC, is also a point of concern to Israel, the UN aides were told. The UN chairman, after hours of discussion late last week, insisted that the investigation of the incident and the discussion of it at the MAC meeting had not turned up enough information to prove that Jordan was responsible.

The tension was kept at a high point this week-end by attacks on several frontiers which left one Israel soldier dead and at least four others wounded. The Israel soldier, a Druze, was killed while on patrol along the Gaza strip demilitarized zone when gunfire was directed at him from the Egyptian positions nearby. Two other Druze, also on the same patrol, were wounded.

In the Musrara quarter of Jerusalem, two Israel soldiers were wounded when Arab Legionnaires suddenly opened fire on them. Syrian troops fired against Israel troops in the Lake Huleh area and against Kibbutz Gonen near Lake Tiberias, but no Israel casualties resulted. All incidents have been brought to the attention of the Mixed Armistice Commissions.

U. S. OIL COMPANY DISCOVERS DEPOSITS OF NATURAL GAS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 23, (JTA) -- What may be one of the best deposits of natural gas in Israel has been discovered near Petach Tikvah by the Israel American Oil Company in the course of drilling for oil, it was announced this week-end.

Louis Franklin, president of the company, said that if further deposits of natural gas are found it may be commercially exploitable. A significant amount of gas was discovered at less than 500 feet.

NETUREI KARTA HOLDS DEMONSTRATION IN JERUSALEM; EIGHT ARRESTED

JERUSALEM, Jan. 23, (JTA) -- Neturei Karta elements here held a demonstration today in front of the youth club established by the Labor Zionist on the edge of the Mea Shearim quarter. During the demonstration eight members of the ultra-Orthodox sect were arrested. Before the demonstration they observed a special fast and recited prayers.

Meanwhile, the Magistrate's Court in Jerusalem has decided to proceed with the trial of 38 Neturei Karta members arrested in various demonstrations and clashes. They will be tried in small groups.

SAN FRANCISCO BANK GRANTS \$10,000,000 LOAN TO J. N. F.

JERUSALEM, Jan. 23, (JTA) -- The San Francisco branch of the Bank of America has granted the Jewish National Fund a \$10,000,000 loan repayable within three years at an interest rate of four percent, it was announced here today. The JNF will use this sum to consolidate various debts and outstanding loans. The same bank loaned the JNF \$15,000,000 in 1949. That loan has since been repaid.

EGYPTIAN PREMIER ASKED TO EXTEND CLEMENCY TO 12 JEWS ON TRIAL

ROME, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Italian Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff cabled today an appeal to Col. Gamel Nasser, Premier of Egypt, urging him to extend clemency to the 12 Egyptian Jews on trial in Cairo on charges of "espionage" in behalf of Israel. The Chief Rabbi's plea urged the Egyptian Premier to extend clemency to the defendants in the name of humanity and a respect for human life.

Reports from Egypt state that the Cairo tribunal hearing the charges against the 12 Jews concluded its hearings and forwarded its findings to Egyptian Premier Nasser for confirmation.

ROME DENIES CARRYING ANTI-JEWISH BROADCAST IN ARABIC

ROME, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The Italian radio network broadcast in 32 languages on Friday a denial that it had carried an anti-Jewish broadcast in its Arabic language services on January 7. Government and network officials, repeating this denial here, declared that Italy's policy was to maintain good relations with both Israel and the Arab States and to assist in establishing peace in the Middle East.

The Israel Legation here, which had made inquiries about the report, expressed satisfaction today with the attitude of the government and radio officials.

(The report of the anti-Jewish attack was carried by the information department of the World Jewish Congress in London. The WJC said today that the Rome anti-Jewish broadcast was monitored by the British Broadcasting Company.)

RUSSIAN-PALESTINIAN ASSOCIATION FORMED IN MOSCOW; ARABS INFORMED

LONDON, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Radio Moscow today made known in a broadcast in Arabic to the Near East a "Russian-Palestinian Association" has been created as an affiliate of the USSR Academy of Sciences.

The broadcast said the new group has started to produce a periodical bulletin. It is called "The Palestinian Bulletin." Volume one was described as containing "articles and documents relating to the history and culture of the peoples of the Near East."

AUSTRIAN ARCHBISHOP DEMANDS RESTITUTION FOR "CHRISTIAN JEWS"

VIENNA, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The Catholic Church has as much right as Jewish organizations to demand restitution from the Austrian Government, since it represents many thousands of former Jews who had converted to Christianity and had suffered from the Hitler regime, Archbishop-Coadjutor Franz Joachim declared here.

The Catholic Archbishop stated his view to this effect in the weekly "Furche," a publication usually considered as reflecting the vatican's viewpoint in this country. The article demands that the Catholic Church be permitted to participate in the drafting of a new restitution law. It points out that no Jewish organization has intervened to obtain compensation for "Christian Jews" who are in need. Archbishop Joachim, in his statement, urges world Jewish organizations to have patience in the face of the "difficulties" facing the Austrian Government.

(In Brussels Foreign Minister Paul Henri Spaak said that Belgium would support Jewish restitution claims against Austria "as far as possible." He made this promise to Dr. M. Marinower, representative of the World Jewish Congress, who called on him for a general discussion of a number of problems.)

U. J. A. RECEIVES \$10,150,000 AT DINNER IN HONOR OF WARBURG

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- A total of \$10,150,000 was contributed here last night in honor of Edward M. M. Warburg, president of the United Jewish Appeal, at a testimonial dinner hailing his 16-year-old leadership of the UJA. More than 1,000 communal leaders from all parts of the country attended the dinner which gave the UJA one of its greatest advance starts on an annual campaign since its establishment in 1939.

William Rosenwald, general chairman of the UJA, termed the outpouring of gifts "a remarkable tribute to Mr. Warburg's decade and a half of humanitarian service and a towering endorsement of the United Jewish Appeal's continuing effort to save lives and strengthen democracy." Mr. Rosenwald announced at the same time the opening of a month-long advance gifts drive which would culminate at the formal launching of the UJA campaign February 25, at a national Inaugural Conference in Miami Beach, Fla.

Paul G. Hoffman, former Administrator of Marshall Plan aid, lauded Mr. Warburg for his long-term role in helping overseas victims of war and oppression. "We are here also to pay homage to a democratic ideal which he has held high for so many years of an active, positive life - the ideal of free men and women meeting together in the cause of humanity."

The 1,000 guests in attendance at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel heard also from Senator Herbert H. Lehman, who acted as toastmaster; Louis Brodido, vice-chairman of the Board of the UJA of Greater New York; Mrs. David M. Levy, an honorary chairman of the UJA's national women's division, and Jack D. Weiler, a national campaign chairman of the UJA and chairman of the dinner committee, who presided.

The testimonial to Mr. Warburg brought statements of praise from the speakers, fabled tributes from the leaders of the Israel Government, and two unusual gifts from his UJA associates. The presentation of the first of these gifts, an English antique silver tray, was made by Senator Lehman, and bore the inscription: "Presented to Edward M. M. Warburg by his many friends and admirers in tribute to his outstanding leadership of the United Jewish Appeal during the past four years and in recognition of his inspired service in the advancement of human betterment and dignity."

The second presentation by the Senator was made on behalf of Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the UJA and members of the Appeal's staff, who gave Mr. Warburg a 4,000 year old bronze drinking cup which had been recovered from ancient ruins in the Middle East.

U. J. A. Aid Helped to Build Israel, Hoffman Says

In praising Mr. Warburg and his devotion to the United Jewish Appeal, Mr. Hoffman said: "Of all the areas in which the UJA worked, perhaps the most dramatic is the support you have given the State of Israel. You did more than dig deeply into your pockets. You gave to this young nation the moral and spiritual inspiration which it needed so urgently in its formative years." He added that Israel's leaders "could not have carried out this audacious experiment in democracy had it not been for the help extended by the United Jewish Appeal."

Senator Lehman, in his role as toastmaster, hailed Mr. Warburg's leadership of the UJA as "a great example of profound personal dedication to mankind's daily struggle to be, and remain, free." The Senator, himself a leader in the United Jewish Appeal, cited Mr. Warburg's part in establishing the United Jewish Appeal 16 years ago, asserting that "since that time he has carried on the tradition of humanitarian service established by his father, the late Felix M. Warburg."

Mr. Lehman recalled also the UJA president's wartime military service, pointing out that he enlisted as a private in the army rather than accept a commission,

for which he was qualified, and that after rising through the ranks to become a major he helped thousands of war victims liberated by the Allied armies. This occurred when he was attached to Supreme Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Forces Headquarters in charge of a wartime Displaced Persons' program.

Hundreds of messages of tribute to Mr. Warburg were received from Jewish leaders in this country and abroad, including messages from Israel Premier Moshe Sharett, Israel Finance Minister Levi Eshkol, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, and Dr. Giora Josephthal, Agency treasurer.

The \$10,150,000 in advance gifts included these sums from donors in various cities, throughout the country: New York, more than \$3,000,000; Detroit, \$902,000; Miami, \$705,000; Cleveland, \$600,000; Philadelphia, \$500,000; San Francisco, \$310,000; Baltimore, \$350,000; Washington, D. C., \$350,000; Chicago, \$300,000. The formal opening of the nationwide UJA drive late in February will bring it into a total of 5,200 American communities with a direct appeal to more than 2,000,000 prospective contributors.

DEWEY STONE ELECTED NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL

NEW YORK, Jan. 23, (JTA) -- Dewey D. Stone, noted Jewish leader who is active in many philanthropic and cultural undertaking, was today elected national chairman of the United Israel Appeal at the annual meeting of its board of directors at the Commodore Hotel. He succeeds Rudolf G. Sonneborn, who served four years as national chairman of the UIA.

The United Israel Appeal is the central fund-raising instrumentality in this country in behalf of the Jewish Agency and the Keren Hayesod. Its board of directors is made up of 130 members representing all of the Zionist parties as well as the Jewish welfare funds and councils of local communities. Representation on the board includes 60 percent of the membership named by the Zionist parties, while the balance is designated by communities and regions throughout the country.

In announcing the chief aspects of the UIA program for this year, Mr. Stone made public a large-scale rural resettlement project which is currently being launched. It involves the one-quarter million-acre Be'er Govrin desert area in the northeastern Negev to be reclaimed and developed at a cost of \$14,000,000 for this year's portion of the work. This will be one of the principal items of the UIA agencies' budget set at \$88,980,000 for 1955. The major portion of the budget will be provided by American Jews through the United Jewish Appeal. Simultaneous campaigns in other countries and loans will provide the balance.

Elected with Mr. Stone was a slate of officers including William H. Syk of Philadelphia, as chairman of the board of directors. Ellis Radinsky, who was recently appointed assistant executive vice-chairman of the UJA, was named executive director. Mr. Sonneborn was elected a vice-chairman of the UIA.

Mr. Stone, who is also a chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, representing the United Israel Appeal in the campaign, is active in a broad range of educational, cultural and philanthropic projects, relating to Israel and America. He is chairman of the board of the Weizmann Institute of Science, a trustee of Boston University, vice-president of the Zionist Organization of America, president of the Brandeis Youth Foundation, member of the Board of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, American Friends of the Hebrew University, American Fund for Israel Institutions, and the Palestine Economic Corporation.

JEWISH CONGRESS URGES U.S TO CHANGE ITS MIDDLE EAST POLICY

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The Eisenhower Administration was urged to change its Middle East policy and to make fundamental revision of its Federal employee security program at a meeting here last night of the national executive committee of the American Jewish Congress. More than 100 AJC leaders from various states attended.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, AJC president, declared that the Administration's promised "new look" at its Middle East policy was long overdue. He charged that instead of re-evaluating its policy in this region during the past two months, as reported, the Administration has "more intensively pursued" its "present unjust and unwise program." He noted that while Arab states have been armed and brought into alliances and security pacts recently, Israel has been given no place in such arrangements.

Herman L. Weisman, chairman of the AJC Commission on Law and Social Action, assailed the Federal security program as it relates to government employees as "prodigious in its injustices, clumsy and confused in its operations and wasteful of talents and minds of the highest order." Referring to such cases as the Abraham Chasanow, the Fort Monmouth and Wolf Ladejinsky affairs, Mr. Weisman said: "We need a complete rethinking of our basic premises and not merely a reshuffling of minor officials."

AMERICAN ZIONISTS ASK U.S. TO CONSIDER ISRAEL'S SECURITY

NEWARK, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- An immediate re-appraisal of the current American arms policy in the Middle East, and the inclusion of Israel's security as a major feature of U.S. foreign policy, were strongly urged today by a special conference of New Jersey Zionist leaders, held at the Essex House here under the auspices of the Commission on Israel and the Middle East of the Zionist Organization of America.

Approximately 200 leaders of Zionist districts throughout the state participated in the all-day conference under the chairmanship of Rabbi Leon L. Feder of Toledo, Ohio. A full review of the present situation with respect to Israel and the Arab states was presented by Harry Torczyner, national chairman of the Commission on Israel and the Middle East; Harold P. Manson, executive vice-chairman of the ZOA's Department of Public Information; Rev. Karl Baehr, executive secretary of the American Christian Palestine Committee; and Chanan Bar-On, member of the Israel delegation to the United Nations.

JEWISH AGENCY OPENS REGISTRATION FOR 1955 ISRAEL INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency announced here today that registration has opened in the United States and Canada for the seventh annual Israel Summer Institute, a non-profit educational project sponsored by the Agency.

The Summer Institute offers a low-cost, all inclusive tour of Israel for young Americans - students, teachers and others - between 18 and 30. The total cost per person will be \$795, which includes round-trip transportation to Israel, full maintenance in Israel, extensive guided tours of the country, lectures and orientation sessions conducted by leading Israel personalities, and a work period at an agricultural settlement.

"PORGY AND BESS" ARRIVES IN ISRAEL; PERFORMANCES SOLD OUT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The advance party of the international company of "Porgy and Bess," including Mrs. George Gershwin, widow of the composer of the famed American operetta, arrived here today. All tickets for the only five performances of "Porgy and Bess" scheduled to be performed in Israel have already been sold and police are taking precautions to guard against ticket "scalping."