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SHARETT DISCUSSES TURCO-IRAQI PACT WITH TURKISH AMBASSADOR

JERUSALEM, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Israel Premier Moshe Sharett conferred today with the Turkish Ambassador to Israel, Sefkati Istinyeli, on the implications for Israel of the projected Turkish-Iraq defense alliance.

It is understood that during the conversation, Mr. Sharett stressed the deep friendship of Israel and Turkey and drew attention to several clauses of the projected pact which he felt had an anti-Israel sound. Mr. Sharett is understood to have said that while Turkey is free to negotiate and sign agreements with whomever she pleases, he hoped that such pacts would not affect Turkish-Israel relations.

It is expected here that Maurice Fisher, Israel's Ambassador to Ankara, will call on Turkish Premier Adnan Menderes today to express the same views. In the meantime, it was reported here that the Israel Government is seeking guarantees from the Western Powers that any alliances and pacts signed, or to be signed, with Middle East states--and from which Israel is excluded--will not adversely affect Israel's security.

EBAN CONFERS ON ISRAEL'S PARTICIPATION IN "ATOM-FOR-PEACE" PARLEY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Ambassador Abba S. Eban, head of the Israel delegation here, conferred today with United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld about Israel's participation in the "atoms for peace" scientific conference scheduled to be conducted by the UN at Geneva next August.

Ambassador Eban also called on Sir Leslie Munro, president of the UN Security Council, to discuss the continued failure of Egypt to comply with a United Nations request that the Israel freighter "Bat Galim" be released.

It was learned from informed sources that Ambassador Eban pointed out that Egypt has taken no measures to comply with a wish expressed by a majority of the Security Council that the ship and its cargo be restored to Israel and that the United Nations' resolution of 1951 be fully honored in this and all other cases.

Israel circles emphasized that the Security Council's recent discussion rules out any procedure which would violate the 1951 resolution on free passage through the Suez Canal. It is felt by Israel sources that the matter cannot be regarded as closed and is liable to arise again in the Security Council.

ONE ISRAELI KILLED, ONE WOUNDED BY EGYPTIAN FIRE IN NEGEV

TEL AVIV, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- One Jew was killed and another wounded today when Egyptians opened fire on the two men while they were ploughing fields near Kibbutz Ein Hashlosa, in the southern Negev.

JEWS FROM MOROCCO SETTLED IN ISRAEL HOMES ON DAY OF ARRIVAL

TEL AVIV, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Twenty-eight families from Morocco who arrived in Israel yesterday were in their new homes by last night preparing their children to go to school today, as the new Jewish Agency program for resettling immigrants without transition orientation went into high gear.

The 163 men, women and children were taken off the ship that had brought them from Marseilles and were placed in wood huts prepared for them at Haruvit, the first new settlement to go up in the Lachish development area on the Judean plateau. Within a few days the working members of the family will be given afforestation work on the hillsides surrounding the settlement.

Each family has a hut with a half-dunam (one-eighth acre) of land around it on which will be grown some food. The Agency had prepared kitchen utensils and some household furniture for each family before it arrived at its new home. The medical clinic began functioning the moment the immigrants arrived, and a kindergarten and an elementary school opened their doors this morning.

The sixty-ninth kibbutz to be established by Hashomer Hatzair has been founded. The new kibbutz, named Hahorshim, will be headed by an Israel member of the movement.

ISRAEL PROTESTS TO U.S. BODY AGAINST SUBMITTING TO ARAB DEMANDS

GENEVA, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The Government of Israel has called on the World Health Organization, United Nations specialized agency, to change the present arrangement under which Israel is prevented from fully participating in, and obtaining the benefits of, WHO activities in the Middle East because of the anti-Israel political campaign of the Arab nations.

In a letter to the executive committee of WHO, which is meeting here in advance of the forthcoming WHO assembly, the Israel Foreign Ministry recalled that a WHO resolution last year set up two committees in the Eastern Mediterranean, one including the Arabs and other nations, and the second including Israel and other nations. This action was taken in an attempt to get around the stalemate resulting from the Arab states' refusal to attend a conference with Israel or to permit Israel delegates to attend parleys on their soil.

The convening of one of the committees in Alexandria prevented the second committee, on which Israel was represented, from meeting, thus again barring Israel from WHO activities. The letter from the Foreign Ministry pointed out that WHO's retreat before Arab intransigence has in effect made it harder, rather than easier, to promote the UN's purpose of conciliating all nations. It asked WHO to reach a solution in consonance with the principles of the UN Charter and one which is mutually satisfactory to the parties concerned.

ISRAEL OPENS MEDICAL CLINIC FOR BEDOUIN TRIBESMEN IN NEGEV

TEL AVIV, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The fourth medical clinic for Bedouin tribesmen living in Israel territory was opened today near Tel el Maleh, in the Upper Negev between Beersheba and the Dead Sea. Present at the ceremony opening the institution were Minister of Health Joseph Serlin and a number of sheiks and leading figures among the various Bedouin clans.

The four clinics now serve some 15,000 Israel Bedouin in 18 tribes. Five of the tribes contributed some 2,000 pounds and the Ministry of Health provided several thousand more pounds to build and staff the newest clinic. A doctor and nurse visit each clinic one or two days a week. The clinics are equipped with facilities for minor surgery and treatment of most diseases.

GERMAN SHIP, FIRST TO LAND IN ISRAEL, RETURNS TO GERMANY

HAIFA, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The German freighter Pergamon, first German vessel to enter an Israel port since the second World War, left here last night after her reparations cargo of 1,000 tons of iron was unloaded. During her entire stay in port, the vessel was guarded by police.

GERMAN ORDERED TO FURNISH \$235,000 SECURITY IN RESTITUTION CASE

NUREMBERG, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- To safeguard the restitution claim of a New York Jewish businessman, Karl Joel, against the owner of one of Germany's largest mail order houses, the latter has been ordered by the Restitution Chamber of the local German court to furnish a bank guarantee of \$235,000, believed to be the highest amount ever fixed prior to a decision on the claim as such.

Mr. Joel had built up a successful mail order house in this city and in Berlin. In 1938, when anti-Jewish measures made it utterly impossible to continue operating the business, he entered into sales negotiations with a Wuerzburg textile retailer, Josef Neckermann. Before a contract could be drawn up, he had to flee for his life to Switzerland. The purchase price which Neckermann eventually paid went into a blocked account that was seized by the Nazi state, without Joel receiving a penny.

The Aryanized business flourished. As a precaution against wartime air raids, Neckermann moved it to a small Bavarian town. The U.S. Military Government later sequestered it as presumptive Jewish property. A series of "custodians" were named to operate it, but in the end they completely dissipated the assets. This worthless shell, Neckermann has offered to "restitute" to Joel.

Under a slightly different trade name, Neckermann himself launched a mail order house in Frankfurt four years ago and has made it into one of the largest in West Germany. He describes it as entirely distinct and separate from the old firm, whereas Joel, insisting that it is based on the goodwill of the original business, asks that the Frankfurt business be restored to him. Although the legal dispute has been dragging for more than six years, no verdict has yet been reached by the Restitution Chamber. Any ruling it issues is likely to be appealed to two higher courts in turn.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF JEWISH YOUTH FORMED IN GERMANY

MUNICH, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Delegates from all parts of West Germany, who attended a Jewish youth camp near Hainsham in the Bavarian Alps, decided to form a coordinating organization, the "Central Association of Jewish Youth," with its seat in West Berlin. Hanan Moser, of Berlin, was provisionally named organizing secretary.

The only speaker to address the meeting in Hebrew was Dean Hermann Maas, the superintendent of the Protestant Church in the Heidelberg area, veteran Zionist, proven friend of the Jewish people and translator of Bialik, who saved many Jewish children during the Nazi regime and has twice visited Israel since its establishment.

U. N. BODY DECIDES TO DEFER STUDY ON PROTECTION OF MINORITIES

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- A resolution pledging the Subcommittee on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to concentrate on the problems of discrimination but defer work on studies looking toward special protection of minorities, was passed by the subcommittee here today. The resolution had the support of nine of the twelve members of the subcommittee, but the Soviet and Polish experts abstained.

The resolution had been introduced by the British expert, Prof. Richard Hiscocks, and had the support of the American member, Justice Philip Halpern. Under the terms of the resolution, studies looking toward special protection of minorities will not be undertaken by the subcommittee pending a specific directive from the group's parent body, the Commission on Human Rights.

ORT ACTIVITIES IN NORTH AFRICA LAUDED IN U. S. CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The activities of the ORT were lauded here today on the floor of the House of Representatives by Congressman Emanuel Celler of New York who reported to Congress on the precarious situation of the Jews in Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria from where he returned recently.

Citing the activities of the ORT in helping the Jews there with vocational training, Rep. Celler said he found its parallel in the Point 4 program which is "exactly the drama of the work that ORT has been carrying on for more than 70 years." The ORT, he said, has "opened doors" and been in the forefront "just a little before anybody else" when it inaugurated programs that focus attention "on the needs of the individual, on the dignity of the individual, and how he as an individual contributes to the common good."

(In Stockholm today, Dr. Aron Syngalowski, chairman of the executive of the World ORT Union, was honored by Jewish communal leaders and ORT officials in Sweden at a banquet. He also visited Copenhagen where he conferred with Danish Government leaders on ORT activities.)

U. J. A. ASKS JEWISH WOMEN TO PROVIDE AID FOR 126,000 CHILDREN

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, executive vice-chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, addressing the closing session today of a two-day conference of the board of the UJA National Women's Division at the Plaza Hotel, called upon the women of this country to take the lead in assuming responsibility for the 126,000 dependent Jewish children whom the UJA must aid in 1955.

At the same time, William Rosenwald, UJA general chairman, expressed confidence that the Women's Division would "carry forward the child-care phase of the program." In so doing, he added, "the women will provide a great impetus to the entire UJA program and thereby add a big plus sign to the 1955 campaign."

Dr. Schwartz pointed out that of the 472,000 persons for whom UJA is seeking funds this year, 126,000 are children up to the age of 16. He said that about 70,000 children would be aided in North Africa, 39,000 in Israel, 9,000 in Iran, 7,000 in Europe and 1,000 in the immigrant aid work of the New York Association for New Americans, a constituent agency of the UJA.

Among the child welfare activities, said Dr. Schwartz, were infant care, child-feeding, maintenance of kindergartens, religious and secular schools and children's homes, special institutional care, vocational training and foster home placement.

"In all cases," said Dr. Schwartz, "the machinery of aid is in operation. What we need most desperately are the funds to keep it going so that we can give thousands of unfortunate children in other lands the same chance to grow into healthy and happy adulthood at the same time that we provide for our children at home."

JDC-OSE TEAM COMPLETES SURVEY ON COOPERATION IN HEALTH WORK

PARIS, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- A joint survey team of the Joint Distribution Committee and the World OSE Union has completed work on its study of the possibility for closer cooperation between the two organizations in health work and has submitted a set of recommendations to the groups, it was learned here today.

The executive of the World OSE Union has met here to consider these recommendations. The meeting was presided over by executive chairman Abel Shaban of South Africa, and was attended by executive members from Switzerland, Britain, Israel, Holland and France.

CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE FACES SPLIT OVER IMMIGRATION ISSUE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- An open split developed in the House Judiciary Committee today over what Rep. Francis E. Walter, Pennsylvania Democrat, charged was an effort "aimed at emasculating" the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act.

Committee chairman Emanuel Celler, acknowledged he was "having troubles" organizing the committee, but denied there was a move to strip Rep. Walter of the key chairmanship of the Immigration Subcommittee.

Rep. Walter is senior to all the Democrats on the Judiciary Committee except Rep. Celler. While Rep. Walter was a co-sponsor of the McCarran-Walter Act, Rep. Celler is a leading opponent of the measure and an active advocate of its repeal or revision.

Rep. Walter charged today that Rep. Celler, using his capacity as chairman, sought to deprive him of the Immigration Subcommittee chairmanship in an "outrageous" effort to win change of the immigration law. "The intention is to weaken the McCarran-Walter Act," said Rep. Walter.

MEDICAL SOCIETY REFUSES MEMBERSHIP TO NAZI-LINKED APPLICANT

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- For the second time in two years, the membership of the New York County Medical Society voted overwhelmingly to reject the membership application of a speech specialist from Vienna who had been linked with the Nazis. In both cases, the membership voted to reject the favorable recommendation of its executive committee.

The applicant, Dr. Godfrey Arnold, has denied that he was ever a member of the Nazi Party. He did admit, however, that he applied twice for membership in the party, under duress from his superiors at the University of Vienna. Dr. Arnold insisted that both applications were rejected, one by the Gestapo and the other by a Nazi court, on the grounds that he was "politically unreliable." The membership at last night's meeting questioned the veracity of these denials.

Dr. Leslie Tuchman, only member of the membership committee to vote against admission of Dr. Arnold, said that there was "no test of political ideology" for membership in the medical society, but charged that Dr. Arnold had denied membership in the Nazi Party while the Office of the United States High Commissioner said that he had been accepted to membership in the Nazi Party in 1940 and that he had belonged to the Storm Troop organization. On these grounds he called for rejection of Dr. Arnold's application.

JEWISH CONGRESS CHARGES NEW YORK CHILDREN'S COURT WITH BIAS

NEW YORK, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress charged that discrimination exists in the hiring of probation officers for Children's Court in New York, in a complaint filed yesterday with the State Commission Against Discrimination. The complaint was directed at the presiding judge of Domestic Relations Court, of which the Children's Court is a division, and against the city's civil service commission and personnel officer.

Judge John W. Hill, against whom the complaint was lodged, explained that the Domestic Relations Act under which the court functions requires that where practicable a child placed on probation shall be placed with a probation officer of the same religious faith as the child. For this reason, he contended, the court must ask for religious information from applicants for the post of probation officer. It is to this questioning that the AJC objected.

OTTO SCHICK, EDITOR, DIES IN LONDON; WAS 22 YEARS IN J. T. A. SERVICE

LONDON, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Otto Schick, former editor of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in Berlin and later in London, died here today following a heart attack. He was 61 years old.

Born in Vienna, he was graduated from the University of Vienna and served as an officer in the Austrian Army during World War I. He spent the war years at the battlefield and was decorated for bravery. In 1928 he joined the staff of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and was stationed in Bucharest as its correspondent.

From Bucharest he was later transferred to the JTA office in Berlin as assistant editor. In 1933, after Hitler's advent to power, he became head of the JTA Berlin Bureau and, in constant personal danger, published a daily news bulletin in the German language for distribution in the Jewish communities, thus keeping the Jews under the Nazi regime posted on developments throughout the Jewish world.

He was arrested in 1935 by the Gestapo but was soon released, following intervention by the American Embassy, and continued the publication of the JTA daily news bulletin in Berlin. In 1938 he was again arrested by the Nazi authorities but was freed on condition that he leave Germany. He was transferred to Vienna and was JTA correspondent in that city at the time of the Anschluss. He was then transferred to London where he became head of the JTA London Bureau, serving in that post throughout the war. In 1950 he resigned to become head of the London Jewish Chronicle News Service.

An active Zionist since his student days, Mr. Schick was one of the organizers of the Blue-White Zionist youth movement in Vienna together with the late Jacob Landau, founder of the JTA. He was considered one of the best speakers in the Blue-White movement. He is survived by his widow, Laura, a son and two daughters.

LANDAU MEMORIAL AWARD ESTABLISHED BY B'NAI B'RITH IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- Establishment of the Jacob Landau Memorial Award, named in memory of the founder of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, was announced here today by Theodor Herzl Lodge of the B'nai B'rith. Mr. Landau died in New York in January, 1952.

The award, in recognition of Mr. Landau's contributions in the field of journalism and to the Zionist movement, will be made annually to the Israel journalist deemed to have "the best record for moral integrity, independence and exposition of Zionism."

The award, which carries 100 Israel pounds, will be presented next Sunday to Dr. Yeshua Heshel Yevin, 64-year-old author and journalist. A physician by training, Dr. Yevin has lived in Israel since 1924 and has been associated with newspapers here. He has translated many books into Hebrew. He is a member of the editorial board of the Hebrew daily Haboker.

CITY HALL CEREMONY MARKS SALE OF ISRAEL CITRUS FRUIT IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Jan. 25. (JTA) -- A ceremony marking the first sale of Israel citrus fruit in Canada since the establishment of the State of Israel was held at Montreal's City Hall today. Israel Consul General Yehuda Gaulan presented Montreal Mayor Jean Drapeau with a box of oranges in the course of the ceremony.

The fruit arrived aboard the Israel freighter "Dagan," which docked at Halifax. At that city, the ship and crew were given an official welcome by the Mayor and leading citizens. The 350 Jewish families of Halifax all visited the vessel during its stay in port.