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U. S. CONSIDERS ISRAEL'S ANXIETIES EXAGGERATED; INFORMS BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- A State Department view that Israel's anxieties are exaggerated, and that no great Western gesture on behalf of Israel security at this time is indicated, has been conveyed to Evelyn Shuckburgh, British Assistant Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs now in charge of Middle Eastern matters, according to informed sources.

Mr. Shuckburgh is holding a series of talks here in an effort to review and reconcile aspects of British and American policy in the Middle East. The talks, however, are on the level of information exchange rather than policy-making.

Israel has sought Western security commitments because of its exclusion from the defense organization emerging in the Middle East. Arab hostility is seen by Israel as growing in intensity rather than abating. But Mr. Shuckburgh was told here, according to reliable informants, that America feels that the granting at this time of the measures asked by Israel might jeopardize the "progress" made with Iraq.

The greatest emphasis was placed by the State Department in its talks with Mr. Shuckburgh on the Iraqi-Turkish pact. It was depicted to him as the most hopeful development in the Middle East and one which must be nurtured and encouraged for the good of all concerned, including Israel.

Mr. Shuckburgh and George V. Allen, American Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, discussed the Israel position as put forth here and in London. It was impossible to learn what views were contributed by Mr. Shuckburgh, but well informed sources said the American opinion was that Israel Ambassador Abba Eban is trying to paint a picture here based on emotion rather than on fact.

A long-range hope was voiced at the meetings here that Egypt might eventually overcome her differences with Turkey and join in the pattern sought by the State Department. The incentive of free military assistance is being offered. Steps to reassure Israel at this juncture, however, were characterized by the State Department as potentially dangerous to Near Eastern security in that Egypt, and other Arab League states would be further antagonized.

Eban Discusses Security Situation with State Department

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban today met with George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, for a general discussion of Israel's problems, including the security situation in the Near East.

The talk lasted 55 minutes and was a continuation of the series of high level discussions between Israel and the United States on the security situation in the Near East.

CLASHES ON ARAB-ISRAEL FRONTIERS CONTINUE; 12 INCIDENTS REPORTED

TEL AVIV, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Twelve clashes between Israel patrols and infiltrating bands on various frontiers took place last week, a military spokesman announced today.

One Syrian was killed today when an Israel patrol intercepted two Arabs ploughing a field on Israel territory north of Kfar Szold. As the patrol approached, the Israelis were brought under fire by a nearby Syrian post. The patrol replied. In the exchange one of the two who were on the Israel side of the border was killed and the other escaped.

Israel complained about this item to the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission, as well as about an attack on an Israel tractor operator near the settlement of Hagovrim, on the Syrian border, yesterday. The Israeli miraculously escaped a hail of fire which opened on him unexpectedly.

An Israel soldier was wounded near the Israel-Egyptian demarcation line in the Negev today when a patrol approached a party of Egyptian shepherds who had crossed into Israel territory with their flocks. As the patrol came near the shepherds to warn them off, Egyptians from a nearby military post opened fire. The patrol replied.

Meanwhile, an attempt by infiltrators to kidnap an Israel Arab and take him across the border to Jordan territory took place near Rosh Hain last night, but the Arab managed to escape his would-be abductors. Israel has complained to the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT TO GET REPORT ON TURKISH-IRAQI AGREEMENT

JERUSALEM, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Maurice Fischer, Israel Minister to Turkey, arrived here today to report to Premier Moshe Sharett on talks he had with Turkish Premier Adnan Menderes on the projected Turkish-Iraqi pact, which has caused some concern in Israel. Mr. Fischer is scheduled to return to Ankara Friday.

(In Ankara, the leading newspaper "Zafer" today denied reports by the Egyptian press and radio that an Israel military delegation will visit Turkey. The paper also denied Egyptian reports that a special agreement has been concluded between Turkey and Israel.)

ISRAEL GROUP LEAVES FOR TURKEY TO NEGOTIATE CONSTRUCTION DEAL

TEL AVIV, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- A four man delegation from Solel Boneh, the Israel construction cooperative, left this morning for Turkey to negotiate for new construction projects in that country. The group will also inspect projects including NATO installations, which the Solel Boneh is now handling.

At the same time it was reported here that a private Israel contracting firm has received a contract from the Turkish Government to build a housing project for members of the Turkish Parliament. The Itzhak Frishmann Contracting Company of Haifa revealed that it has received the contract for the housing units, which will have a total of 3,000 rooms.

ISRAEL CONTRIBUTED \$33,600 TO UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR KOREA

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Israel has contributed \$33,600 to the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency, according to a report made to the United Nations by V. A. Hamdani of Pakistan, chairman of the special committee charged with raising funds for the work of this group.

HANGING OF JEWS IN EGYPT CONDEMNED AT HUGE MEETING IN PARIS

PARIS, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- A huge crowd overflowed a memorial meeting for the two Jews executed in Cairo yesterday which was held here last night under the auspices of the Zionist Federation of France. The meeting had the endorsement of all the important Jewish organizations in France. The speakers denounced the Egyptian Government.

French Foreign Minister Edgar Faure summoned the Egyptian Ambassador in Paris to his office yesterday and rebuked the Egyptian Government for its execution of the two Jews despite clemency pleas from many countries and individuals. M. Faure told the Ambassador that the French Government was "upset" by the hangings.

(The New York press severely criticized the Egyptian Government for the executions. The Herald Tribune, in an editorial, called them a "setback to orderly processes in the Middle East." The Times expressed similar sentiments.)

FATE OF JEWISH LIFE IN U.S.S.R. WORRIES WORLD JEWRY, GOLDMANN SAYS

PARIS, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The situation of the Jews in Eastern Europe was discussed here today by members of the World Jewish Congress executive following the formal close of the executive's session here. Jewish leaders from various communities throughout the world expressed the fear that a distinctive Jewish life would disappear in the Soviet Union in this generation unless there was a modification of the present Soviet policy toward Jewish life.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the WJC, said later that the views expressed at the meeting reflected the deep anxiety of Jewish communities throughout the world about the future of Judaism and any kind of autonomous Jewish life in the USSR. The absence of an organized Jewish community and the total disappearance of Jewish schools, periodicals, publishing houses, theatres and every kind of Jewish institution other than a few isolated synagogues, he added, showed that the 2,000,000 Jews of Soviet Russia were at a grave disadvantage in comparison with virtually every other religious or ethnic group in the effort to preserve their distinctive traditions.

All this, Dr. Goldmann noted, had nothing to do with the diplomatic struggle that has now divided the world. The Congress was asking for the same collective rights for Soviet Jews as are accorded their fellow citizens. The WJC could not shirk its duty to bring this to the notice of the Soviet Government.

Turning to other states within the Soviet orbit, Dr. Goldmann said the situation differed in degree from country to country. In all of them some form of organized Jewish life, religious or cultural, persisted. Bulgaria consistently, and the others intermittently, had permitted in special circumstances the emigration of their Jewish population to Israel. Every effort must be made to insure that recognition of this right is extended.

Meanwhile, Dr. Goldmann stressed, the WJC remained open to these Jewish communities on the same condition as to all others. The Congress recognized no political barriers to organized units of all Jews prepared to save the common interests and ideals of the Jewish people, he concluded.

U.S. Rabbis Ask Russia to Admit Religious Commission

LAKEWOOD, N. J., Feb. 2. (JTA) -- A call to the Soviet Union to admit an American Jewish spiritual commission into the Communist countries of Europe to devote itself to the humanitarian and spiritual needs of the Jews there was voiced here yesterday by Rabbi David B. Hollander, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, at the seventh annual mid-winter conference of the Orthodox group, which is attended by 300 rabbis.

"The free world cannot stand idly by while 2,000,000 Jews are completely eradicated behind the Iron Curtain," Rabbi Hollander said. "Russia can show its good faith by permitting religious articles and other items to be brought into the country, particularly now with the approach of the Passover holidays."

STUDENTS RESIGN FROM COLLEGE FRATERNITY; PROTEST BARRING OF JEWS

HANOVER, N. H., Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Fifteen members of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity at Dartmouth College have resigned from the chapter because the national fraternity ruled that two Jewish students pledged by the Dartmouth group could not become members.

The 15, including all officers of the local chapter except the president, quit when the chapter agreed to remain within the national body despite the ruling. Spokesmen for the 15 said that the chapter had previously agreed to "stand by" the two Jewish pledges and therefore should have withdrawn from the national organization in protest.

The local chapter has been active in recent years in fighting discrimination within the national Sigma Phi Epsilon and has accepted in membership several Jews, in complete disregard of constitutional bans on "non-Caucasians." When the national group found out about this situation, it offered a "compromise:" that the Jews who were already members continue as members, but that the pledges be rejected. This situation was finally accepted by the local chapter, and the 15 resigned.

HADASSAH CONCLUDES FOUR-DAY CONFERENCE; HONORS DR. KAPLAN

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The seventh annual Henrietta Szold Award for Distinguished Humanitarian Service was conferred today upon Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, Professor of Philosophies of Religion at the Jewish Theological Seminary, at the closing session of the mid-winter conference of Hadassah. More than 1,500 Hadassah leaders attended the presentation ceremony in the grand ballroom of the Plaza Hotel.

The Henrietta Szold Award was instituted in 1949 to perpetuate the memory of the founder of Hadassah. Previous recipients of the award include former President Harry S. Truman, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Prof. Selman Waksman, Senator Herbert H. Lehman, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas and the late Monnett B. Davis, American Ambassador to Israel.

In accepting the award, Dr. Kaplan declared that "the Jewish people must become once again a community of faith as well as of fate, its way of life must find an outlet not in a new religion but in a more religious spirit which is viable in a modern climate of opinion."

Mrs. Nathan D. Perlman, chairman of the Hadassah vocational education department, reported at the session that the organization's vocational programs would have to be expanded in the coming year to equip youngsters entering Israel from North Africa with technical skills needed by the national economy. She added that in keeping with the national emphasis toward agricultural production in Israel, the Hadassah vocational educational program would place special stress on teaching modern farming methods as well as the use of modern agricultural equipment.

Twenty-four Hadassah leaders from different parts of the United States were scheduled to depart immediately following the conference via El Al-Israel National Airlines for a three-week survey of economic, social and political conditions in Israel.

JEWS IN YUGOSLAVIA DECIDE TO PRESENT BUILDING TO ISRAEL LEGATION

LONDON, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The executive of the Federation of Jewish Communities of Yugoslavia has approved a proposal to present as a gift to the Israel legation in Belgrade a building owned by the federation, it was reported in the most recent issue of the federation bulletin, which was just received here. The legation presently occupies the building.

JEWS IN CANADA INSIST ON KEEPING RELIGION OUT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MONTREAL, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The provincial government of New Brunswick has been asked by the New Brunswick Division of the Canadian Jewish Congress to keep the teaching of religion out of the public schools. The CJC unit acted after a group of churchmen had approached the government to press for religious instruction in the schools.

In a brief, submitted to provincial Minister of Education C.D. Taylor, CJC representatives and provincial Jewish leaders stressed that they regarded religious education a responsibility of the church, synagogue and home, not of the public schools. The memorandum warned that "any system of religious education undertaken in public schools inevitably gives state sanction to the particular brand of religion taught, and thus, in a sense, 'establishes' it."

HEBREW UNIVERSITY OFFERS STUDY PLAN FOR AMERICAN STUDENTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- The Hebrew University in Israel is offering a special program for American university students for the academic year 1955-56, it was announced here today by Dr. George S. Wise, president of the American Friends of the Hebrew University and chairman of the university's board of governors.

The program, while allowing university students to continue with their regular studies, will, on one year's course, introduce them to the fundamentals of Jewish thought, history and literature and to modern Israel in its Middle Eastern setting, and will enable them to gain extensive knowledge of the Hebrew language. Special arrangements for transportation, housing, counselling and tuition have been made, and applications are to be submitted by March 15.

FIRST RABBINICAL SEMINARY IN TURKEY STARTS FUNCTIONING

ISTANBUL, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Although the formal inauguration of the new rabbinical seminary in this city will not take place until Sunday, classes begin today. The school, which is recognized by the Turkish Government as the equivalent of a high school, is located at Haskoy, a nearby suburb which was the site of the old seminary half a century ago.

Rabbi David Asseo, secretary to the Turkish Chief Rabbi, has been named director of the seminary. The Chief Rabbinate has assured the school's maintenance with a 50,000 lira annual grant. This is the first time since the establishment of the Turkish Republic that the Jewish community of this country will be able to train its own future rabbis and religious personnel.

ISRAEL ENVOY ARRIVES IN PERU; MEETS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

LIMA, Peru, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Ambassador Moshe Tov, head of the Israel Foreign Ministry's Latin American Department, arrived here today on the third leg of his current good will tour of South America.

Mr. Tov was received by Aguilar Cornejo, Peruvian Foreign Minister, who assured him of Peru's good will toward the Jewish State and its desire to further improve relations between the two countries. Mr. Tov will be honored by the Lima Jewish community at a banquet tonight.

RABBI WOLF, OLDEST SPIRITUAL LEADER IN SWITZERLAND, DEAD

GENEVA, Feb. 2. (JTA) -- Rabbi Syl Wolf, oldest rabbi in Switzerland, died at La Chaux de Fonds yesterday. He was 93. A former professor at the University of Neuchatel, Rabbi Wolf was spiritual leader of the La Chaux de Fonds community for almost 70 years. All local newspapers carried the news of his death and editorial comments mourning it.