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EDEN TO GIVE TOP PRIORITY TO SEARCH FOR MID-EAST SOLUTION

LONDON, March 7. (JTA) -- When Sir Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, returns to his desk tomorrow after attending the Bangkok conference, first priority will be given to an examination of the present Israel-Arab situation, Foreign Office sources indicated today.

Diplomatic circles here predicted that the return of Sir Anthony to London and of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to Washington would be followed by "close and earnest appraisal" by both governments of what is to be done to prevent the Middle East conflict from blowing up into a full-scale war.

Foreign Office officials voice the view that the Gaza affair was part of the deteriorating pattern of Israel-Arab relations. Few believe there is any possibility of placing Israel-Arab relations on a peaceful basis within the foreseeable future. They consequently are concerned over measures to prevent further incidents.

Sir Anthony was understood to be concerned over the attitude toward Israel he found among the Arab leaders with whom he sought to discuss the situation in Cairo, Bagdad and Beirut. Far from being willing to discuss terms of settlement with Israel, it is understood, these Arab leaders showed unwillingness even to discuss the situation with the British statesman.

A number of suggestions - some of which have been considered before - are due for re-examination here in the search for measures to prevent further border incidents along Israel's frontiers.

These proposals include the strengthening of the United Nations truce supervision force in Palestine and its reconstitution as a preventive force rather than a merely investigative body; construction of barbed-wire or other types of barricades at points where border clashes may occur, and the introduction of some system of sanctions against offending states.

There is a belief here that some kind of Western pronouncement on the Israel-Arab situation may be forthcoming soon and perhaps some concrete action.

Meanwhile, considerable attention was being given here to the move by Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia to replace or re-establish the Arab League. The three governments announced agreement on measures to "strengthen the Arab structure politically, militarily and economically."

The announcement stressed that the three states had agreed not to join the Turkish-Iraqi pact or any other pact, but would establish an Arab defense organization. The three-state agreement also calls for joint armies, a single currency and other forms of union.

In Damascus today, the Syrian Foreign Minister asserted that Iraq would be permitted to join the new alliance, which would be directed against Israel primarily, only if it renounced its pact with Turkey.

ISRAELIS SAY JERNEGAN MISSED CENTRAL POINT OF ISSUE IN SPEECH

WASHINGTON, March 7. (JTA) -- Israel Embassy officials declined comment here on the speech delivered yesterday before the conference of Jewish organizations by John D. Jernegan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, on Middle Eastern defense developments.

Israel circles were reported to feel that this speech completely missed the central point in the current discussions between the two governments. The Israel view, as expressed by Prime Minister Sharett last week and Ambassador Abba Eban yesterday, is that the imbalance created by recent Western treaties in the Middle East entitled Israel to receive two things: a firm guarantee of her territorial integrity and appropriate military assistance to redress the disturbed balance. These are regarded in Israel circles as the two minimal and immediate remedies for the insecurity created for Israel by developments initiated in the area by, or under the influence of, the United States.

The question of Israel's association with other states in a regional defense project is regarded in Israel circles as a different and relatively separate subject. The Government of Israel has not published specific views or proposals on this matter which is not the main point at issue. Regardless of the question of defense organization, Israel is said to feel that the United States has a moral and political responsibility to act on its specific claims.

GEN. BURNS DUE AT WEEK-END TO REPORT ON GAZA TO SECURITY COUNCIL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 7. (JTA) -- Major General E. L. M. Burns, chief of staff of the United Nations truce supervision organization in Palestine, will arrive here this week-end to report in person to the Security Council on the Gaza incident for which the Israel-Egypt Mixed Armistice Commission has officially blamed Israel.

Definite word of Gen. Burns' plans was received here today. The Security Council had left the way open for Gen. Burns to remain in Jerusalem if he found it necessary. Gen. Burns is chairman of the special committee to which Israel has appealed from the MAC decision condemning it as the aggressor in the Gaza affair and the commission's failure to act on Israel's complaint against Egypt.

'ADLOYADA' CARNIVAL TO CLIMAX ISRAEL PURIM CELEBRATION

TEL AVIV, March 7. (JTA) -- Despite border tension resulting from last week's battle in the Gaza strip, Israel generally, and this city in particular, celebrated the Purim festival. The festival will be climaxed by the "Adloyada" carnival here tomorrow afternoon. Main streets along the seven kilometre carnival route have been decorated with flags and balloons, and attractively displayed shop windows have been attracting thousands of the city's residents.

The festive atmosphere got off to a flying start this morning when school and kindergarten children were seen hurrying through the streets dressed in all sorts of costumes--Queen Esthers, pirates, cowboys. Mayor Chaim Levanon, in opening Purim Week festivities here last night--which this city resumes after 20 years of war and other disturbances--called on all citizens to celebrate Purim with the greatest gaiety.

Half a million spectators are expected to gather here for the "Adloyada," among them thousands of tourists arriving by air and sea. The municipal government, in anticipation of the crowds, has prohibited all traffic along the carnival route. The cities of New Orleans, La., and Frascati, Italy, the latter the birthplace of Cicero, will be represented in the parade by special floats. A number of public masked balls and fancy dress carnivals have been arranged for the benefit of various charitable institutions.

'PROTOCOLS' DISTRIBUTOR JAILED FOR INSULTING GERMAN GOVT. OFFICIALS

MUNICH, March 7. (JTA) -- Karl-Heinz Heubaum, of Lochham, principal distributor in postwar Germany of the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" forgery, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment here for libelling members of the government. Heubaum, who succeeded in obtaining a retrial of a previous conviction on the same charge, has appealed the new conviction.

One of the leading anti-Semites in Western Germany, Heubaum recently began publication of a new weekly, the "German Echo." He attained considerable notoriety some time ago when it was discovered that he had been elected to the first Bundestag under a false identity.

LONDON CHURCH DEFIES BAN ON 'WORLD OF SHOLEM ALEICHEM'

LONDON, March 7. (JTA) -- A crowded congregation in an Anglican church here last night watched a performance by Jewish actors of an extract from "The World of Sholem Aleichem," which the Church of England censor originally banned. They also heard Canon Clarence May preach on the theme of the play, I. L. Peretz' "Bontche Schweig," in direct defiance of his Bishop's wishes.

After the performance, Canon May, who is a member of the Council of Christians and Jews here, said, "There's a Biblical quotation which fits this situation perfectly: 'Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn.'... I didn't intend to be muzzled."

The Peretz story dramatization was banned last week by the Bishop of Stepney on the advice of the censors of the Church of England, on the grounds that it is not Christian in character and is not in accordance with Church teachings.

QUEEN ACCEPTS PATRONAGE OF ANGLO-JEWISH TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION

LONDON, March 7. (JTA) -- Queen Elizabeth has granted her patronage to the council for the celebration of the tercentenary of the resettlement of Jews in England, it was announced here this week-end. The council is now planning a number of celebrations to be held throughout the United Kingdom next year.

SO. AFRICAN JEWS TO CONSTRUCT OUTSTANDING NEW HOME FOR AGED

JOHANNESBURG, So. Africa, March 7. (JTA) -- Despite a driving rainstorm, more than 2,000 persons gathered here yesterday at Sandringham, to witness the laying of the cornerstone of the new Witwatersrand Jewish Aged Home and Home for the Chronically Ill, which will be the largest institution of its kind in Africa and one of the most modern in the world.

The building, to be erected at an estimated cost of 500,000 pounds, (\$1,400,000) will be dedicated to the memory of the 6,000,000 Jews martyred in Europe during World War II. George Beckett, Mayor of Johannesburg, said that the Jewish community's new building will redound to the credit of the city, and praised the Jewish people on setting an example for others in honoring the Fifth Commandment (Honor thy father and thy mother...) Chief Rabbi L. I. Rabinowitz, in a sermon preceding the ceremony, said the dedication signalized Jewry's victory over "Amalek," in that it blotted out the memory of evil and wrong by loving care of the aged and sick.

CHARGES GERMANS, ARABS, ACTING AS DISRUPTIVE FORCES IN ARGENTINA

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- Disruptive German and Arab elements in Argentina are constantly seeking to sow discord between the Argentine Jewish community and the government, as well as between the governments of Argentina and Israel, but the government of General Peron is taking counter-measures to ensure harmony, Hirsch Triwaks, prominent Argentine businessman and member of the DAIA praesidium, said here this week-end. He spoke at a reception tendered him at New York headquarters of the World Jewish Congress.

TURKISH POLITICAL LEADER CALLS ISRAEL FEAR OF NEW PACT UNFOUNDED

WASHINGTON, March 7. (JTA) -- Kasim Gulek, secretary general of the Republican People's Party of Turkey, told the Middle East Institute here today that Israel's fears over the Turkish-Iraqi pact are unfounded. The Turkish political leader said that Turkey is trying to do good for both sides and can be "a link and means of a solution between them." He added that Turkey has no desire to injure either party to the Arab-Israel dispute. Gulek is the leader of the opposition party in Turkey.

Earlier, the Institute heard Professor T. Cuyler Young of Princeton University, a consultant to the State Department on Near Eastern matters, and George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. Prof. Young said that "Despite the most recent Gaza incident of the last few days, comparatively speaking, I think it might even be ventured with some temerity that there has been in recent months some increased restraint and evidence of responsibility on the part of Israel and on the part of the Arab states in meeting the problems that still face everyone, in the midst of their uncertain armistice."

Mr. Allen, who also addressed the national conference of major Jewish organizations here this week-end, reiterated President Eisenhower's recent pledge of impartiality toward the Near East, a pledge the President made at a Tercentenary dinner in New York. Allen described the Near Eastern situation in very general terms and did not attempt to analyze recent developments arising from the Gaza incident.

JACKSON URGES ATOMIC ENERGY INSTEAD OF ARMS FOR MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- Construction of nuclear reactors in the underdeveloped areas of the Middle East will do more for the progress and stability of that region than shiploads of military hardware, Senator Henry M. Jackson told a testimonial dinner honoring Congressman Abraham J. Multer tendered by Bnai Zion last night.

"We cannot work economic and social miracles overnight, but the peacetime reactor can come as close to a miracle as anything ever devised by man. These atomic furnaces will produce overnight energy to pump water over arid fields, turn the wheels of new industry and lay the groundwork for increased productivity in areas where dire want is a round-the-clock reality," Sen. Jackson declared.

He stressed the need for placing economic and social aid ahead of arms shipments in the Middle Eastern area. "To attempt to build a military fortress there without first meeting the economic and social issues will instill a dangerous sense of false security--a fort with walls but no insides," he warned.

PROTESTANT GROUP SAYS ARABS PERPETUATE 'STATE OF WAR'

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- The Long Island Committee for Peace and Justice in the Near East, a group composed of Protestant clergymen from all parts of the island, today sent a statement containing recommendations and suggestions to President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles, in which they charged that the "Arab states have perpetuated the state of war with Israel, agreeing neither to meet with her representatives nor to cooperate in the solution of the problems." The statement, signed by 62 ministers, also urged the halting of arms shipments to the Arab states and the adoption of a number of Israeli proposals to bring peace to the Middle East.

ROTHSCHILD SWORN IN AS U. S. UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

WASHINGTON, March 7. (JTA) -- Louis B. Rothschild, of Kansas City, whose appointment as Under Secretary of Commerce for Transportation was confirmed by the Senate on February 25, was sworn into his new post here by Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks.

Mr. Rothschild is former chairman of the Federal Maritime Board and Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Commerce. He is 55 years old.

MILTON CHURCHMEN CONDEMN RECENT ANTI-SEMITIC INCIDENTS THERE

BOSTON, Mass., March 7. (JTA) -- Religious leaders of the town of Milton condemned this week-end recent anti-Semitic incidents that occurred there and expressed their regrets to the Jewish community.

Rev. Dana W. Pierce, who spoke on behalf of the Ministers Association of Milton at Temple Shalom, told his audience of Christians and Jews that "while it is a sad thing that incidents of this sort do occur from time to time, they at least furnish the opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to the principles of freedom and human dignity."

Rev. Pierce declared that "the Christian members of the Town of Milton would want the leaders and the people of the Jewish community to know that we cordially welcome them as co-workers in building the Kingdom of God here in Milton. We deeply regret any expression or attitude that is unworthy and rejoice in the growth and service which Temple Shalom is rendering to our town."

MAYOR REACTIVATES NEWARK'S GROUP RELATIONS COMMISSION

NEWARK, N. J., March 7. (JTA) -- Mayor Leo P. Carlin of Newark has re-activated the Mayor's Commission on Group Relations which had been inactive since last July, with the change in form of municipal government here.

Mayor Carlin appointed 15 residents of the city to serve on the commission, none of whom was a member of the previous commission.

PUERTO RICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY GETS FIRST FULL-TIME RELIGIOUS LEADER

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- Rabbi Israel Goodman has been elected spiritual leader of the Jewish Center of San Juan, Puerto Rico. He is believed to be the first full-time rabbi to serve the island. He has already assumed his position.

MRS. ROOSEVELT TO INSPECT U. J. A. WORK IN EUROPE AND ISRAEL

NEW YORK, March 7. (JTA) -- Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt left by air today on a 24-day trip to Europe and Israel during which she will inspect welfare and resettlement activities supported by the United Jewish Appeal, including the evacuation of Jews from North African areas. Mrs. Roosevelt will spend nine days in Israel observing the progress made since her first visit in 1952.

B'NAI B'RITH DELEGATION ARRIVES IN ISRAEL FOR INSPECTION TOUR

JERUSALEM, March 7. (JTA) -- A thirty-two-man delegation from the New York Metropolitan Council of B'nai B'rith has arrived here for an 11-day tour. The group is headed by Jacob J. Ross, chairman of the Israel Committee of the Metropolitan Council. Mr. Ross, in a statement to the press here, said the group had come to see at first hand what the \$4,000,000 in Israel bonds bought by B'nai B'rith members had achieved in the upbuilding of the country.