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EGYPT WITHDRAWING FROM TALKS WITH ISRAEL; INFORMS U. N. TRUCE CHIEF

LONDON, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser announced in Cairo today that Egypt is withdrawing from talks with Israel on the Egyptian border because of shooting incident Monday in the Gaza vicinity in which three Egyptian soldiers were reported killed and eight wounded. Col. Nasser said he has informed Gen. E. L. M. Burns, United Nations truce chief, of his decision.

Gen. Burns, who flew back this afternoon from Cairo to Israel, told reporters prior to his departure that he had a 90-minute talk with Premier Nasser and that he was hopeful that efforts would be made to resume the Egyptian-Israeli talks which were postponed indefinitely last week.

JEWISH STORES IN TUNIS ATTACKED AND LOOTED BY MOSLEM MOBS

TUNIS, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Jewish bakeries and other stores were attacked and plundered here today by mobs of unemployed Moslems after a street demonstration this morning in which the unemployed demanded that the authorities provide them with work.

The anti-Jewish attacks took place in the Hara, Jewish quarter of the city. The first attack was soon checked by police, who dispersed the crowds without any casualties. However, a few hours later the Moslem mobs renewed their attacks on the Jewish stores in the Hara quarter. Police reinforcements had to be rushed to the area to restore order.

(In Morocco, the Joint Distribution Committee today rushed aid to about 1,000 Mazagan Jews who remained homeless as a result of the burning down of their homes. Moslems in the anti-French riots this week. Most of these Jews are now sheltered by the French authorities in heavily defended school buildings. The JDC is providing them with food, including milk for children.)

ISRAEL PREMIER HOPES MOSCOW WILL PERMIT CONTACT WITH SOVIET JEWRY

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The hope that the gradual relaxation of tensions in the world would result in freer contacts between Soviet Jewry and Jews in other parts of the world was expressed here by Prime Minister Moshe Sharett in an address at the current session of the Zionist Actions Committee. He also said that he hoped for the possibility of emigration to Israel of Soviet Jews who desired to come here.

Similar sentiments were expressed by Dr. Giora Josephthal, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, in the course of a budget report. He said that last year's budget had been fulfilled in the sense that all projected revenues had come in, but increased immigration had necessitated greater expenditures. Turning to Jewish emigration from Iron Curtain countries, he said that only 84 persons had entered Israel from those countries in 1954 and while this was "still a small and disillusioning number, it represents an increase over past years."

Berl Locker, co-chairman of the Jewish Agency, told the Actions Committee that every effort had been made by the executive to implement last year's resolutions, in the course of a report on Agency activities for the past twelve months.

Joseph Sprinzak, Speaker of the Knesset, opening the Actions Committee session, pointed out that the Herzl Year was closing, but that a Congress Year was opening. His address was a call for a realization of "Herzlian Zionism." He also denied allegations that Zionism had outlived its usefulness. On the contrary, Mr. Sprinzak said, it now had many important tasks to face and the Zionist Organization must stand up and face them.

Dr. Josephthal, in his budget report, stressed figures on the cost of absorption of new immigrants, pointing out that it costs 8,000 pounds for the first year of settlement of a new family on the land. It was, however, a source of great satisfaction that only two per cent of the settlers left the land, he said. He also outlined the need of the settlements for electricity, roads and telephones, and expressed hope that all this would be forthcoming in the next year, with the help of the Government.

The Jewish Agency treasurer reported that the Agency had consolidated 59 settlements during the year, and will now have to consolidate 60 more. "There is an eternal problem facing the Agency," he said, as to "what is more important--consolidating existing settlements or founding new ones." This problem could be solved easily if there were enough money, he declared.

BEN GURION CLARIFIES STAND ON FORMATION OF BROAD COALITION CABINET

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Prime Minister-designate David Ben Gurion today made known his views on the prospects for the formation of a broad coalition Cabinet in a lengthy article in "Davar," official organ of the Histadrut, Israel Federation of Labor.

He opened the article by taking exception to the standard method of describing him as Prime Minister-designate. The provisional Constitution, he pointed out, made no provision for such a post. He added that he considers himself "the President's envoy and, perhaps, the envoy of several hundred thousand voters, who is entrusted to form a Cabinet, and who tries to do this to the best of his ability and sees it as his moral duty to inform the public as to the means he uses to form a Cabinet."

The President, Mr. Ben Gurion continued, had stressed the necessity for the formation of a Government on the widest possible coalition basis, with the exception of Herut, which has "publicly stated they will not sit in the same Cabinet with Mapai," and the Communists, who "do not come into consideration in my opinion, and probably in the opinion of the entire nation." He reiterated his opposition to many parties which are concerned only with their own narrow party interests and are unmindful of their responsibility to the State.

Continuing, he said that despite his objection to the narrowness of some party points of view, he is trying to fulfill the President's mandate and has invited all parties, excluding the two mentioned, to join in the attempt. He then repeated his seven-point plan as presented to the parties--collective responsibility, progress towards economic independence, populating the unpopulated areas in the north and south, bridging the gap between old and new immigrants, tense vigilance for security and peace, concern for moral integrity and encouragement of volunteering on a national scale.

Meanwhile, Mr. Ben Gurion today approached General Zionist leader Dr. Peretz Bernstein and asked permission to address the Central Committee of that party. The General Zionists agreed to grant this permission and it is expected that Mr. Ben Gurion will address the group on Friday. It was also reported today that the General Zionists might be willing to enter the Cabinet if they were ceded the mayorship of Tel Aviv. Reports were also circulated to the effect that the religious groups had given Mr. Ben Gurion an "ultimatum" on the inclusion of their religious demands as part of the proposed Cabinet's program.

AMERICAN AIR FORCE ENTRUSTS ISRAELI SCIENTIST WITH SPECIAL PROJECT

TEL AVIV, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Professor Markus Reiner of the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, has been commissioned by the European office of the Air Research and Development Command of the United States Air Force to carry out a special research project. A three-man delegation of United States Air Force officers recently visited the Technion and completed the agreement for the sponsored research.

The project, which deals with phenomena observed in the flow of liquids, was said to be an extremely complex one. Observers here declared that if the experiments are carried through successfully, which now appears likely, the findings will have great significance for possible human travel in the stratosphere, or for the passage of other bodies, such as guided missiles, through the upper layers of the air.

NIXON WILL NOT SEEK ARAB-ISRAEL TALKS DURING HIS MIDDLE EAST VISIT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Vice President Richard Nixon's forthcoming visit to Israel and the Arab states will have no particular policy purpose other than the development of friendship and good-will between the U.S. and the Middle Eastern countries, according to diplomatic sources here.

The official White House announcement last night of the Vice President's trip raised a question of whether Mr. Nixon would seek to improve relations between Israel and the Arab states. Diplomatic sources said today that the object of the tour is the promotion of good-will and friendship between the United States and the Middle Eastern region. The trip is scheduled for late this year, probably November.

Syrian Ambassador Dr. Farid Zeineddine predicted today that Vice President Nixon's good-will tour to the Arab-Israel area will not change or ease tensions in the Middle East because "this is a problem where no settlement is in view." The Syrian Ambassador expressed this belief to reporters after an hour's consultation with State Department officials on the North African crisis.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT AND W. J. C. REACH AGREEMENT ON CULTURAL COOPERATION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Aaron Steinberg, a member of the executive of the World Jewish Congress and head of its cultural department, today initialled a draft agreement regarding future cooperation between the WJC and Israel's Ministry of Education. The initialling followed consultations between Dr. Steinberg and Ministry officials.

Dr. Steinberg also conferred with Minister of Education Ben Zion Dinur, the Jewish Agency's education director Zalman Shazar, and a representative of UNESCO's National Commission for Israel on matters of common concern in the cultural sphere.

EISENHOWER OUTLINES U. S. POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION IN U. N.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The policy of the United States Government with regard to United Nations action on human rights is outlined in the report on American participation in the United Nations submitted by President Eisenhower to members of Congress and made public here this week by the State Department. This policy, as summarized in the President's report, proposes:

1. Each member of the United Nations should transmit biennially, for consideration by the Commission on Human Rights, a report on developments and progress achieved in the field of human rights and measures taken to safeguard human liberty; and the Commission should submit to the Economic and Social Council such comments and conclusions on the report as it deems appropriate.

2. The Commission should initiate studies of specific aspects of human rights on a worldwide basis, stressing in these studies general developments, progress achieved, and measures taken to safeguard human liberty. Specific subjects should be selected for study, with the assistance of an expert adviser for each subject who would be appointed by the Secretary-General.

3. The United Nations and the specialized agencies should provide technical assistance and advisory services in certain fields of human rights, including the improvement of procedures under criminal and civil law, increased participation by citizens in national and community civic affairs, and the prevention of discrimination and the protection of minorities.

The President's report emphasizes that the United States Government believes that "this three-point program can be effective in advancing human rights in our own time."

GERMAN PUBLICATION SUED FOR ANTI-JEWISH INCITEMENT; FINANCED BY NAZIS

HANOVER, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Dr. Fritz Loewenthal, an attorney now practicing at Bad Oeynhausen who served in the pre-Hitler Reichstag and in 1948/49 was a Social Democratic delegate to the West German constituent assembly, the Bonn "Parliamentary Council," has submitted to the Coburg District Attorney a criminal complaint against the magazine "Nation Europa," charging it with "incitement of national and racial hatred" under a clause of the German Penal Code.

"Nation Europa," which reeks with anti-Semitic innuendo and Nazi propaganda, is the leading mouthpiece of the fascist international in Germany. Nazis and pro-Nazis from a dozen countries belong to its steady contributors.

Basis for Dr. Loewenthal's complaint is an article in the July issue that harks back to a passage of the recently-released Yalta documents in which both President Roosevelt and Marshal Stalin are pictured as considering themselves "Zionists." Their Zionist creed, writes the author, was the only explicit point of agreement between them, and it explains the hatred toward Germany and Poland breathed by Roosevelt as well as Churchill. There is other scurrilous material in the same vein.

The criminal complaint was filed in Coburg because it is in that city, the first one in Germany to elect a Nazi municipal administration, that "Nation Europa" is published.

GERMAN ANTI-SEMITIC LEADER PREVENTED FROM ENTERING SWITZERLAND

BONN, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Swiss frontier authorities prevented a notorious German anti-Semitic leader from entering Switzerland to meet there with anti-Semitic leaders from other countries, it was learned here today. The German whom the Swiss frontier guards did not permit to cross the Swiss frontier is Karl Meissner, chairman of the "German Block" which has its headquarters in Munich, and former member of the Bavarian parliament.

The "German Community" a pseudo-intellectual neo-Nazi movement headed by the former deputy chairman of the Christian Social Union in Bavaria, August Haussleiter, will hold its national convention at Stuttgart on September 3 and 4, it was announced today. The group adopted the additional designation of "National Rally" some time ago.

Karl Heinz Priester's violently anti-Semitic "German Social Movement," a lunatic-fringe group that is an organic part of the fascist "European Social Movement," has announced that it will hold its national convention at Bad Homburg, in Hesse, on October 1 and 2. It remains to be seen, however, whether the Social Democratic Hesse government will allow the assembly to take place.

AMERICAN PRISON FOR NAZI WAR CRIMINALS TO PASS INTO GERMAN HANDS

* MUNICH, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- The Landsberg war-crimes prison, where all Germans sentenced for war crimes by American courts are held, will pass into German hands by the end of the year, it was announced here by the State Secretary in the Bavarian Ministry of Justice. Remaining inmates will be transferred to the "model jail" at Bad Reichenhall. Out of several thousand war criminals formerly held at Landsberg, only 43 are left at this time. Their cases are currently being reviewed.

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION SHIFTS ISRAEL TO SOMALILAND PARLEY

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Under pressure of the Arab bloc in the World Health Organization, Israel has once again been "read out" of its geographical position as an EasternMediterranean country.

W. H. O. announced today that a subcommittee of its Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean will hold a meeting at Beirut, Lebanon, from Sept. 27 to Sept. 30. "Shortly afterward" another subcommittee for the same region will be held at Mogadiscio, Somaliland, to which, presumably, Israel will be invited.

According to W. H. O., a poll was recently conducted among the members in the Eastern Mediterranean region, asking whether they would be willing to have two subcommittees--one including Israel and the other excluding the Jewish State--meet at the same place and on dates close together. The member nations--overwhelmingly Arabic--vetoed that suggestion. The Arab bloc insists that Israel must not be present, even in the same locality, when they attend a W. H. O. meeting. In the W. H. O., Arab League member countries have refused since 1951 to meet with Israel.

PHILADELPHIA CITY OFFICIALS EXPLAIN BAN ON "MERCHANT OF VENICE"

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Repercussions of the ban by a city official here of a performance of "The Merchant of Venice" on a public square opposite City Hall were widespread, as newspapers and radio stations charged "censorship" against the official--Wayne Barr, head of the Philadelphia Bureau of Public Information. Mr. Barr and Charles B. Cranford, Deputy Commissioner of Recreation, explained that they feared injury to the feelings of a minority in a performance of the play in downtown Philadelphia, although it had been produced on city property in Pastorius Park earlier.

One immediate consequence of the ban was the broadcast of a recorded British Broadcasting Corporation version of the Shakespeare play by KYW, Philadelphia's Westinghouse station. The broadcast was widely publicized and KYW's program chief, Gordon Davis, said: "We realize that the play may be in part distasteful to a minority group. At the same time we know that the majority of people, including this group, are sensitive to the dangers of censorship. KYW feels it is its obligation to present the play so that no one may be denied the privilege of hearing it." Daily newspapers here also criticized the action of the city official.

John Raleigh, KYW reporter, quoted the city public relations director as saying: "I cannot condone any performance, which quite likely would be considered objectionable by a sizeable proportion of the population." At the same time, however, Mr. Raleigh quoted Fred Grossman, of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League, as stating that the A. D. L. has "never censored, or objected, to the performing of 'The Merchant of Venice.'" Mr. Grossman went on to say: "We believe in the idea of freedom of speech, and, therefore, believe in the freedom of performing a play. We cherish a general opposition to censorship as such, including the censoring of literature."

PEOPLE OVER 75 ARE MAJORITY IN JEWISH HOMES FOR AGED, SURVEY SHOWS

MIAMI, Fla., Aug. 24. (JTA) -- A marked trend toward a higher average age of those admitted to homes for the aged was reported here this week in a study conducted by the Miami Jewish Home for the Aged. The study showed that whereas from 1945-1951, only 13 percent of those admitted to the Home were 75 years of age or more, today, 68 percent of the applications are from people 75 or over. From 1951 to the present, the 75-80 group, with 34 percent, had the largest number of admissions.

The report noted that "during the earlier period, the residents admitted were generally younger, healthier and ambulatory" while, in the later period, "they have been considerably older, sicker, more infirm and more incapacitated."

The results of this survey, Irving Cypen, chairman of the Home's finance committee, declared, "indicate the urgent need for non-institutional resources and services and programs so that as many of the senior citizens as possible may be helped to remain in the general community. There is a growing trend throughout the country of providing home care so that even the chronically ill or long-term patient may remain in his own home and not be institutionalized."

GOVERNOR MCKELDIN, SOLICITOR GENERAL SOBOLOFF, LEAVE FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Aug. 24. (JTA) -- Governor Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland and Solicitor General Simon Sobeloff and their wives sailed today for Israel as guests of the C. I. O. and Histadrut. As trustees of the Philip Murray Memorial Foundation, they will participate in the dedication of the Philip Murray Cultural Center of Histadrut at Elath.

A C. I. O. delegation headed by president Walter Reuther is departing this Sunday by air and will join Gov. McKeldin and Mr. Sobeloff at the dedication exercises arranged by the Israel Labor Federation.