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EGYPT, SYRIA SIGN MUTUAL DEFENSE PACT AGAINST ISRAEL

LONDON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Syria and Egypt signed a mutual defense pact today pledging each party to support the other in any conflict with the State of Israel. Dispatches from Damascus reported that the pact provides for a joint military command in peace and war and for foundation of a joint war chest to which Egypt would contribute 65 percent and Syria 35 percent. There would also be a defense council composed of the foreign and defense ministers of the two countries. Syrian officials said that they are now negotiating a similar pact with The Lebanon and would seek the adherence to the pact of King Saud of Saudi Arabia. Both Syria and Saudi Arabia were reported to be negotiating with Czechoslovakia for the purchase of arms.

THOUSANDS OF ISRAELIS MAKE SPONTANEOUS CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ARMS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- In a completely spontaneous and entirely unexpected demonstration, thousands of Israelis in all walks of life sent or brought contributions to the Ministry of Defense here today to a fund to buy arms for Israel. The popular reaction to Premier Moshe Sharett's appeal to the Jews of the world to aid in arming Israel caught the Government entirely unawares and hasty arrangements were made under which the Post Office delivered the outpourings direct to the bank where a special account was set up.

Defense Ministry and postal authorities, deluged under a flood of offerings, estimated that thousands of contributions had already been sent in, and that the amount received was several hundred thousand pounds. The snowballing campaign got under way first in the Tel Aviv suburb of Petach Tikvah where factory workers pledged a day's pay to the arms fund. Many of the contributions were addressed personally to Premier-designate and Defense Minister David Ben Gurion.

So strongly has the campaign caught the popular imagination that proposals made during the Knesset debate for a public arms loan are being dropped and the Cabinet, meeting on Sunday, will decide on what lead it should give to the enthusiastic public.

STATE DEPT. "FEARS" ISRAEL ATTEMPT TO PREVENT CZECH ARMS DELIVERIES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- State Department circles reported today that "apprehension" exists in the Department lest "Israel extremists" seek to forcibly prevent delivery of Czech munitions shipments to Egypt at the port of Alexandria. Ships bearing arms consigned to Egypt may now be at sea.

State Department officials, describing themselves as concerned for Israel's best interests, professed to believe that a danger exists that elements of the Herut Party in Israel might attempt to sabotage the shipments or even that military air or naval units of the Israel forces might be employed in such an attempt. Departmental sources said that this "danger" had been discussed in the Department in staff meetings but there was no indication that the United States had conveyed these alleged apprehensions to Israel. One informant said that U.S. military attaches in Egypt had been instructed to be on the alert for signs of Israel attempts to interfere with the arms shipments and for an Israel move to force entrance into the Gulf of Akaba, now barred by Egyptian batteries.

(The Times of London pointed out today that the three Western Powers are under a "clear obligation" to maintain Israel's present boundaries against attack. It said that "it may be necessary to help Israel find extra arms to defend herself" and added that "she could best help her own cause by giving the clearest assurances that the arms will not be used in hostile action.")

It was pointed out here today that military aircraft sold to Egypt by the Soviet bloc may be flown to Egypt and, in that case, would require clearance from either Yugoslavia or Greece whose airspace would have to be crossed. It could not be determined here if such authorization had been requested or granted.

Considerable attention was given here today to a report by the Middle East Institute indicating that despite State Department assertions to the contrary, Egypt possesses a considerable naval superiority over Israel. The Institute inadvertently revealed that two U.S. warships which the State Department had approved for sale to Egypt in 1950 as commercial vessels despite disclosures by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that they could be recommissioned for naval use, are now "believed rescheduled for naval use" by Egypt.

CZECH-EGYPT ARMS DEAL MAY BE DISCUSSED AT GENEVA, DULLES SAYS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles told a bipartisan group of Congressional leaders today that the supply of Communist arms to Egypt might be discussed at the conference of foreign ministers which opens in Geneva on October 27. Sen. Thomas C. Hennings Jr., of Missouri, said Mr. Dulles had disclosed that he planned to bring up this issue under item three of the Geneva agenda pertaining to world trade.

(In Paris, Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay expressed approval of plans to raise the issue at Geneva. He was reported as planning to discuss the question Monday at a preliminary meeting with Mr. Dulles and Harold MacMillan, the British Foreign Secretary.

Mr. Dulles was to report today to the National Security Council on the Middle East situation and will report to the Cabinet tomorrow. His aide, George V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State for Middle East Affairs, conferred today with Abba S. Eban, the Israel Ambassador, and Dr. Moussa Al-Shabandar, the Ambassador of Iraq. In Jerusalem, Edward B. Lawson, the American Ambassador, asked for and received an interview with Premier Moshe Sharett.

Israel Army Chief on "Unofficial" Tour of Europe's Capitals

PARIS, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Brig. Moshe Dayan, Chief of Staff of the Israel Army, arrived in Paris last night on the first leg of an "unofficial" journey to various European capitals. In keeping with the private nature of his visit here, he will not be officially received at the Quai d'Orsay, but will pay a personal courtesy visit to the French Chief of Staff and possibly to officials of the Ministry of Defense. It is understood that Brig. Dayan's mission is to draw to the attention of the various governments the need to re-establish equilibrium in the Middle East by supplying arms to Israel to offset Communist arms shipments to Egypt.

RABBI MILLER WARNS AGAINST ARABS SPREADING ANTI-SEMITISM IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A warning against attempts by Arab propagandists to promote anti-Semitism in the United States was issued today by Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, representative body of the entire Zionist movement in this country. Rabbi Miller charged that the attempts by Arab propagandists to "stimulate anti-Semitism in the United States" is designed "to distract public attention from the Egyptian Government's decision to acquire armaments from the Communist bloc for aggression against the State of Israel."

Rabbi Miller cited recent public statements and press interviews published in this country, wherein the Egyptian Premier Col. Nasser "has charged the American Jewish community with wielding an undue share of influence over United States' policy in the Middle East." Referring to Col. Nasser's use of the term "world Jewish conspiracy," Rabbi Miller said it is "painfully reminiscent of Nazi propaganda against the Jewish people before and during the last war."

Rabbi Miller asserted that "Arab policies and actions are being uniformly opposed to the best interests of the United States." He added that the Arab states "either actively supported the totalitarian powers during the last war or passively resisted the defense of freedom. They have largely adopted a neutralist position in the great struggle between East and West. And most recently, Egypt, the leading Arab State, has opened wide the door to Communist subversion in the Middle East and North Africa."

BURNS SEES NO PEACE UNLESS ISRAEL, ARABS COMPROMISE

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, the United Nations truce supervision chief, told the Tel Aviv Rotary club today that he saw no hope of success in peace negotiations between Israel and the Arab States so long as neither side was prepared to reduce its conditions. He expressed the belief that a referendum, if held on both sides of the demarcation line, would show that the people preferred even the present situation to a state of war.

Meanwhile, UN truce headquarters complained that two UN truce observers investigating the kidnaping of an Israel soldier on the Syrian frontier, came under heavy fire from Syrian positions and were forced to withdraw.

SIXTY-MAN UNITED JEWISH APPEAL MISSION ARRIVES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- A 60-man study mission of the United Jewish Appeal arrived in Israel today in two planes under the leadership of Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-chairman of the organization. At Vienna, the mission had the unique experience of meeting 13 elderly Jewish immigrants coming from the Soviet bloc countries, nine of them from the Soviet Union, who completed their journey to Israel in the mission's plane.

Rabbi Friedman reported that the UJA 1955 campaign would close with more than \$56 million raised. He said that \$10.3 million had been raised in the special campaign for North Africa and declared that in the light of events in North Africa and the increasing emigration from the area, UJA would have to raise more funds in 1956 than this year.

JEWISH CAUSE IN NORTH AFRICA NOT YET LOST, BARON ROTHSCHILD SAYS

PARIS, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Baron Guy de Rothschild, a leader of the French Jewish community, told the 10th annual country directors conference of the Joint Distribution Committee today that French Jews "do not agree that establishment of Arab sovereignty is an occasion in itself for setting up a program of flight for the Jews in North Africa." He said that the Jewish community leadership in France has faith in what the French Government can do for North African Jewry in the present crisis.

"We counsel prudence and watchfulness to our North African coreligionists but we refuse to admit in advance that the cause is lost," Baron de Rothschild declared. "We will do everything in our power, feeble though it may be, to safeguard the rights of the Jews in North Africa."

He said French Jews would assist, "without argument" those who chose to go to Israel or to come to France or to stay where they were "but we have no right to anticipate their wishes or decision." He urged the Jews of the world to assist the French community in the reception of North African Jews in the same way that Israel is helped.

Saul Kagan, secretary of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, reported to the final session of the conference that 409 applications had been received from 27 countries for assistance in 1956 totaling \$30 million. He pointed out that this total was three times the funds available to the conference.

He said that in screening the applications, the Conference gave greater consideration to one-time capital and investment grants which would help build up community institutions and community resources so that the Jewish communities in Europe would be in a better position eventually to take care of their own needs.

BONN OFFERS INTERIM PAYMENT ON FROZEN JEWISH ACCOUNTS

JERUSALEM, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The West German Government has proposed an interim payment of 75,000,000 marks in three years against frozen Jewish accounts in German banks, Dr. Giora Josephthal, treasurer of the Jewish Agency, reported here today on his return from consultations in Paris. Only after three years, he said, would it be possible to agree on the sum of the global payment.

There is no agreement yet on heirless Jewish property in West Berlin, Dr. Josephthal said, but a proposal is expected from the West Berlin Senate of a payment of 13.5 million marks which would have to be used for the purchase of equipment in West Berlin. The amount would be put at the disposal of the Israel reparations mission in Germany which would pay an equivalent amount to the Jewish organizations participating in the heirless Jewish property settlement.

FRENCH TRY ANTI-SEMITIC EDITOR AS SPY FOR NAZIS

PARIS, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Horace Decarbuccia, editor of Gringoire, France's most violent anti-Jewish publication before World War II and during the early years of the war, was arraigned before a military tribunal here today for trial on charges of having supplied intelligence information to the enemy.

The Gringoire editor was convicted in absentia on these charges in 1950 and was sentenced to five years at hard labor. The paper flourished under the German Nazi occupation of France.

JEWIS AT MELBOURNE OLYMPICS WILL HAVE KOSHER DINING ROOM

SYDNEY, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Arrangements are being made now for the provision of special dining rooms for Jewish, Moslem and Hindu competitors in the 1956 Olympic Games which will be held in Melbourne, so that they may have meals prepared according to their dietary laws, the Olympics organization committee announced today.

Israel, which seeks to field a large squad in the games, ran into bad luck today in the draw for the preliminary soccer matches. Israel drew the powerful Russian soccer team as its adversary with the Russians having choice of venue.

SOVIET WRITERS BLAMES HITLER FOR STATE OF JEWISH CULTURE IN U. S. S. R.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Soviet journalists now touring the United States were questioned closely on the fate of Jewish writers and Jewish culture in Russia at a press conference here last night. While the writers disclaimed any information about many of the Jewish writers about whom they were asked, they did say that David Bergelson had died in Moscow in 1947. They also disclaimed knowledge of the fate of Peretz Markish and Itzik Pfeffer.

They declared that three Yiddish-language publications now appear in the U. S. S. R., and that a Yiddish literary journal would soon make its appearance in Moscow. Boris Isakov, of "Internationalnaya Zhizn," himself a Jew, told I. Shmulevitch of the Jewish Daily Forward that if Jewish culture did not flourish in Russia today, the blame was Hitler's. He said that the destruction of a great portion of the Yiddish-speaking community had destroyed the base for the growth of such a culture. Meanwhile, Leon Crystal, head of the Yiddish Writers Union, today invited the journalists to be guests of the union at a special meeting. They replied that they would try to fit a visit into their schedule.

JEWS TO CELEBRATE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF RETURN TO ENGLAND

LONDON, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The Jews of Britain will open their celebration of the 300th anniversary of the return of the Jews to England with an exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum on January 5. The year of celebrations will be marked by a banquet at London's famed Guildhall and by a Tercentenary service at the historic Bevis Marks Sephardic synagogue. Lord Samuel will preside at the opening ceremony. Other events in the celebration program include art and book exhibits, youth displays, a pageant and concert at the Royal Festival Hall and a series of lectures on the history of the Jews in England.

HIGH COURT KILLS MONTREAL LAW CLOSING STORES ON CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS

OTTAWA, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The Supreme Court of Canada invalidated yesterday a Montreal by-law forcing stores in that city to remain closed on certain Catholic holidays. The Supreme Court's decision, which upset an earlier ruling of the Quebec Court of Appeals, was unanimous. The appeal was pressed by seven large Montreal retail stores against a by-law passed in November, 1951.

BRONFMAN RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CANADA-ISRAEL TRADE GROUP

MONTREAL, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Samuel Bronfman was re-elected president of the Canada-Israel corporation at its annual board meeting. The corporation was established by the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Zionist Organization of Canada to stimulate trade between the two countries.

Sigmund Unterberg, manager of the Corporation, announced at the meeting that an agreement recently concluded with a group of banks will provide \$2, 800, 000 credit to facilitate purchase and shipment of commodities to Israel by the Corporation. It was also revealed at the meeting that a shipment of 10, 000 tons of wheat, worth \$800, 000, will leave Vancouver en route to Israel at the end of this month, bringing to \$6, 000, 000 the total purchases arranged to date by the corporation.

F. E. P. C. LAWS WITH TEETH CUT JOB DISCRIMINATION, A. D. L. REPORTS

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- Fair employment practices laws with enforcement powers are the most effective means of breaking down racial and religious discrimination in employment, according to a report released today by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. This conclusion is based on a survey which shows "substantial decrease" in employment bias in New York and other states with fair employment practices commissions, as contrasted with non-FEPC states where "the incidence of job discrimination is still high in spite of full employment prosperity and the critical shortage of workers in many fields."

The report was submitted to the League's executive committee by Bernard Nath, its chairman, preliminary to a two-day annual meeting of that group which begins Saturday. Mr. Nath compared employment opportunities in the three largest areas of Jewish population in the nation--New York, Los Angeles and Chicago--to emphasize the impact of FEPC's in diminishing job discrimination.

"The pioneering New York law, already ten years old, has proved itself successful," Mr. Nath said. "We know this from ADL's own files which show that the number of complaints received each year by the League's New York office during the past decade has decreased more than ten-fold. In Los Angeles, however, tests conducted by the ADL regional office there indicate that conditions have not changed much in the post-war years.

He reported that the League in Los Angeles, acting for reputable business firms, placed a job order with 126 employment agencies for a "White, Protestant stenographer." Only one agency rejected the discriminatory order. Four other agencies accepted "with some reluctance." The remaining 121 agencies accepted it without question.

"These results are almost parallel to those of a similar test made in 1948," Mr. Nath said. When the problem was discussed with the agencies, they justified their methods by saying they were only following the pattern long established as part of the business world. "It is pertinent to recall that ten years ago we heard the same kind of reasoning in New York," Mr. Nath added. "But the educative value of this state's fair employment practices law has quickly and profitably changed the pattern and the mores of employment in New York."

ALBERT EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE TO BE DEDICATED

NEW YORK, Oct. 20. (JTA) -- The Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University will be dedicated here Sunday at a ceremony at the college and a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria. The dedication ceremonies are sponsored by 1, 000 personalities in government, business, science, education, medicine and communal welfare.

Speakers at the ceremonies will include Dr. Hans Albert Einstein, son of the late scientist, New York Governor Averell Harriman, Senator Irving M. Ives and Mayor Robert Wagner. The college will be the first medical school to be opened in the United States under Jewish sponsorship and the first new medical school in New York in half a century.