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WEST'S FOREIGN MINISTERS DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST SITUATION IN PARIS

PARIS, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The Foreign Ministers of the three Western Powers who are meeting here preliminary to the conference of Foreign Ministers at Geneva on Thursday, were to have reviewed the situation in the Middle East today created by the Czech-Egyptian arms deal and further attempts by the Communist bloc to penetrate the Middle East.

A plane of the U. S. Air Force was dispatched to Lydda today to pick up Edward B. Lawson, the American Ambassador to Israel, for conferences with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles here. Henry A. Byroade, American envoy to Cairo, was also due here today for consultations with Mr. Dulles.

Premier Moshe Sharett of Israel, who flew to Paris yesterday to present his country's position personally to the Big Four Foreign Ministers, will meet Mr. Dulles and British Foreign Secretary Harold Macmillan separately here on Wednesday. He will also see the French Foreign Minister A. Pinay in Geneva here. Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov has agreed to meet Mr. Sharett in Geneva on Thursday or Friday.

Sharett Confers with Israel Envoys; to See Dulles Tomorrow

Meanwhile, Mr. Sharett conferred extensively today with the Israel envoys to Britain France and Italy and was awaiting the arrival of the Israel Ambassadors to Moscow and Washington, whose arrival was delayed by weather conditions.

In a press interview last night, Mr. Sharett described the purpose of his sudden flight to Paris as to draw the attention of the Foreign Ministers to "the dangerous effect of a sudden change in the balance of military power on Israel's security position." He said he had no precise information on the size of the Czech-Egyptian arms deal but commented that "from our general information, I would say that this is not a paltry deal."

In reply to a question, Mr. Sharett said that British arms shipments to Iraq "is definitely a threat" to Israel's security. He pointed out that "the Middle East cannot be divided into East and West spheres of influence but any change in the Arab status is a threat to Israel."

Asked whether Israel would like to have her borders guaranteed by the Soviet Union as well as the Western Powers, Mr. Sharett said he would not like to prejudice his conversations this week but he could say that if there was unity of purpose in such a declaration, it would be welcome, but there would have to be unity of purpose.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO ISRAEL'S DEFENSE FUND STILL ROLLING IN

TEL AVIV, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Israel's voluntary "arms for defense" campaign reached 6.5 million Israel pounds (\$3.6 million) today as increased tension was reported along the northern Syrian frontier.

The arms for defense campaign which began spontaneously immediately after Premier Moshe Sharett's appeal last week to Jews throughout the world to aid beleaguered Israel, swept across the country in a wave of public fervor and enthusiasm. In addition to cash, many people donated jewelry, prized personal possessions and even wedding rings.

Military authorities announced today that the settlement of Ein Geb on the eastern bank of the Sea of Galilee had come under heavy Syrian fire but that there were no casualties.

The Israel authorities today, through the Israel-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission, notified Syria of the names of the five Syrian soldiers taken prisoner yesterday near Aalmine. The Israelis notified Syria that the prisoners would be accorded prisoner of war treatment in accordance with the Geneva Convention. The Israel Foreign Ministry called on the UN Truce Supervision Organization today to resume its investigation and obtain "with all possible urgency," information from the Syrian authorities about the Israel soldier kidnapped by the Syrians last week.

[UN truce chief Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns is scheduled to arrive at UN headquarters in New York on Wednesday to confer about the Israel-Arab situation with UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold. He may meet en route with Premier Moshe Sharett in Paris and in New York with Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, Egyptian Foreign Minister.]

MANY IRAQIS CONTRIBUTING TO EGYPT FUND TO BUY COMMUNIST ARMS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Although Iraq is signatory to an anti-Communist defense pact, many leading Iraqis are contributing to the Egyptian arms fund drive which will be used to buy arms from the Communist bloc, according to a Bagdad broadcast today.

The Iraqi Ambassador here, said last week after seeing Secretary of State Dulles that Iraq would prefer to buy arms from the West but does not mind taking arms from its "enemy."

Impending new arms shipments to Iraq, announced by Britain last week, constitute a new threat to Israel, according to the Christian Science Monitor. It noted that while "Whitehall specifically has said these arms to Iraq in no way are intended to bolster the Arabs at large against Israel," should war break out between Israel and Egypt, "almost certainly Iraq would enter the fray, strengthened presumably by whatever new arms it receives from Britain."

Meanwhile, it was reported here that Egyptian spokesmen may be telling the truth in insisting that Communist military instructors and technicians will not accompany the arms arriving in Egypt. Reports have been received here of arrangements to train Egyptian air force and army personnel in Czechoslovakia.

AMERICAN GROUPS URGE U. S. TO INTERVENE TO KEEP MIDDLE EAST PEACE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The American Christian Palestine Committee told Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today that only direct intervention in the Near East can stem the threat of war there. The organization urged the United States to take the initiative to secure the integrity of existing demarcation lines between Israel and the Arab States and warned that "only an immediate guaranty by the United States of the territorial status quo can lead to an abatement of tensions in the area." It also recommended that the Western Powers invoke the spirit of Geneva and call upon the Soviet Union to prevent an arms race.

The American Jewish Committee, at its national executive board meeting Sunday, urged the United States to take immediate steps to prevent changes in the balance of arms between the Arab States and Israel pending security guarantees. It called for "immediate" implementation of the Dulles proposals for Arab-Israel peace, warning that the Communist arms shipments "have drastically changed the timetable" and now "make it imperative to defeat the intent of the Kremlin to exploit unrest in the Middle East."

In Seattle, Sen. Warren G. Magnuson disclosed he had written Secretary Dulles that the United States "should reassert its willingness to guarantee Arab-Israel borders through formal treaty obligations." He called for "an additional assurance" for Israel that it will be protected and a warning to Egypt that aggression with Communist-supplied arms will be regarded here "in a most serious light."

British Zionists Ask Big Four to Prevent Arms Race

LONDON, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The Zionist Federation of Great Britain appealed today to the conference of foreign ministers to prevent an arms race in the Middle East and to give "urgent consideration" to Israel's plea for arms from the West to offset the supplies Egypt is receiving from the Communist bloc.

The Mizrahi Organization of Great Britain, in a message to the "hard-pressed people of Israel" called on both the Soviet and Western Powers to realize that one-sided supply of arms to the Arabs will not further peace but only encourage Arab aggression.

ISRAEL NEWS BRIEFS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Israel has been excluded from a World Health Organization regional conference of public health administrators to be held Nov. 15. The conference will be held in Alexandria, Egypt.

TEL AVIV, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- A fire which spread over an area of 15 kilometers near the Shomera settlement, in Upper Galilee, caused heavy damage to the settlement's dwellings and plantation.

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Eliahu Dobkin, member of the Jewish Agency executive in Jerusalem, has arrived here on a special mission. In a press conference, he urged strengthening of emigration from Latin America to Israel.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders from 70 communities presented community gifts exceeding \$420,000 to the tri-State regional conference of the United Jewish Appeal here yesterday.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Bruce McDaniel, former director of the U. S. operations mission in Israel, called on the Iowa leadership conference of the United Jewish Appeal last night to rally to Israel's aid "at this crucial moment in Israel's history." He said that "free peoples everywhere should affirm their support of its efforts to build a homeland for refugees and displaced persons."

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The Mizrahi Women's Organization of America has designated Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland as recipient of its 1955 annual America-Israel Friendship Award.

DUTCH, BELGIAN AUTHORITIES IN NEW ATTEMPT TO FIND JEWISH ORPHAN

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Intensified steps to determine the whereabouts of kidnapped Jewish war orphan Anneke Beekman are now being taken, in accordance with an understanding between the Dutch Minister of Justice Dr. Donker and his Belgian opposite number, Dr. Lillard. The intensive investigation will also attempt to discover Miss Elizabeth van Moorst, who is known to have accompanied the girl, and the Dutch Mother Superior of the Bannux Covent in Belgium.

The Amsterdam newspaper "Warhied," reported that Dutch detectives had visited, for the second time, the Covent of St. Vincent de Paul in the Belgian village of Aubel, in hopes of finding Anneke. But, according to the report, she was whisked away just before their arrival. Mother Superior Sevenans is believed to have gone into hiding in Nancy, France.

MOSLEMS BANNED FROM JEWISH QUARTER IN MOROCCO TO AVERT ATTACKS

CASABLANCA, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Entrance to the mellah of Marrakesh has been forbidden to Moslems in order to protect Jews living there. The new rule followed a number of incidents which occurred there earlier in the week.

ROME JEWS MARK ANNIVERSARY OF MASS DEPORTATIONS BY NAZIS

ROME, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The 12th anniversary of the mass deportation of Jews from Rome to their death in Nazi extermination camps was marked here at solemn ceremonies presided over by Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff and in the presence of Italian civil and military leaders and Eliahu Sasson, Israel's Minister to Rome.

On October 16, 1943, Nazi units dragged about one-fifth of the Jews of Rome out of their homes and sent them off to concentration camps. Of 1,127 known to have been caught and shipped, only 14 returned at the end of the war.

LEADING FRENCH PRIEST PLEDGES FIGHT ON ANTI-SEMITISM

PARIS, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- An overflow audience which gathered here to hear an address on "The Christian in the Face of Anti-Semitism," heard Father Riquet of the Cathedral of Notre Dame remind them of the number of Popes who had condemned anti-Semitism. Father Riquet said that the Popes have "determined my attitude." He pledged to continue his fight against racism. Grand Rabbi Jacob Kaplan expressed to the meeting the gratitude of French Jewry for what Christians did for persecuted Jews during the Nazi occupation of France in World War II. The meeting was held under the auspices of the "Friends of the French Republic."

MEXICAN INDIAN JEWS GET GIFT OF TORAH FROM U. S. NAVY CHAPLAIN

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- A special ceremony in the synagogue of Mexican Indian Jews was held here when Dr. Mordecai Shoshkes, Jewish writer, presented a Torah to their group, known as "B'nai Elohim." The Torah was a gift from Capt. Joshua Goldberg, chief Jewish chaplain of the United States Navy.

The leader of the Indian Jews, Baltasar Laureano Ramirez, thanked the donors of the Torah on behalf of the group. Mexico's Indian Jews claim descent from the forced converts of Mexico, who were compelled to hide their Jewishness by the Inquisition. The ceremony, which was attended by many of Mexico's Askenazic Jewish community, heard addresses by Dr. Joseph Kessary, Israel Ambassador to Mexico, A. Z. Beresbitzev, president of the Jewish Central Committee, and Marcos Mauss, president of the United HIAS Service here.

A. J. C. ASKS SOVIET TO EASE RESTRICTIONS ON JEWS

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union was urged last night to lift restrictions on the minority groups in the Communist countries of East Europe, particularly the 2.5 million Jews who have been "singled out as victims of discriminating measures." The appeal was made by the executive committee of the American Jewish Committee which charged that while "there have been a few departures from the anti-Semitic policies of the Stalinist era," they seem "slight, indeed, in the face of the oppression of years." It proposed that the USSR take the following steps:

Restore to their citizens of the Jewish faith true freedom of worship; Allow them to reopen their schools; Give them the opportunity to have the use of their language, a press and distinctive cultural activities; Release all persons held in jail or in slave labor camps on charges related to their race, religion or national origin; Re-establish full freedom of movement for all peoples of Eastern Europe, and allow immediately the reuniting of broken families, permitting the orphaned and the homeless to be taken to places of shelter and care.

"We, together with our fellow Americans," the AJC resolution asserted, "are waiting to see whether the practices of the Soviet Government and its satellite regimes will be changed in consonance with the spirit of Geneva."

ITALIAN JEWS ASK GOVERNMENT TO ENFORCE LAW AIDING PERSECUTEES

ROME, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The Union of Italian Jewish Communities has called on the newly-established Italian Ministry for the Reform of Public Administration to apply strictly regulations pertaining to certain privileges to be extended to all victims of persecution, including racial persecutees. Among the benefits to be extended are special retirement provisions for government employees who were persecuted during the Fascist regime.

WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS ASKS BONN TO TRY NAZI DOCTOR

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Describing Dr. Paul Clauberg, who headed the Nazi Medical Experimental Center at the Auschwitz concentration camp and who was returned from the Soviet Union to Western Germany earlier last week, as "one of the worst of the Nazi war criminals," the World Jewish Congress called upon the Bonn Government this week-end to try him immediately. The organization thus backed its affiliate, the Central Council of Jews in Germany, which had issued a similar demand. Clauberg headed an "experimental" project at Auschwitz that sterilized several hundred Jewish women.

A. D. L. AGREES PLANS FOR TEACHING 'ABOUT RELIGION' BE STUDIED

NEW YORK, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Proposals that specific plans be studied for the teaching of courses "about religion" as a curriculum subject in the public schools without compromising the Constitutional mandate of separation of church and state were accepted by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith yesterday. At a meeting of the ADL executive, Henry Epstein, Deputy Mayor of New York and chairman of the ADL national program committee, declared that the "ADL is not opposed to further study of specific plans to determine whether the objective facts about religion can be taught to public school children."

The executive committee, however, expressed both its "fears that teachers are not trained to teach such courses" and its "doubts whether children in elementary grades are qualified to discuss matters of faith in objective terms." The League drew a sharp distinction between "teaching religion as an instrument of indoctrination of sectarian dogma and the possibility of teaching 'about religion' as a secular school subject."

The ADL executive also urged elimination of racial segregation from all Federal programs, noted a "marked improvement in the climate of civil liberties" in the past year, called on Mississippi authorities to press for a prompt solution of the murder of Emmett Till, 14-year-old Negro boy, asked Congressional action to support the Supreme Court's decision on desegregation of the public schools and reaffirmed support of UNESCO.

PIONEER WOMEN'S CONVENTION OPENS IN TORONTO; FIVE HUNDRED ATTEND

TORONTO, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- The 14th biennial national convention of the Pioneer Women got under way here last night with more than 500 delegates from the United States and Canada present. Messages of congratulations were received at the convention from President Eisenhower and Israel Premier Moshe Sharett.

Dr. Sara Feder, president of the organization, reviewed the organization's program in the U.S., Canada and Israel. Mrs. Beba Idelson, a member of Israel's Parliament and head of the Working Women's Council, sister organization in Israel of Pioneer Women, spoke of the role of women in Israel's industry and military establishment. She urged appeals throughout the world against the new threat to Israel's existence posed by Czechoslovakia's shipment of arms to Egypt.

CHICAGO TO HONOR SAMUEL GOLDSMITH ON 25TH SERVICE ANNIVERSARY

CHICAGO, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- A committee of leading citizens including Illinois Governor William G. Stratton and Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley, will serve as members of a committee to honor Samuel A. Goldsmith at a dinner November 30, marking the 25th anniversary of Mr. Goldsmith's coming to Chicago as executive director of its Jewish Federation. Fifteen hundred people are expected to attend.

Mr. Goldsmith, who heads the second largest enterprise of its kind in America, currently operating on a \$14.5 million budget, is also a member of the board of Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago and other organizations in the health and welfare fields. During World War II, Mr. Goldsmith served as a Lieutenant Colonel with the Allied Military Government, Allied Control Commission in Italy and later became Chief of the DP Branch of the General Staff of Allied Force Headquarters. He has made surveys in Europe and Israel as a member of various commissions after both World Wars.

ARTHUR WEYNE TO LEAVE PHILADELPHIA EXPONENT

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 24. (JTA) -- Arthur Weyne, for the past two years editor of the Jewish Exponent in this city, has announced his resignation as of December 31, to become editor and publisher of the Jewish Record in Atlantic City. The 16-year-old Record serves the Jewish communities of Atlantic City and South Jersey.