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MOSCOW WARNS "BIG THREE" ON ARAB-ISRAEL TALKS; WANTS VOICE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The Soviet Government today served notice on the United States, England and France that she intends to demand a say in the moves which are now being made by the Western "Big Three" to seek a settlement of the Arab-Israel conflict. A statement to this effect was issued in Moscow by the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

The Soviet Union, "the Moscow statement said, "cannot regard with indifference the situation developing in the Middle East, since it is clearly connected with the security of the Soviet Union which is situated in the immediate neighborhood of this area, unlike the situation of several other powers."

The Soviet statement described the recent Eisenhower-Eden declaration on the Middle East situation as "a unilateral measure undertaken without the United Nations and without the participation of Middle Eastern countries." The Washington declaration, Moscow claimed, "cannot but create a threat to peace and security in the Middle East and also cannot but violate the independence and sovereignty of countries in this area."

"Any act such as the entry of foreign troops on the territory of nations of the Middle and Near East, without the prior agreement of interested governments and without the sanction of the Security Council of the United Nations, would be a rude disruption of the principles of the United Nations and the sovereignty of a number of nations," the Soviet statement said.

It added that "the Soviet Union will defend the freedom, independence and principle of non-interference in the internal affairs of countries of the Middle and Near East. Together with other interested governments, it will support the security of this area."

The Moscow statement noted that the Washington declaration said specifically that the signers claimed they wanted the settlement of the controversy between Israel and her Arab neighbors. "That would be fine if it were so. But in that case why are these decisions taken without the participation of interested nations, behind their back?" Moscow asked sarcastically.

Moscow Statement Considered as Move to Win Arab Favor

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- State Department sources today portrayed the Soviet Mideast policy statement issued in Moscow as a propaganda device to penetrate deeper into the Arab world through exploitation of Arab differences with Israel and the West.

The Red warning was portrayed by U.S. officials as an obvious attempt to throw a monkey wrench into any peace plan the Tripartite conference might formulate. Officials viewed the warning with some gravity. It was considered by some to be the first official Russian claim to the Arab-Israel dispute as a field of direct Soviet interest.

Officials said that the Russian demand for advance notice of any allied action came with poor grace from a country which consulted nobody when it chose to pour arms into Egypt. If Mideast peace moves are restricted to the United Nations Security Council machinery, sources pointed out, the Soviets could use their veto to gain Arab favor. Because of the Soviet veto, it was indicated a plan for United Nations armed forces to enforce Arab-Israel peace was abandoned.

Government experts said the Eden-Eisenhower statement which attracted the Soviet counter-statement, was actually based on the six-year old tripartite formula and was really not a new factor.

Soviet Envoy in Israel Presents Moscow's Views to Sharett

JERUSALEM, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett today held a second meeting with the Soviet ambassador here, Alexander N. Abramov. When the two met during the week-end, the interview had been requested by the Russian envoy; today's conversation was held at the invitation of Mr. Sharett.

No official communique on the subject of the talks has been issued. Last week, it was reported informally that Mr. Abramov had told Mr. Sharett that, in case United Nations truce teams in this area were re-enforced and enlarged, the Soviet Union would expect to be included among the enlarged UN forces. Brigadier Joseph Avidar, Israel's ambassador to Moscow, is here now for consultations with government officials. Before leaving Moscow, he had conferred with Soviet Foreign Minister V.M. Molotov.

EDEN REPORTS ON WASHINGTON TALKS; SAYS ARAB-ISRAEL COMPROMISE NEEDED

LONDON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden today told the British Parliament that the present tripartite talks in Washington on the Arab-Israel situation, must be conducted in strict secrecy, and that Israel and the Arabs will both have to compromise for the sake of reaching a settlement of their conflict. He avoided answering questions as to whether Israel will receive arms from the West while Egypt is receiving weapons from Communist countries.

"There is nothing dishonorable in compromise," Sir Anthony insisted as members of the House of Commons, led by Laborites, inferentially criticized him after his report on the talks he held two weeks ago in Washington with President Eisenhower. "We and the United States Government," said Sir Anthony, "as we have repeatedly stated, are ready to help financially and guarantee agreed frontiers. Meanwhile, we must continue to try to reduce tension in the area. Doubt about action by the powers concerned in the Tripartite Agreement can itself be a cause for tension there."

Britain, France and the United States are now examining the actions to be taken in line with their three-power Declaration of 1950, the Prime Minister declared. He asserted that the three powers are also considering the possibility of increasing the strength of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization under Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns "and will be ready to support any recommendations to this end by Gen. Burns and Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld."

Hugh Gaitskell, leader of the Labor Party, and Laborites Emanuel Shinwell, A. Henderson and K. G. Younger tried to elicit more definite information from Sir Anthony. They demanded to know: 1. Whether arms will be given to Israel to balance armament shipment to the Egyptians; 2. Whether any preventive action is planned to stop Egypt aggression before it is begun, and 3. Whether Gen. Burns has asked for an increase of his force. To all these questions, Sir Anthony gave evasive answers, taking recourse to his insistence on secrecy.

KNESSET APPROVES CABINET'S STAND ON STRIKE OF PHYSICIANS, ENGINEERS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The Israel parliament today gave a vote of confidence to the Cabinet on the issue of the strike proclaimed by government-employed physicians, engineers and other professionals who are demanding an increase in salary. The demand is being opposed both by the Cabinet and the Histadrut, Israel's Federation of Labor. The strike is entering its second week tomorrow.

The motion of non-confidence was introduced by the General Zionists, the extreme right-wing Herut Party and by the Communist deputies. It was defeated by a vote of 58 to 29. The three Progressive members in parliament abstained from voting, although their leader, Dr. Pinhas Rosen, resigned as Minister of Justice because he disagreed with the stand of the Cabinet on the question of raising the salary of the government-employed professionals.

The resignation of Dr. Rosen was formally reported today to the Parliament by Premier David Ben Gurion. He also reported that the Cabinet decided not to appoint any successor from the outside to take Dr. Rosen's place. His portfolio has for the time being been taken over by the Premier. Dr. Rosen himself explained to the Parliament today the reasons for his resignation.

Mr. Ben Gurion, in his plea today to the Parliament to support the Cabinet stand against the salary demands of the strikers, said: "The country's security situation is now as serious as it was in 1947. We are trying to do everything we can to avoid war and to preserve the peace. But if, God forbid, we fail, then we face dangers we have never faced before. Egyptian MIG's will bomb our hinterland and our border settlements. We have to protect ourselves. This costs much money."

It is only for this reason, he insisted, that the government cannot meet the salary demands of the professionals. "If this year passes quietly," he said, "then the government will be able to make salary decisions in 1957." He stoutly defended the Histadrut, which has been accused of fighting the professionals' salary demands. He pointed out that the Histadrut had "built" Israel.

DR. GOLDMANN RETURNS TO NEW YORK; IS LEAVING FOR LATIN AMERICA

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency, returned yesterday from important meetings in Israel and Europe, and is leaving this week for Latin America, where he will be the principal speaker at a conference of Jewish leaders from Latin American countries to be held in Montevideo.

DR. WEIZMANN'S SISTER AND HUSBAND ARRIVE IN ISRAEL FROM SOVIET UNION

TEL AVIV, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Dr. Miriam Savitzki, sister of the late President Dr. Chaim Weizmann, and her husband, arrived here today from the Soviet Union to settle in Israel. She received Moscow's permission to emigrate to Israel as a result of representations made to the Soviet authorities by Mrs. Weizmann when she visited the Soviet Union in 1954.

GERMANY PLANS NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL: GOVERNMENT SAYS

BONN, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- West Germany has no present plans for the establishment of diplomatic relations with the State of Israel, it was asserted here today by the West German Government. "There are neither plans nor preparations for the exchange of diplomatic representatives with Israel," an official statement issued by the Federal Press Information Service said. The statement was a denial of a Social Democratic Press Service report that the appointment of a West German Ambassador to Israel was imminent.

While many highly placed officials here would welcome a formalization of relations with the Jewish State and have maintained, in the main, a pro-Israel attitude, changes in Germany's international status and the domestic political climate are now beginning to affect this question. One of the two widest read daily newspapers in this country, "Die Welt," commenting on the issue, stated that reports that "Bonn governmental circles" are considering the establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel are "out of the question at the present time, if only in deference to Cairo."

GERMANY DELIVERS PASSENGER LINER "ZION" TO ISRAEL AT HAMBURG PORT

HAMBURG, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The 10,000-ton luxury liner "Zion," built under the reparations program as one of two vessels that are the largest under the Israel flag, was transferred today to her Israeli captain in a solemn ceremony that took place in the waters of the International Free Port here.

Director Scholz of Germany's largest shipyard, the local "Deutsche Werft," delivered the ship to Dr. A. Bergmann, the deputy head of the Israel Purchasing Mission in Germany. He in turn passed it on to director Zvi Yehieli of Zim-Shoham Lines, her new owners. As the Israel flag was raised, and the strains of "Hatikvah" rang out over the chilly air of Hamburg harbor, from the throats of hundreds of crew members drawn up on the deck, Captain Joseph Golandsky assumed command of the newest unit in the Israeli merchant marine.

Together with her sister ship "Israel," which was put into service just five months ago, the "Zion" will be assigned to the Haifa-New York run, covering the distance in 12 days on a regular schedule of departures from both ports every three weeks. Intermediary stops will be made at Naples and Halifax.

The "Zion," which recently completed a highly satisfactory shakedown cruise, is loading general reparations cargo until next Sunday. She then proceeds to Le Havre, where Yaakov Tsur, Israel ambassador to France, will be host at a big reception for the French authorities and the French press, as well as for Jewish delegations from France and other countries. Chief Rabbi Jacob Kaplan, of France, will dedicate the ship's synagogue. The "Zion" will reach her home port of Haifa on March 2. A week later she departs for New York on her maiden voyage and thereby inaugurates the regular three-week schedule of sailings.

BERLIN LEADER OF "GERMAN PARTY" SUED FOR INCITING AGAINST JEWS

BERLIN, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Suit was brought here today against Wilhelm, Silgart, deputy chairman of the "German Party" in Berlin, on charges of attacking Jews in public speeches. The suit was filed in court by the Association of Nazi Victims which characterized Herr Silgart's anti-Jewish statements as "incitement" and "public insult."

Although Chancellor Adenauer has included the "German Party" in his governmental coalition in Bonn and in some of the German states, this group does not hide its pro-Nazi attitude here in Berlin. During the last election of the city parliament, a fracas with anti-Semitic overtones developed at a "German Party" meeting in the huge "Sports-palast" meeting hall, which is inextricably identified in the public mind with Nazi propaganda demonstrations.

"As once before, the Jews play a leading role in press and politics, in economic life and in the administration of justice," Silgart told his audience, and cautioned that it might become necessary to take "defensive measures" against them. He did not mind admitting that crimes had occurred under Hitler, he said, and in any case the Jewish problem had been tackled "ineptly" but, "as Goebbels already put it at the time, that was a natural reaction to the revolting atrocity-mongering against Germany conducted by the international Jewish organizations." At another point in his talk, Silgart stated that "anyone who raised up his hand against Hitler during the war, thereby hit the German people." This observation was greeted by prolonged applause.

Meanwhile, several hundred Berliners braved the icy blasts of the coldest winter weather in years to attend the charter meeting of the "Fighting League Against Nazism," a new non-partisan group that has dedicated itself to combating the resurgence of neo-Nazism. The League warned in its initial proclamation that there are about two score small Nazi groups in Berlin, more than 100 neo-Nazi organizations, and upward of 40 neo-Nazi periodicals in West Germany. In addition, a host of rightist radicals, of foes of democracy, have infiltrated the political parties, governmental agencies, economic and cultural life. Indifference toward the danger they represent would be suicidal, the proclamation stressed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The American rabbinate has met and is continuing to meet in full and on time its military chaplaincy quota, it was reported here today by Charles Aaron, president of the National Jewish Welfare Board. He paid tribute to the country's Jewish religious leadership on the completion of five years of a voluntary draft system through which all rabbis upon ordination become subject to chaplaincy duty.

In the five years since the plan was adopted in the fall of 1950 soon after the fighting in Korea, the three major rabbinical associations constituting JWB's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy have brought into the chaplaincy 203 rabbis, Mr. Aaron declared. Of these, 131 have already completed their chaplaincy service and 72 others are still on active service, in addition to 21 Jewish career chaplains. Another 44 are now processing in preparation for chaplaincy service, Mr. Aaron said.

Set up by the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform), Rabbinical Assembly of America (Conservative) and Rabbinical Council of America (Orthodox), and administered by JWB's Commission on Jewish Chaplaincy, the chaplaincy availability program consists of a voluntarily imposed draft under which the "rabbinical groups and their associated rabbinical seminaries" require that every rabbinical student upon his ordination make himself available for at least two years of chaplaincy service.

ANTI DEFAMATION LEAGUE SCORES AMERICAN FRIENDS OF MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- A statement by American Friends of the Middle East that Arab League nations "may be goaded" into taking reprisals against their Jewish nationals if Israelis persist in "equating Israelis and Jews," was denounced today by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. The statement which was released by William Archer Wright, Jr., executive secretary of AFME, was made in a defense of recent anti-Semitic speeches by Farid Zeineddine, Syrian ambassador to the United States, and Mohammed Fadhil Jamali, chairman of the Iraqi delegation to the United Nations.

We have had major success in getting the Arabs to use the term 'Israelis' rather than 'Jews' when referring to the citizens of Israel," Mr. Wright said in his statement. "I regret that we have not been successful in getting the Israelis to do the same. Indeed, it would seem that it is a calculated strategy of the leaders of Israel to equate the words 'Israelis' and 'Jews.' If this is persisted in, the Arabs may be goaded in abandoning the restraint which has characterized not only their semantics but their considerate treatment of the many thousands Arabs of Jewish faith in their countries."

Mr. Wright defended speeches by Ambassador Zeineddine to the Women's National Democratic Club in Washington, and by Mohammed Fadhil Jamali, who addressed the Economic Club in Detroit. In his talk, the Ambassador revived Nazi racial theories about Jews, declared that American Jews gave allegiance only to "Zionism and not to the countries of their nationality," and tartly suggested: "Why not let New York be a homeland for the Jews?" Mr. Jamali similarly charged that American Jews gave their first loyalty to a foreign state and not the United States.

Both speeches evoked a formal protest from the Anti-Defamation League to the State Department. Mr. Wright denied that the speeches were anti-Semitic or that the Arab diplomats had acted with "impropriety." They had, he argued, "not said anything that might be construed as an attack against American Jews as such" but were attacking "political Zionism."

\$1,000,000 IN CASH RAISED FOR HISTADRUT DRIVE AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Nearly \$1,000,000 in cash was turned in here today toward the \$5,113,000 goal of the Israel Histadrut Campaign for 1956 at the annual Roll Call Conference of the National Committee for Labor Israel. More than 1,000 delegates from the United States and Canada attended the conference on behalf of the Israel Federation of Labor.

Resolutions adopted by the conference called upon the United States Government to employ "action to replace words" toward immediate release of defensive arms to Israel and toward entering a mutual security pact with Israel. Major addresses at the conference were delivered by Dr. Joseph Burstein, member of the Tel Aviv City Council; Mayor Robert F. Wagner, of New York; Isaac Hamlin, chairman of the campaign committee; Joseph Schlossberg, national chairman of the campaign; and Dr. Biegun, national secretary.

Mayor Wagner, in his address, called for American conclusion of a mutual security pact with Israel, pointing out that the United States had such agreements with 44 other countries. He disagreed with those who would deny Israel the right to run in the arms race which no one wanted but which is already under way.

LIBERIA WILLING TO ADMIT JEWS FROM NORTH AFRICA, UNITED HIAS REPORTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The United Hias Service today reported an offer from the Liberian Government to admit Jewish specialists and craftsmen from North Africa seeking admission to new countries. The report was issued on the basis of information brought by Dr. Henry Shoskes, overseas representative of the organization, who just returned from Liberia where he was decorated by the government.