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EISENHOWER SAYS U. S. GIVES ARMS TO SAUDI ARABIA UNDER 1955 APPROVAL

-WASHINGTON, May 23. (JTA) -- President Eisenhower said at his press conference today that \$16,000,000 worth of U. S. munitions for Saudi Arabia were approved last August and indicated that past and future shipments came under this deal.

Shipments to Saudi Arabia have included bombing planes, tanks, and other heavy munitions. The President said the arms were furnished for "internal security" purposes. He pointed out that Saudi Arabia has "no common border" with Israel and stated that the Administration was trying to prevent "an arms race with Israel." He said Saudi Arabia was a "vast" country, indicating that was the reason it needed a quantity of U. S. arms.

Mr. Eisenhower told the press that while the Administration thinks Egyptian Premier Nasser's recognition of Red China was "mistaken" such a single act on the part of Egypt does not destroy American friendship. He likened Egypt and America to a family and a single difference to a transient family "spat." He said American attitudes should not be based on any one act by Egypt.

(In Israel, U. S. Ambassador Edward B. Lawson said today upon his return from the United States that there has been no change in the attitude of the State Department with regard to supplying arms to Israel. He stated that his visit to Washington was "encouraging" and that during his discussions with President Eisenhower and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles he established that the situation in Israel and in the Middle East is entirely clear to the leaders of the United States Government.)

U. S. SEEKS TO DELAY SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., May 23. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, chief of the United Nations truce supervision organization in Palestine, who was scheduled to leave Jerusalem today for New York in connection with the forthcoming meeting of the UN Security Council on the Arab-Israel issue, has delayed his departure indefinitely because there is still no date set for the meeting of the Council here and there is no certainty as to whether the meeting will be convened this month. It is believed that the Western Powers, led by the United States, prefer to have the meeting next month.

The Council meeting is considered of utmost importance because it would deal with the recommendations presented by Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold following his recent "peace mission" to Israel and the Arab countries. The meeting is also important because it will be the first gathering of the Security Council since the declaration by the Soviet Government expressing readiness to cooperate in an attempt to reduce Arab-Israel tension. Added importance was given the meeting yesterday by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles when he said that the Soviet Union's stand would be tested by a resolution the Western Powers will introduce in the Security Council. He declined to reveal the nature of the resolution.

Gen. Burns' postponement of his flight to New York was also explained by the fact that he has so far not succeeded in bringing Israel and Egypt together on an agreement regarding three very important measures which Mr. Hammarskjold had left him for implementation. These measures are: withdrawal of Israel-Arab forces from the demarcation lines; a new system giving full freedom of movement to UN observers along the truce lines, and establishment of local arrangements for prevention of incidents and prompt detection of violations of armistice agreements. It is hoped that with additional time, Gen. Burns may succeed in obtaining Israel-Egyptian agreement on at least some of these points.

Meanwhile, Joseph Tekoa, chief of Israel's Foreign Ministry armistice affairs department, and his Egyptian counterpart, Col. Salah Gohar, have arrived here to be on hand when the Security Council is convened to deal with the Hammarskjold recommendations. Dr. Joza Brilej of Yugoslavia, this month's president of the Security Council, is known to have been pressing for three weeks for a Council meeting to take up Mr. Hammarskjold's report. But it seems that the Western Powers are, for some reason, in no hurry to have the meeting take place this month.

U.S. ZIONIST LEADERS REPORT ON CONGRESS; WARN OF DANGERS FACING ISRAEL

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- The 24th World Zionist Congress which recently concluded in Jerusalem was described tonight by high-ranking American Zionist leaders as an imposing demonstration of Jewish solidarity in support of Israel's struggle for security and as having underscored the continued need of a strong Zionist movement for Jewish cultural and spiritual survival in all lands outside of Israel.

At the same time the Zionist leaders, who just returned from the twelve-day Jerusalem sessions, sounded a grim warning that the Hammaraskjold mission notwithstanding, an Arab war of aggression against Israel can only be avoided through the supply of adequate defensive arms to Israel by the United States. The Zionist leaders, representing all branches of the movement in this country, spoke at a public rally at the Hotel Roosevelt, convened by the American Zionist Council, to report on the major decisions of the Zionist Congress.

Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, reported that while in Israel he "found the man in the street deeply baffled at America's attitude." The Israeli citizen is at a complete loss to understand why Israel, the only country in the Middle East fighting Communism, is singled out by our country for a denial of arms for its legitimate defense. "Israel is not asking, nor does it want American boys to come to fight its battle," he pointed out. "All it asks are the tools with which to defend itself. The Israeli people wonder why after seven months of pleading for defensive arms, Mr. Dulles' response is one lame explanation after another. While the Arab states are constantly being appeased and furnished with arms, Israel is being fed with explanations."

Dr. Israel Goldstein asserted that "in Israel there is no illusion about the long-range value of Mr. Hammaraskjold's visit. While there is grateful appreciation of the value of his visit in the Middle East in effecting a cease-fire agreement, there is skepticism as to whether Nasser and his allies will respect these agreements as long as they continue to have preponderance of arms. It is felt that Nasser will be tempted to try an adventure of aggression as long as he has overwhelming superiority in air weapons, and that only Israel's possession of adequate arms with which to meet such an attack can be a reliable deterrent to his aggressive plans."

Internal Problems of Zionist Movement Discussed at Rally

Mrs. Moses P. Epstein, Hadassah leader, maintained that the Zionist Congress "was important not because of resolutions passed but because of the new orientation and changed approach which the establishment of the State of Israel has brought to the Zionist movement." The impression which one took back from the Congress and the visit to Israel, she said, was one of purposeful building and magnificent opportunities offered to the Jewish people to provide a home for those who must seek sanctuary there, to serve as a symbol of the united strength of the Jewish people, and to prevent a preview of what scientific progress and social enlightenment can bring to the Middle East."

Jacques Torczyner, vice president of the Zionist Organization of America, alluding to the exclusion of the Herut Party from the Jewish Agency executive, expressed regret that "a national unity executive was not created." He also said that "it is most regrettable that the distribution of portfolios in the executive is such that the largest party at the Congress, the Confederation of General Zionists, has the smallest number of important portfolios."

Louis Segal, Labor Zionist leader, voiced the view that the implementation of the major decisions adopted by the Congress "will convert Zionism into an even larger mass movement for aid to Israel and for ensuring the cultural survival of the Jewish people outside of Israel." He listed these decisions as embracing the formation of Zionist territorial unions, the coopting of non-Zionists into important efforts for Israel, the assumption of greater obligations and responsibilities by Zionists, as well as the closer relationship between Zionism and the Israel Government.

Rabbi Mordecai Kirshblum, president of the Mizrahi Organization of America, said: "The Zionist Congress succeeded primarily in pinpointing the vital worldwide interest in Israel's growth, stability and security. The 500 spokesmen for organized Jewish communities the world over demonstrated the strong bonds which exist between them and Israel, the fountainhead of Judaism and Jewish spirituality."

EXPLOSION IN ISRAEL HOSPITAL CAUSES HUGE DAMAGE; ALL PATIENTS SAFE

TEL AVIV, May 23. (JTA) -- A fire which broke out at Beilinson Hospital at Petach Tikvah following the explosion of a tank of ether in the hospital's medical storeroom today caused 250,000 pounds worth of damage. None of the patients or hospital personnel were injured, although a number of patients suffered from shock.

Firemen battled the blaze for hours this morning, finally isolating it and keeping it from reaching the main wards. The stores which were destroyed in the fire were being prepared to be moved into a new concrete storehouse. Beilinson Hospital is one of the hospitals supported by Kupat Holim, the Histadrut's national network of hospitals and clinics.

KLUTZNICK URGES EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS BETWEEN MOROCCO AND ISRAEL

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., May 23. (JTA) -- Diplomatic amity between Morocco and Israel could be "a means toward Arab-Israeli rapport in the Middle East," Philip M. Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith, declared here last night addressing the 104th annual convention of B'nai B'rith's District One which is attended by 1,600 delegates. "Political mutuality between the two young nations would be a dramatic force toward peace and economic stability in that area," he said.

"An exchange of ambassadors by Israel and Morocco as soon as political conditions in Morocco permit, would give reassurance to the free world that Morocco is entering the family of nations in a spirit of neighborliness and with a wholesome concern for the peaceful development of its human and material resources," Mr. Klutznick said. "Similarly, the success of this diplomatic relationship could point up the folly of intransigence which now dominates the leadership of the Arab League states."

The convention concluded today with a number of resolutions relating to Israel and Arab-Jewish tensions. It applauded the recent peace mission of UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold to the Middle East and urged UN efforts to supplement it "by the time-tested policy of balance of military power as a deterrent to war." To achieve this, the resolutions called for the Western nations to supply Israel with "essential defensive arms."

Citing the acts of Saudi Arabia in excluding Americans of Jewish faith, "even compelling our armed forces to look into the religion of their troops in order to insure exclusion of American Jewish servicemen from American bases in that country," the delegates asked that the State Department "express forcefully its disapproval" of such acts of discrimination against American citizens.

The convention also charged Arab League nations with "the promotion of anti-Semitism" in the United States and urged the State Department "to prevent the continued abuse of diplomatic privileges and American hospitality by Arab diplomatic representatives in this country."

In other resolutions the convention urged that "all concerned with implementation" of the Supreme Court desegregation decision "stress the need for law and order basic to American traditions and for methods which would help preserve the peace," and called for support of President Eisenhower's recommendations to Congress that it re-examine the national quota origins system written into the U.S. immigration laws and increase the current annual immigrants quotas outside that system. Federal District Judge Sidney Sugarman of New York was elected president of District One of B'nai B'rith, which comprises New York, New England and Eastern Canada.

SIX JEWS KIDNAPPED IN MOROCCO REPORTED RELEASED; ALL UNHARMED

CASABLANCA, May 23. (JTA) -- All six Jews kidnapped in Oujda, eastern Morocco last week have been released unharmed, it was reported here today. None of the six, abducted by members of the underground "Moroccan Liberation Army," would speak of their experiences.

Meanwhile, Jacques Choukroun, a Jewish businessman who was kidnapped and released in eastern Morocco several weeks ago, has been received by Alen Savary, French Secretary of State for Tunisian and Moroccan Affairs.

TWO LEADERS RESIGN FROM JEWISH COMMUNITY EXECUTIVE IN CASABLANCA

RABAT, Morocco, May 23. (JTA) -- Two leaders of the Jewish community of Casablanca have resigned from its executive, it was announced today. The resignations seem linked to a reported campaign expected to be launched soon in the Moroccan Jewish communities to replace the current leadership with younger, nationalist-minded men.

Dr. Leon Benzaquen, Minister of Posts and Telegraph and the only Jew in the Moroccan Cabinet, presented the Sultan of Morocco today with an album containing a full set of the first series of Moroccan postage stamps to bear the portrait of the Sultan. This is the first time in the history of the country that a Sultan's portrait has been used on a stamp.

DAUGHTERS OF SULTAN OF MOROCCO VISIT CASABLANCA JEWISH GIRLS' SCHOOL

CASABLANCA, May 23. (JTA) -- The two daughters of the Sultan of Morocco, Princesses Lalla Aicha and Lalla Malika, today visited a Jewish girls' school here operated by the ORT and the Alliance Israelite Universelle. At the conclusion of their visit, Princess Lalla Aicha said the Sultan has a "great interest in the Jews."

PRESIDENT OF INDONESIA URGES EGYPT AND ISRAEL TO LIVE "IN BROTHERHOOD"

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- President Sukarno of Indonesia today expressed the hope that Israel and Egypt would find a means for "living in brotherhood." The Indonesian Chief of State, who a little over a year ago was host to the Asian-African conference at Bandung, which adopted Arab-sponsored anti-Israel resolutions, expressed his hope for Egyptian-Israel brotherhood at Mayor Wagner's official luncheon tendered him as a guest of the City of New York at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

PHILADELPHIA ALLIED JEWISH APPEAL EXCEEDS 1955 IN FUNDS RAISED

PHILADELPHIA, May 23. (JTA) -- The 1956 Allied Jewish Appeal has so far raised \$4,021,164, or \$200,000 more than was contributed during all of 1955, it was announced by Harry S. Sylk, general chairman of this year's drive.

Mr. Sylk said, too, that the drive will be kept open for the Special-Emergency Fund for North African Jewish immigration to Israel until every prospect has been contacted, and for the \$380,212 still outstanding from last year's pledges. Appointment of Alex F. Stanton, Philadelphia communal leader, as general chairman of the 1957 campaign was announced by Myer Feinstein, AJA president.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY DISCOVERS 7,000 MICROFILM PLATES OF TALMUDIC NOTES

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- The establishment of a Talmudic Research Institute at Yeshiva University to edit and publish 7,000 tiny two-inch square microfilm plates of Talmudic literature smuggled out of Nazi-dominated Europe over a decade ago, and discovered last month in the United States, was announced here today by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of the University.

The newly found manuscripts, the only extant copy of the "Commentaries" of the Gaon of Rogashov, represented the most important addition to Talmudic literature in modern times, Dr. Belkin stated. Rabbi Menahem Kasher, prominent editor of Biblical texts and author of works on Hebrew subjects, has been appointed head of the Institute. The project is being made possible by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

Joseph Rosen, Rabbi of Dvinsk, in Latvia, (1858-1936) and called the "Gaon" or genius of Rogashov, after the city of his birth, was one of the most unique and brilliant figures in the history of Rabbinics. Possessed of an encyclopedic mind, the Rogashov Gaon could literally reel off volumes from memory, as scholars who knew him have testified. It was said that he was his own library.

The Gaon of Rogashov died in 1936 at the age of 78, after having served the city of Dvinsk for forty-seven years. He left behind him a monumental four-volume analysis of the works of Maimonides entitled "Tsofnath Pa-aneach" (The Explanation of the Hidden) and a large body of responsa, replies to questions on Jewish law. His greatest achievement, however, were his "Commentaries."

Rabbi Israel Alter Saffran-Fuchs, successor to the Gaon in the Dvinsk rabbinate, found the document among the unpublished papers of his predecessor. It was in the form of marginal annotations on the texts of the Babylonian Talmud, the Jerusalem Talmud, plus notes on a vast body of Jewish law. In all, the work consisted of 7,000 pages. Faced by the mounting Nazi terror, Rabbi Saffran-Fuchs engaged in a desperate race against time to preserve the manuscript.

Photographing it page by page, he mailed it out piecewise in small packages to his cousin, H. Saffran, in the United States. He managed to complete the job before the Nazi fires reached their full fury. In the holocaust that followed, Rabbi Saffran-Fuchs and his family, the descendants of the Gaon, and the inhabitants of Dvinsk all perished. For twelve years the existence of the manuscript was unknown here. When it came to the attention of Dr. Kasher, he brought it to Dr. Belkin at Yeshiva University, and the project for its publication was formed.

U.S. ARCHAEOLOGISTS TO UNEARTH GIBEON; HOPE TO TRACE JOSHUA'S CONQUEST

PHILADELPHIA, May 23. (JTA) -- Archaeologists from the University of Pennsylvania Museum and the Church Divinity School of the Pacific at Berkeley, California, will leave Friday on an expedition aimed at unearthing the ruins of Gibeon, an ancient city mentioned 43 times in the Bible. They hope to throw new light on Joshua's conquest of ancient Palestine.

The digging will be carried out on a site inside Jordan at the Arab village of El-Jib, located eight miles north of Jerusalem and three miles east of the Israel-Jordan border.

DIPLOMATS OF MANY NATIONS TO ATTEND BALL IN HONOR OF AMBASSADOR EBAN

WASHINGTON, May 23. (JTA) -- Diplomats of many nations will attend a ball to be tendered Saturday night by the Israel Bond Organization in honor of Israel Ambassador and Mrs. Abba Eban. Members of Congress, the Supreme Court, White House staff, and other important government officials have accepted invitations.

CHAIM GROSS, NEW YORK JEWISH SCULPTOR, GETS PRIZE FROM ART INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, May 23. (JTA) -- Chaim Gross, noted Jewish sculptor and painter has been awarded a \$1,000 prize for sculpture by the National Institute of Arts and Letters. The award, one of several such prizes made in various fields of the arts, was presented at the annual prize-award ceremony of the Institute.

Mr. Gross came to this country in 1921 and received his early art training at the Educational Alliance on New York's East Side. His work is exhibited in a number of museums, including the Tel Aviv Museum and the Bezalel Museum in Jerusalem.