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RICHARDS, EISENHOWER'S ENVOY, ARRIVES IN ISRAEL TO DISCUSS U.S. AID

JERUSALEM, May 2. (JTA) -- James P. Richards, President Eisenhower's mobile personal representative to the Middle East, arrived in Israel tonight for a 24-hour visit to discuss with Israel officials American aid to Israel and United States policy in the Middle East. Mr. Richards' statement upon arrival was friendly in tone.

After consultations tonight with United States Ambassador Edward B. Lawson, Mr. Richards will motor to Jerusalem tomorrow for meetings with Finance Minister Levi Eshkol and Foreign Minister Golda Meir. An Israel Government source said tonight that no announcement is expected on the conclusive results of the Richards talks by tomorrow night because the Cabinet cannot physically meet by then and reach a decision.

It was not certain tonight whether Mr. Richards would meet with Premier David Ben Gurion because of the short notice the Israel Government had of his arrival. The Foreign Ministry said it had been told this morning that Mr. Richards might arrive during the day and did not receive final notice of his arrival until late in the day. However, the U.S. Embassy had Mr. Richards' statement ready early this afternoon.

The last-minute nature of the visit is expected here to prove a political boon. Since it is manifestly impossible to obtain immediate Cabinet discussion and decision on proposals made by both the American mission head or Israel nor on a joint statement on the nature of the talks, there is likely to be no substantive statement.

This will undoubtedly help Premier Ben Gurion head off a political storm at next Sunday's regular Cabinet meeting. When Mr. Richards' visit was first broached, the leftist Mapam and Achdut Avodah--partners in the coalition government--voiced reservations about Israel joining the Eisenhower Doctrine program. Significantly, both Mapam members of the Cabinet are currently travelling abroad.

It is understood that Mr. Richards will be briefed on a number of proposals by the Israelis for which they would apply for foreign aid funds under the Eisenhower Doctrine program. The Israelis, who have already considered and discarded as embarrassing for the United States Government projects with political overtones such as development of Akaba-Mediterranean pipelines as alternatives to the Suez Canal route, will ask for aid with housing, employment and immigration programs.

Contrary to expectations, Mr. Richards' statement gave the impression that the United States was not excessively concerned about Arab reaction to his visit here. The statement did not contain any reference to Communism, a sensitive point with the Israelis and their ties with Jewries in the various Communist countries.

{In Washington, the State Department announced today that President Eisenhower had ordered Mr. Richards to return for consultation on new foreign aid legislation for the Middle East. Mr. Richards is now expected back in Washington next Wednesday. The following day he is slated to attend a White House meeting of bi-partisan political leaders. The official announcement said Mr. Richards and his party will proceed from Israel to Tunis and Rabat, and will return to Washington from the Moroccan capital. Official sources noted that Mr. Richards will return without stopping in Jordan, Egypt, or Syria.}

Israel-American Relations Reviewed in State Department

WASHINGTON, May 2. (JTA) -- The developing situation in Jordan was discussed today by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban and Acting Secretary of State Christian Herter against the background of a general review of Israel-American relations. Mr. Eban said the Jordanian situation was being carefully followed. Economic matters also emerged in today's talk.

Mr. Eban was asked by reporters about the possibility of an Israeli ship being dispatched through the Suez Canal to test Nasser's blockade of Israeli shipping. He stressed the need to implement rather than test United Nations resolutions like the one demanding unrestricted Israel shipping rights in the canal. He indicated that Israel reserved the right to test the canal in due course.

ISRAEL ARMY CHIEF COMMUTES DEATH SENTENCES OF THREE ARAB FEDAYEEN

TEL AVIV, May 2. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, Israel Army Chief of Staff, spared the lives today of three Arab fedayeen apprehended inside Israel while committing attacks on Israeli personnel and property. Their death sentences were commuted to life imprisonment.

The first Arab documentary film made in Israel was completed here today. The half-hour film, which will be shown in Arab areas of Israel during the coming Independence Day celebration, depicts the progress of Israel's Arab minority.

BEIGIN ADDRESSES RALLY IN NEW YORK; APPEALS TO U.S. AGAINST NASSER

NEW YORK, May 2. (JTA) -- Menachem Beigin, chairman of the right-wing Herut party in Israel, told a ninth Israel anniversary celebration meeting here tonight that he hoped "the free world and especially the United States" would "reconsider their attitude" toward President Nasser of Egypt "who threw open the door in the Middle East and the gateway to Africa to Communist penetration and extension."

He told the rally, sponsored by the United Zionists-Revisionists of America that "Gaza was and is an integral part of our native country," adding that "it was occupied as a result of aggression by Egypt in 1948 and turned into a base of permanent attack against Israel."

TRIAL OF EX-NAZI CHARGED WITH ANNIHILATING JEWS ADJOURNED IN POLAND

VIENNA, May 2. (JTA) -- The trial of Sergiusz Bobko, charged with conducting the Nazi massacre of thousands of Jews in Byelorussian towns during the time he was commander of a concentration camp at Koldyczew, in Nazi-occupied Poland, has been adjourned, it was reported here today from Warsaw. The trial was taking place in a Polish court in Wroclaw.

Testimony by 70 witnesses showed that Bobko, a Polish citizen who managed to "pass" as an ethnic German, had attained the rank of an SS officer and the function of a camp commandant. In 1942, he "liquidated" the Jewish population in the Byelorussian towns of Horodyszczca, Nesvich and Baranowicze, personally shooting and torturing many people. One witness said under oath that he was present when Bobko, displaying a pile of wedding rings and valuables taken from Jews, boasted that he had killed 200 of them with his own hands.

The defense claimed, however, that two or three different Nazis named Bobko were active in the area, so that a namesake of Bobko's might have been the guilty party. Although a number of witnesses had identified the commandant of Koldyczew concentration camp as the same Sergiusz Bobko now in the dock, the court decided to adjourn the case for further investigation.

2,000 GERMAN WORKERS PROTEST DESECRATION OF JEWISH CEMETERY

BONN, May 2. (JTA) -- Two thousand German trade unionists marched to a Jewish cemetery at Salzgitter Tuesday night to express their horror at the desecration of 80 graves by a gang of vandals last month.

The demonstrators were members of a metal trades union. They laid a wreath on a grave where the vandals had left a sign: "Germany Awake, Israel Perish." The wreath was sent to Salzgitter by 2,300 schoolchildren in Protestant schools in West Germany who had collected money to purchase the floral offering.

The desecration of the Salzgitter cemetery, one of a series of such incidents, set off a storm of protest throughout West Germany and has led to offers of rewards by federal and local authorities for the apprehension of the gang. So far, neither local nor national police assigned to the case have turned up clues to the identity of the vandals.

BRITISH POLICE WATCHING KU KLUX KLAN ACTIVITIES, COMMONS TOLD

LONDON, May 2. (JTA) -- Home Secretary R. A. Butler told Commons today that the British police were keeping an eye on the activities of the newly-organized Ku Klux Klan in Britain. He promised that if the Klan committed any breach of the peace, the police would act.

Fenner Brockway, Labor M. P., who raised the question, told the House that the KKK had agents operating in seven British towns and had already attracted a membership of several hundred persons. He said the KKK was planning "guerrilla action" against Negroes, Jews and Christians.

AUSTRIAN VICTIMS OF NAZISM LIVING ABROAD REMINDED OF FILING CLAIMS

VIENNA, May 2. (JTA) -- Former Austrian nationals who fled persecution in this country and live abroad have only until June 10 to file claims for indemnification, it was announced here today. The announcement stressed that there would be no extension of the deadline. Claims will be made against a restitution fund set up by the Austrian Government in an agreement with the major world Jewish organizations.

CONVENTION OF REFORM JEWRY SALUTES ISRAEL; HITS COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM

TORONTO, May 2, (JTA) -- The Union of American Hebrew Congregations concluded its 44th convention here today with the adoption of resolutions saluting Israel, assailing the activities of the American Council for Judaism, appealing to President Eisenhower to admit Jewish refugees from Egypt to the United States, and urging the Congress to enact speedily President Eisenhower's recommendations on civil rights.

The 3,000 delegates at the convention also adopted a two-year program for the consolidation of American Reform Judaism's recent dynamic gains. The program also brought a mandate for the UAHC "not only to further the knowledge of Reform Judaism to its own constituency but to Jewry in general, and particularly to the unaffiliated." Special emphasis was placed by the delegates on the final phrase of this mandate which the newly-elected officers were urged to give "the highest priority."

In addition to this phase of the over-all program, the resolution called for an expanded program of religious education, the "raising of capital sums" for a substantial increase in the number of religious youth camps, the creation of an additional 350 social action committees to augment the 200 already in existence in congregations to foster "great social awareness," the establishment of a missionary-type religious caravans composed of rabbis and lay leaders to bring the message of Judaism into every "city, town and village on the American continent," and the expansion of current informational projects on television and radio "to create a better understanding of Judaism in general and Reform Judaism in particular."

Says Council for Judaism Furnishes Material for Anti-Semites

In its resolution attacking the American Council for Judaism, the convention said that the Council has "wantonly impugned the national loyalties" of all those American Jews "who disagree with it" and "has furnished material for professional anti-Semites." The denunciation of the anti-Zionist group, which claims to represent "classical Reform Judaism," included a charge that in a number of American Jewish communities representatives of the group "have employed morally reprehensible methods to undermine existing congregations and to introduce division and discord."

Asserting that the anti-Zionist Council for Judaism "misrepresents historical Judaism as well as what it calls classical Reform Judaism," the delegates said "there is no antithesis between Judaism as a religion and Jews as a people." They emphasized that the "view of Judaism held by the American Council for Judaism is at variance with the view of the overwhelming majority of Reform Jews in the United States and Canada."

The delegates also charged that the Council for Judaism has "repeatedly slandered" the UAHC, misrepresenting the latter's positions and cast "aspersions on the American loyalty of our adherents." Also that the anti-Zionist group "has played directly into the hands of Arab propagandists."

Reaffirms Solidarity with "Beleaguered" Jews in All Countries

In their resolution on Israel, the delegates salute the people of Israel "for their heroic sense of freedom and right and for standing fast against the threat of aggression by Arab nations and the Soviet Union. We affirm in the strongest possible terms our sense of solidarity with our beleaguered fellow Jews wherever they may dwell," the resolution says.

Rejecting as "unjust the effort of any attempt to appease the strong and penalize the weak," the resolution said: "We reiterate our resolve to rebuild the waste places of Israel by our unstinting support of the United Jewish Appeal, by purchase of bonds for Israel and by furtherance of every undertaking for Zion's development.

"We hold it to be our sacred and solemn obligation to labor together with our sister Jewish organizations and our brother Jews in America and throughout the world for the security and life of Israel and of the whole of Jewry," the resolution continued. "We commend the president of the Union, Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, for his selfless, consecrated efforts to seek the fulfillment of these aims by cooperation with the presidents of the great American Jewish organizations and other leaders in Jewish and general life."

The resolution appealing to President Eisenhower to admit Jewish refugees from Egypt expresses "deep disappointment" with the U.S. failure to offer asylum to the Jewish victims of the Nasser regime. "This indifference to the tragic plight of the innocent victims of Nasser's inhumanity stands in sharp contrast to the prompt and generous succor offered, with the warm support of the American people, to those who fled from Communist tyranny in Hungary," the resolution says. "There is no justification in law or in morality for such a double standard.

"The U.S. failure to aid Egyptian expellees is unworthy of the great American tradition of asylum," the resolution continued. "The United States should do no less to ameliorate human tragedy than have other free nations, notably Canada, which has sent a mission to Cairo to facilitate family reunions on Canadian soil for the victims of Egyptian terror."

HUGE PROPORTION OF RESORT HOTELS IN U.S. DISCRIMINATE AGAINST JEWS

NEW YORK, May 2, (JTA) -- Nearly one out of four resort hotels in the United States practices religious discrimination in the admission of guests, according to a national survey, the first of its kind, made by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Bernard Nath, Chicago attorney and chairman of the ADL's national executive committee, told a meeting of the committee here today that the survey encompassed 3,014 hotels in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Hawaii, Alaska and the Caribbean. He said the survey revealed that a vigorous enforcement of state laws against discrimination in public accommodations is the principal key to the elimination of the problem of hotel bias.

The survey team sought to examine the stated policies of the 3,014 hotels, test them through responses to prospective guests and scrutinize their advertising and promotion literature. Current and explicit information was obtainable, however, for 1,065. Of this group, 237 or 22.2 percent, the evidence showed, clearly discriminate against Jews. The remaining 828 were classed by the survey as non-discriminatory, but 11 percent of this group have past records of discrimination.

"The core of the problem," Mr. Nath declared, "lies in the 1,949 hotels or nearly two-thirds of the total number, on which we were unable to obtain current information. Many of these have consistently declined to clarify their policies toward Jewish guests, and 525 of them have been the subjects of complaint in the past. It leads us to believe that the definitive findings of the survey are an understatement of the true situation."

In continental United States, the survey sought to review the policies of 2,731 resorts. Current information was obtained for 933, of which 244 or 22.9 percent clearly discriminate against Jews. Of the 719 which declare a policy of non-discrimination, 11 percent have past records of discrimination, the report noted.

Anti-Jewish Bias Especially High in Maine, Vermont, Michigan, Arizona

The actual practices, the survey revealed, vary considerably from state to state. In three New England states which have laws against discrimination by places of public accommodation--Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island--the survey established that only 14 percent of the hotels discriminate against Jews. In the adjacent states of Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire which have no such legal bars, the survey placed the discrimination rate at 56 percent.

In New York State, which vigorously enforces its anti-discrimination law, the survey team found that only eight percent of the resorts examined are discriminatory, but the hotels of Vermont, which abuts on a principal New York resort area, show a 45 percent anti-Jewish discrimination rate.

Two winter resort states tested were Arizona and Florida, in both of which the figures are above the national average. In Arizona, the survey found 44.5 percent of the hotels for which information was obtainable discriminate against Jews while in Florida, the figure is 24.2 percent. The report cited "vigorous educational work" that has been carried on in Florida in recent years as probably responsible for the "remarkable improvement in Florida."

In the Midwest, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin, where there has been widespread discrimination against Jewish vacationers for years, continue to show a discrimination rate above the national average. The rates for these three states were Michigan, 48.7 percent; Minnesota, 20 percent; and Wisconsin, 29 percent.

In the areas outside continental United States, the survey found that 28.3 percent of the hotels upon which it obtained information in Canada discriminate, while in Mexico the figure was only 3 percent and in Hawaii, only one of the 14 hotels examined bars Jews.

DUTCH JEWS HONORED IN QUEEN JULIANA'S BIRTHDAY LIST

THE HAGUE, May 2, (JTA) -- A number of Dutch Jews received awards in the Queen's Honors List announced here today on the occasion of Queen Juliana's 48th birthday. Among them are:

Miss Elizabeth Straschnow, Chancellor of the Netherlands Legation in Israel, gold medal of the Order Orange Nassau; Dr. A. D. Belinfante, a senior official of the Ministry of Justice, Knight of the Order of the Dutch Lion; Dr. Martin Levie, president of the Ashkenazi Jewish Community of Rotterdam and a leading Zionist, an officer of the Order of Orange Nassau; Johan G. Wertheim, noted sculptor, Knight of the Order of Orange Nassau, and Ishak J. Bueno de Mesquita, president of the Sephardic Board of Guardians of Paramaribo, Surinam, Knight of the Order of Orange Nassau.

ISRAEL SOCCER TEAM ARRIVES IN U.S.; WILL BE HONORED IN NEW YORK TODAY

NEW YORK, May 2, (JTA) -- The Israel Hapfel Soccer Team arrived today at Idlewild Airport here and was greeted by the Brooklyn Dodgers. The soccer players will be honored tomorrow with a ticker-tape parade and a greeting at City Hall from Mayor Robert F. Wagner. The team will remain in New York for a game May 12 with the American Soccer League All-Stars as the feature of the Salute to Israel Festival at Ebbets Field.