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PRO-ISRAEL SENTIMENT STRONGER IN U.S. THAN EVER BEFORE, EBAN SAYS

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- Abba S. Eban, Israeli Ambassador to the United States, asserted today that Israel has the right to expect Arab leaders to follow a policy of "leaving us alone," if they don't want to conclude peace with the Jewish State.

Addressing the annual convention of the American Association of English-Jewish Newspapers, meeting here at the Park Sheraton Hotel, the Ambassador expressed a sense of pessimism about the prospects of achieving an Arab-Israel peace. "The best we can hope for is steady progress in responsible Arab minds of Israel as an immutable fact," he stated.

Describing some of the effects of the Sinai operation of last October and the "international debate" which followed over the Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai peninsula, Mr. Eban said that Israel had found unexpected sources of support and understanding from powers threatened by the policies of President Nasser of Egypt. He also said that Israel's relations with the United States had been "steered through dangerous tempests into a more tranquil and trustful condition."

As a result of the Sinai operation and the statement of Israel's cause in the debate in the United Nations, there was "a degree of trust and affection for Israel throughout America which did not exist before," he declared. "Faith in Israel's permanence and future now flows bountifully throughout this continent among people of all creeds," he said.

It was one of the primary responsibilities of the major powers, especially of the United Nations, to help advance Arab acceptance "of our permanence," Mr. Eban declared. He said that there had been a growing belief among "responsible Arab leaders" of becoming reconciled to the existence of Israel but that this sentiment was shattered by the shipments of Soviet arms to Arab states.

The effect of the weapons in restoring the hope of some Arab leaders in destroying Israel was "perhaps more disastrous" to the chances of a Middle East settlement, he asserted, than the effect of the Soviet weapons in battle. "If there will not be peace, can there at least not be a relationship of leaving us alone, an abstention by our neighbors from active policies of antagonism?" he added.

ISRAEL PLEDGES TO PERMIT PILGRIMS TO MECCA TO PROCEED UNMOLESTED

JERUSALEM, June 13. (JTA) -- The rulers of Jordan and Saudi Arabia "know well that Israel will permit pilgrims to Mecca to proceed unmolested," an Israel Foreign Ministry spokesman said tonight in comment on declarations by King Hussein of Jordan and King Saud of Saudi Arabia ordering their subjects not to use the Gulf of Akaba route to Mecca. The spokesman charged that the monarchs' declarations were motivated by "internal considerations."

The spokesman pledged that any Arab citizen of Israel who wished to make the pilgrimage to the Moslem Holy City would receive immediate permission. He noted, however, that Israeli Arabs had been denied transit visas by the Arab states despite repeated requests.

Meanwhile, Israel Government circles pointedly refrained from comment on the Western Powers' notes to the Soviet Union on the Middle East. Nevertheless, satisfaction was evident over the emphasis placed by the United States, Britain and France on the responsibility of the USSR for Arab-Israel tension.

CAIRO RADIO ATTACKS NEW FRENCH PREMIER; CALLS HIM "ZIONIST AGENT"

LONDON, June 13. (JTA) -- French Premier-designate Maurice Bourges-Manoury was attacked today by the "Voice of the Arabs" broadcasting from Cairo as "one of the Zionist agents who hate Arabs immensely and who advocate a policy of continued aggression against the Arabs." The broadcast said he was the French Minister of Defense during the Suez and Sinai affairs last fall.

The Arab League central office today blacklisted the 10,172 ton U.S. oil tanker "Memory" which flies the Liberian flag, a report from Damascus said. A spokesman charged that the vessel defied Arab boycott regulations by "carrying strategic cargoes to Israel."

JERUSALEM RESIDENT CHARGED WITH COLLECTING MILITARY DATA FOR SYRIA

JERUSALEM, June 13. (JTA) -- A 23-year-old Jerusalem resident went on trial in District Court here today on charges of contacting the Syrian authorities for purposes of espionage and collection of military information. The accused, known as Oliver McClean, was formerly Yitzchak Weiss.

The police are said to have found incriminating evidence against McClean at the correspondence school for English studies here which he directs. A lecturer from the Haifa Technion testified today that he met the accused in a cafe in Istanbul last year and that McClean left behind a packet of papers which indicated that he had been in contact with the Syrian consul in that city. The Israeli lecturer rushed to the Israeli consul with the papers.

An investigation by the consul resulted in McClean's arrest. The papers, read in court, included a letter to the intelligence department of the Syrian War Ministry in which McClean referred to information he had already furnished the Syrians and offered to do further espionage work.

BRITAIN PLEDGES SUPPORT FOR MEASURES TO AID VICTIMS OF ANTI-SEMITISM

LONDON, June 13. (JTA) -- The British Government pledged today its sympathetic consideration of any measures proposed by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees aimed at assisting stateless persons and other refugees including victims of anti-Semitic persecution and discrimination.

Responding to a plea from the Standing Conference on Economic and Social Work of the United Nations, whose member organizations include the Anglo-Jewish Association, Board of Deputies of British Jews and Agudas Israel, the Foreign Office agreed that stateless persons fell within the jurisdiction of the High Commissioner, and that it is for the High Commissioner to put forth proposals to assist these refugees overcome their present difficulties.

The Standing Conference had appealed to the Foreign Office to support the High Commissioner in efforts to give legal and diplomatic protection to stateless or otherwise unprotected refugees and to secure property forcibly abandoned and compensation for losses inflicted on them.

INTERNATIONAL PARLEY GETS DRAFT OF PACT TO OUTLAW JOB DISCRIMINATION

GENEVA, June 13. (JTA) -- Maurice Orbach, British MP and representative of the British trade union movement to the current International Labor Organization meeting here, proposed today a draft of a stiff anti-discrimination convention. Mr. Orbach, a member of the executive of the British section of the World Jewish Congress, suggested that the convention:

Outlaw discrimination in the field of employment; apply equally to government, employers and employment agencies; give people who suffer from discrimination the right to legal redress; and, where such legal action is barred to workers in their own countries it shall be made available through right of petition to a special international body set up by the ILO.

The ILO session accorded the World Jewish Congress a special position today by inviting it to serve in the capacity of technical expert to assist the committee on discrimination. The invitation was extended in view of the WJC contributions on the preparation of ILO reports and documentation on discrimination in employment. The Congress drew on the experience of its affiliates in nearly 20 countries.

JEWISH LEADERS IN TURKEY URGE JEWS TO SPEAK TURKISH IN PUBLIC PLACES

ISTANBUL, June 13. (JTA) -- Acting under pressure of recent criticism in official quarters of minority groups, Istanbul Jewish communal leaders have embarked on a campaign designed to make Jews speak in Turkish in public places.

The campaign, carried on in synagogue and Jewish press, urges Jews not to "shout" in French or Ladino, the language spoken by Sephardic Jews, in buses, restaurants, hotels, night clubs or at the beach.

Although recent remarks in public by important Turkish leaders about the use of foreign languages by minority groups were aimed chiefly at the Greek minorities the Turkish people have generalized these remarks to include all minorities. In a recent debate in Parliament it was suggested that all minority group members be forced to speak Turkish in public.

The Jewish community was the first to react to the "speak Turkish" campaign and a special commission was organized to implement it within the community. Most Turkish Jews over 30 years of age still speak Ladino or French as their major language.

VANDALS DESECRATE JEWISH CEMETERY IN AUSTRIAN CITY

VIENNA, June 13. (JTA) -- Twelve tombstones have been overturned by vandals in the Jewish cemetery at Graz, it was reported here today.

PUBLISHERS HONOR J. T. A. ON 40TH ANNIVERSARY; EISENHOWER LAUDS J. T. A.

NEW YORK, June 13, (JTA) -- The Jewish Telegraphic Agency, only world-wide Jewish news agency, was honored tonight at a dinner session of the 15th annual convention of the American Association of English-Jewish Newspapers. The dinner, held at the Olcott Hotel here, was dedicated to the 40th anniversary of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The Association represents 28 English-Jewish weeklies in 22 states.

President Eisenhower, in a message sent from the White House to the dinner, congratulated the JTA stating that the agency has served the English-Jewish press forty years "with distinction." The message, addressed to Abraham Slabot, president of the Association, reads:

"I understand that the American Association of English-Jewish Newspapers is honoring the fortieth anniversary of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency at a dinner tonight, and I would like to add my own personal congratulations. For forty years the agency has served your papers with distinction. May I also extend my best wishes to the members of the American Association of English-Jewish Newspapers who are attending the dinner."

Principal speakers at the dinner included Semach Hyman, Israel Consul General in New York; Rabbi Herbert A. Friedman, executive vice-president of the United Jewish Appeal; Louis P. Rocker, president of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency; William J. Miller, an editor of Life magazine, and others. Philip Slomovitz, editor and publisher of the Jewish News of Detroit, presided.

Mr. Hyman who was introduced as a man "who knows what a galley proof looks like," and as one who had earned distinction in the field of journalism before becoming a successful advocate of his country's cause as a diplomat, recalled his newspaper days in Jerusalem. He stressed the importance of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency as a bridge between the people of Israel and the Jews of the Diaspora and urged the publishers to do their utmost to ensure that their newspaper readers obtain an understanding of Israel.

Rabbi Friedman paid tribute to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency for its 40 years of service to the Jewish people. He stressed the importance of having factual information quickly available and noted that Jewish leaders here and abroad look to the JTA for objective, accurate and speedy information. The UJA leader, who described the JTA system as a unifying force in the community, stressed the role of the press in the challenge facing the Jewish people today. He described the UJA's National Rescue Conference last week-end and called on the assembled publishers to give the UJA their maximum cooperation.

Rocker Outlines Services of J. T. A. to World Jewry

Mr. Rocker, speaking of the service being rendered by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency to world Jewry, said that the JTA can best be described as "a two-way bridge between Jews outside of Israel and Jews living in Israel." He pointed out that ever since the Balfour Declaration, declaring British support for the establishment of a Jewish National Home in Palestine, "the Holy Land has been a major focus of JTA coverage. It quickly became the single major source of world Jewish news for the Jews of Palestine, just as it has been the major single source of news from Israel to Jews throughout the world," he emphasized.

Discussing the need and role of such a specialized news agency, Mr. Rocker said that "much of what concerns us as Jews is not necessarily of sufficient general interest to merit coverage by the general press systems. If the various member communities of the great worldwide Jewish family are to be kept informed about developments vital to them as Jews, then it must be done as a Jewish enterprise," he asserted. He recounted the achievements of the JTA in covering the struggle at Versailles over minority rights in postwar Europe in 1919, the rise and fall of Hitler, the coverage of the liberation of the Nazi death camps and other major Jewish news events.

Mr. Slomovitz emphasized that the Jewish newspaperman of today is the chronicler of contemporary Jewish history. "It is an act of historic justice," he said, "that the convention banquet should be devoted to the JTA, in recognition of the great contribution it has made towards keeping alive Jewish kinship. Without JTA--he pointed out--there might have been no links between us and the rest of world Jewry, between us and those who survived the destructive fires in the inhuman decade of Nazism, between us and our kinsmen in Europe and Asia and Africa--and, of course, Israel.

"Without JTA there might not have been that deep understanding of the events that led to the rebirth of Israel. JTA kept Jewry informed. JTA continues to keep Jewry informed. It is the force that forges an indestructible chain that makes for wholesome Jewish existence. It is a process that first was made possible by the vision of Jacob Landau, JTA's founder, and that now is given constructive continuity by the editorial skill of Boris Smolar and his associates and the good management of Victor Bienstock."

Mr. Miller, in his address at the dinner, proposed that the publishers of the English-Jewish press undertake a readership survey to determine what kind of Jewish news the readers of their newspapers want. Former Senator Herbert H. Lehman, in a message read at the dinner, paid tribute to the work of the JTA "with which I became associated almost on its creation" and extended his greetings to "the members of your association with whom I have worked in different causes over the years."

A. J. C. FILES SUIT AGAINST TRAVEL AGENCY CAMOUFLAGING DISCRIMINATION

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Committee has filed suit against a New York City travel agency for using the "exclusive club" device to bar Jewish patronage from a Florida hotel, it was announced today.

The suit has been filed with the New York State Commission Against Discrimination against the Robert F. Wagner Agency, New York City representative for the Lido-Biltmore Hotel, Sarasota, Florida. According to the complaint, the Lido-Biltmore was operated as a hotel and accommodated members of the Jewish faith until the Fall of 1956. At that time it came under new ownership and was declared a private club.

The suit charged, however, that public patronage was solicited by the Warner Agency through the use of advertising which stated in part: "Once a famous hotel, now a smart club." A co-complainant with the Committee, and others who had previously stayed at the Lido-Biltmore, were refused accommodations on the ground that the Lido-Biltmore was a private club reserved exclusively for its members. The Committee pointed out that reservations continued to be solicited from the general public and accepted from persons who apparently are not of the Jewish faith.

N. Y. COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION BANS "PUBLIC SCHOOL TEN COMMANDMENTS"

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress and the New York Board of Rabbis today hailed the action of James E. Allen, Jr., New York State Commissioner of Education, in ordering a ban on the posting of the so-called "public school Ten Commandments" in the public schools of the New Hyde Park school district.

Commissioner Allen ordered the ban after hearing an appeal from parents of school-children attending the public schools in the district and arguments presented by Leo Pfeffer, an attorney for the American Jewish Congress and the New York Board of Rabbis.

In a statement issued by Rabbi Edward E. Klein, in behalf of the two organizations, Commissioner Allen was praised for performing a service "on behalf of private religious beliefs as well as in defense of our public schools." The decision, Rabbi Klein asserted, "helped secure our public schools as the one place in which our children may freely join together without fear of divisiveness because of religious differences."

"Religious instruction," Rabbi Klein continued, "is the obligation of the family and the synagogue or church. Only there may the lessons of the Ten Commandments as well as other religious precepts be communicated adequately, without danger of inter-group misunderstanding, state interference, or dissipation of their full religious significance."

AMERICAN JEWISH LEAGUE FOR ISRAEL ESTABLISHES FOUNDERS FUND

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- Philip W. Lown, New England communal leader, has accepted the chairmanship of the Founders Fund Committee of the American Jewish League for Israel, it was announced today by Ezra Z. Shapiro, the League's president. Serving with Mr. Lown, as associate chairmen will be Joseph M. Mazer, of New York, and Samuel H. Daroff, of Philadelphia, co-treasurers of the League.

The Founders Fund was established by the executive committee of the League. The purpose of the Fund is to enable the newly founded organization to proceed with implementation of its program, pending the development of its membership structure. A committee of 25 business, industrial and professional leaders, drawn from all parts of the country, will assist Mr. Lown in building up the Founders Fund, the announcement said.

RABBI ADAMS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- Rabbi Theodore L. Adams of New York was elected president of the Synagogue Council of America last night at a plenary meeting of the Council, the central organization representing rabbinic and congregational associations of Conservative, Reform and Orthodox Jewry. Rabbi Adams, a past president of the Rabbinical Council of America, succeeds Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman of Hartford, Conn.

President Eisenhower sent a message to the Council in which he paid tribute to Rabbi Feldman "for bringing strength to the nation and hope to the free world" during his leadership of the organization.

ISRAEL NAMES COL. YARIV MILITARY ATTACHE AT WASHINGTON EMBASSY

TEL AVIV, June 13. (JTA) -- Col. Aharon Yariv, veteran of World War II and of Israel's War of Liberation, was named today Israel military attache in the United States, succeeding Col. Katriel Salmon. Col. Yariv served with the Jewish Brigade in World War II. At one time, he headed Israel's Command and Staff College.

MRS. HARRY CAHANE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR ISRAEL

NEW YORK, June 13. (JTA) -- Mrs. Harry Cahane was elected president of the Women's League for Israel yesterday at the closing session of the organization's annual conference. She succeeded Mrs. William Prince, who was named honorary chairman.