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ISRAEL REPORTED SEEKING INVITATION FOR BEN GURION FROM EISENHOWER

LONDON, June 16. (JTA) -- The Israel Government is attempting to secure an invitation from Washington for a visit by Premier David Ben Gurion to the White House, the Sunday Observer reported today in a copyrighted story from Tel Aviv.

"The current realignment among the Middle East countries is not developing as had been anticipated in Tel Aviv," the Sunday Observer said. The Israelis believe that the policy of "cautious silence" has produced no similarly moderate attitude on the part of the Arab states, the newspaper declared, and Israeli officials "think this makes the need for Ben Gurion's Washington talks more pressing than ever."

EBAN DISCUSSES WITH DULLES KING SAUD'S ALLEGATIONS ON AKABA GULF

WASHINGTON, June 16. (JTA) -- Agitation by Saudi Arabian King Saud on the Akaba Gulf issue was discussed this week-end by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban when he met with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Israeli diplomatic sources revealed today.

Mr. Eban raised the question of King Saud's policies in the gulf and Saudi allegations against Israel in connection with the waterway. Implications of the recent Saudi propaganda were discussed. The Secretary and the Ambassador also held a general review of current matters including economic questions.

Meanwhile, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey this weekend aired his impatience over the lack of State Department progress on the matter of Saudi Arabian discrimination against American Jewish military personnel.

The Senator from Minnesota questioned Assistant Secretary of State Robert C. Hill's assurance that the State Department is trying to reach a satisfactory understanding with Saudi Arabia on the policy of nondiscriminatory treatment. Sen. Humphrey wondered how seriously the State Department has pressed the matter, and whether it had sent King Saud the text of a Senate resolution, adopted last summer, which denounced discrimination against United States citizens imposed by foreign governments.

Sen. Humphrey told the Senate that "this issue is not going to be allowed to be put to sleep merely upon the receipt of annual reassurances from the State Department that all that can be done is being done. In terms of results, nothing has been done so far," he declared.

Claim That Akaba Gulf is "Purely Arab" Called False by Israel

JERUSALEM, June 16. (JTA) -- Arab warnings to Mecca-bound Moslem pilgrims against use of the Gulf of Akaba route were dismissed this week-end by Israeli officials as unreal and as a pretext to keep Syrians from entering Jordan territory en route to the Holy City.

Israeli officials also pointed out that Jordan wants to discourage its nationals from making the pilgrimage because they might be influenced by Egyptian agents in Mecca. The Israelis note that only two percent of Moslems use the Gulf route.

The Saudi Arabian-Jordan declaration that the Akaba Gulf is a "purely Arab" body of water was described by Israeli officials as "fictitious," a term they also used to denote the Arab military pact which they said King Saud of Saudi Arabia was trying to keep alive in his efforts to become the recognized leader of all Arab countries.

ISRAELI ENGINEER KILLED BY SYRIANS; SETTLER WOUNDED NEAR FRONTIER

TEL AVIV, June 16. (JTA) -- An Israeli water engineer was murdered today by Syrians who opened fire on him while he was working on Israeli soil. The incident occurred south of Mishmar Hayarden. The engineer was working near the Jordan River at a point south of where he emerges from Lake Huleh. He was shot at from Syrian troop positions and hit.

Earlier today, a settler at Kibbutz Gadott, on the southern edge of Lake Huleh, was wounded when the tractor he was driving hit a landmine placed in the field. The settlement is located near the Syrian border.

BRITAIN TERMS SOVIET POLICY IN MIDDLE EAST "HARMFUL"; SENDS NOTE

LONDON, June 16. (JTA) -- Soviet policy in the Middle East was termed "harmful" by the British Government in a note sent by Prime Minister Harold Macmillan to Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin. The text of the reply was made public here today.

Mr. Macmillan expressed the hope that the USSR would pursue a Middle East policy "which would serve the interests of world peace as a whole." This, the British note said, is Britain's idea of the "most effective contribution" Moscow could make toward relaxing tension in the area.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO GIVE LOANS TO ISRAELIS INCAPACITATED BY NAZIS

JERUSALEM, June 16. (JTA) -- West Germany will make available loans for rehabilitation of Israeli nationals whose ability to work or earning power was damaged as a result of Nazi mistreatment in Germany, Israel Finance Minister Levi Eshkol announced today.

According to an agreement completed by Israel and Bonn, loans up to the equivalent of \$7,000 will be made available on long terms and low interest rates for Israeli victims to set themselves up in business or retain themselves. Israel is the first country outside Germany for whose residents Bonn has agreed to provide such loans.

ADENAUER PLEDGES COMPENSATION TO AUSTRIANS WHO WERE SLAVE LABORERS

VIENNA, June 16. (JTA) -- Austrian nationals who as concentration camp inmates worked as slave laborers in German private industry or state-controlled armaments plants will benefit from German restitution legislation, West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency this week-end.

Dr. Adenauer, who is currently visiting Austria, said that Austrian nationals will be eligible for such indemnification payments after the signing of the projected Bonn-Austrian agreement. Dr. Adenauer said that Germany feels a "moral obligation" to former concentration camp prisoners.

ISRAELIS ACCEPT GERMAN SONGS AT CONCERT; WILL HEAR GERMAN LECTURER

JERUSALEM, June 16. (JTA) -- For the first time since the establishment of Israel, German songs were accepted by Israelis at a concert tonight given by Jennie Tourel, star singer of the Metropolitan Opera in New York. She sang four numbers during a concert presented by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. She was not interrupted by the audience. A previous attempt to present songs by Schubert some time ago drew boos and catcalls from the audience.

The first public lecture by a German speaker in Israel will take place here this week when H. Kuerstermeyer, correspondent for a German news agency, participates in a symposium on Israel's foreign relations.

DR. SATANOVSKY, SCHOLAR AND JEWISH LEADER, ASSASSINATED IN BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, June 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Marcos Satanovsky, eminent scholar active in Jewish affairs, was assassinated here this week-end by a group of three assassins who succeeded in escaping. He was buried today at the Jewish cemetery here while police were still hunting the killers.

Dr. Satanovsky, who was a professor of law at the University here, was 64 years old and the author of a number of books. According to the police account, he was visited in his office by the three unknown murderers on the pretext of getting autographs on one of his books. Members of Dr. Satanovsky's staff suddenly heard on the intercom system a cry of terror and the sound of two shots. The three men then ran out of the study, waving pistols at the staff, and escaped. One staff member was fired at but not hit.

At the funeral services, which were attended by a large number of university professors and leaders of all Jewish organizations, Dr. Satanovsky was eulogized for his contributions to Buenos Aires University and to various causes in Israel. The speakers included representatives of the university as well as Israel Ambassador Dr. A. Kubovy and Dr. Abraham Mibashan, president of the Jewish community here. Dr. Satanovsky was founder and first president of the Sociedad Argentina, honorary president of the United Israel Campaign, and a leader in the Israel Bond drive and the Friends of the Weizmann Institute of Science.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE DELEGATION ARRIVES IN ISRAEL FOR STUDY

TEL AVIV, June 16. (JTA) -- A nine-man delegation from the American Jewish Committee, headed by Irving M. Engel, president, arrived here early this morning for a ten-day stay at the invitation of the Israel Government. The group will study at first-hand Israeli problems such as immigrant absorption and housing.

The delegation will meet with Premier David Ben Gurion and will tour the country. It will study not only the economic aspects of life in Israel but also its social problems. A report issued recently by the AJC in the United States on the treatment of the non-Jewish minorities in Israel was well received in this country.

J. D. C. AIDED 179,000 PERSONS LAST YEAR; SPENT \$30,000,000 ON RELIEF

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA) -- More than 179,000 men, women and children throughout the world were aided by the Joint Distribution Committee during 1956, it was revealed in the JDC annual report published here today. This included thousands of refugees from Hungary and from Egypt. The report predicts that "in 1957 some 125,000 Jewish refugees will be moving to countries of temporary asylum and to new homes."

Moses A. Leavitt, JDC executive vice chairman, in a section of the annual report entitled "Not Peace and Not War," declares that in 1956 JDC appropriated \$30,366,849 for its operations. Of the 179,000 who were aided by JDC, he notes, more than 103,000 were in Moslem countries. For 1957 JDC has adopted a budget of \$26,550,000 to aid more than 210,000 needy Jews overseas. The financial mainstay of JDC's overseas resettlement and reconstruction programs, the report notes, continues to be funds provided through the nationwide campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal.

Turning to current operations, Mr. Leavitt indicates that the JDC is currently maintaining major operations in Israel; in Algeria and Morocco, as well as other parts of North Africa; and in France, Austria and other countries of Western Europe. Among the year's major developments the JDC executive vice chairman cites:

1. Continued aid for thousands of men and women, particularly the aged, by Malben the JDC welfare program on behalf of aged, ill and handicapped newcomers to Israel.
2. Continued support for the revival of Jewish communities in Europe, largely with funds provided by the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.
3. The establishment of two new JDC loan institutions--one in Duesseldorf, Germany, and the other in Sao Paulo, Brazil. During the year 31 JDC-sponsored loan institutions in 16 countries granted 5,600 loans amounting to more than \$2,150,000.
4. The distribution by JDC of 4,779,675 pounds of U.S. Department of Agriculture surplus food worth \$915,000.
5. The emigration to Israel of 54,384 men, women and children, including 45,853 from Moslem countries.
6. Increased aid to children and young people through the opening of kindergartens, schools, mother-and-child health centers and other institutions.
7. The continuance of specialized assistance in various fields, including Passover relief--332,898 pounds of matzoth, matzoh meal and other Passover food--to Jews in eleven countries.
8. Continued cooperation and assistance to other Jewish organizations, including a grant of \$1,450,000 to ORT and nearly \$1,000,000 for the migration work of the United Hias Service.

Noting that "Israel alone accounted for some \$13,000,000, or more than 43 percent" of JDC's expenditure in 1956, Mr. Leavitt reports that "during the year some 35,000 men, women and children received JDC aid in Israel in one form or another, most of them in one of the more than 100 Malben old-age homes, hospitals, sanitariums, clinics, sheltered workshops and other installations, or through Malben rehabilitation loans. A major achievement was the conversion of the N'vei Avot reception center for newcomers into a modern village for the aged.

J. I. C. Help Will be "Badly Needed" This Year, Warburg Says

Mr. Leavitt reports that by the end of December, JDC was caring for nearly 11,000 Hungarian refugees in Austria. In addition to the assistance provided for these "new" refugees, JDC subsidized programs in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Yugoslavia, Switzerland, Portugal, Spain, Norway and Greece.

Turning to the situation in Moslem countries, particularly North Africa, Mr. Leavitt summarizes the increasing difficulties which Jews in these areas are facing as a result of the rise of Arab nationalism. He indicates that in Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria the situation is constantly changing, with JDC providing such assistance as is required.

The help of the welfare agency is currently reaching some 54,000 men, women and children in Morocco alone. Beneficiaries in other areas include 22,500 in Tunisia, 3,100 in Tangier, 3,000 in the northern zone of Morocco and 1,300 in Algeria. In Iran, the only Moslem country outside of North Africa in which the JDC maintains a program, a total of 17,030 receive JDC aid.

Edward M. M. Warburg, chairman of the JDC and formerly president and now honorary chairman of the UJA, declares in the report that "you and I--and the world--were uplifted by the fight of the underdog against oppression" in the closing months of 1956. "We were inspired, and I think that some of that inspiration will remain with us forever."

Noting that "it is too early" to know precisely the nature of JDC's responsibilities for the year ahead, Mr. Warburg declares: "That JDC's help is badly needed, that it is really effective, there can be no doubt. The nature of JDC's aims will not change, although its responsibilities may. We will continue to extend the warm hand of affection and help to our fellow Jews in whatever part of the world they may be and whatever the nature of their trouble."

JEWISH CONGRESS ADVOCATES INTER-RELIGIOUS ADOPTION OF CHILDREN

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA) -- The American Jewish Congress and the New York Board of Rabbis yesterday proposed an amendment to the New York State Constitution that would, in effect, permit inter-religious adoptions when the child's parents consent and when the welfare of the child is at stake.

This amendment was advanced by Leo Pfeffer, an attorney representing both agencies, at the hearings of the Temporary State Commission on the Constitutional Convention. In a brief submitted at the invitation of the Commission, Mr. Pfeffer urged the amendment of Article VI, Section 18, of the present New York Constitution which provides: "Whenever a child is committed to an institution or is placed in the custody of any person by parole, placing out, adoption, or guardianship, it shall be so committed or placed, when practicable, to an institution governed by persons on the custody of a person, of the same religious persuasion as the child."

Mr. Pfeffer argued that when a secular court refuses to allow an adoption, guardianship or grant of custody, consented to by the parents and not inconsistent with the welfare of the child, solely because of religious diversity, it is allowing itself to be used "as an engine for the purposes of a religious group to retain sovereignty over its subjects."

"There can, of course, be no question of the right of a church to exercise spiritual influence over parents to induce them not to consent to the grant of custody, guardianship or adoption to persons or institutions affiliated with a different church. Nor can there be any question of the right of the church," he continued, "to employ ecclesiastical sanctions to that end. Where, however, the measure proves unavailing, the state may not constitutionally impose the 'religious protection' provision as a bar. If it does, it acts as an agency of religion in violation of the constitutional guarantee of the separation of church and state."

JEWISH PUBLISHERS CHARGE COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM WITH HARMING U.S. JEWRY

NEW YORK, June 16. (JTA) -- The American Association of English-Jewish Newspapers today concluded its annual convention here with the adoption of a resolution charging the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism with hurting relations between American non-Jews and Jews.

The publishers, representing 28 weeklies in 22 states, said in the resolution it was their "considered opinion" that the ACJ "cannot be accepted as one of the ethically functioning organizations whose efforts are expended constructively for the benefit of society." The resolution said that the aims and actions of the anti-Zionist group "have proved detrimental to Jewish life. Its leadership speaks in terms of blind hatred. Its membership, limited in numbers, is for the most part ignorant of the issues which a few pitifully confused men create."

Denying claims of the American Council for Judaism to pose "as a representative of and spokesman by mandate for Americans of the Jewish faith," the publishers said the group's "sloganized references to religion, to education, to philanthropy present it as an entity in Jewish life to the millions of Americans who appreciate these qualities in their neighbors." These non-Jewish Americans, the publishers said, inevitably give some credence to the organization's "constantly repeated implication" that Jews who support the cause of Israel "cannot be loyal Americans."

The American Council for Judaism deliberately "besmirches the good name and impugns the patriotic character of American Jews" and "undermines the fine community spirit, the happy relationship, the treasured brotherhood," which unites American Jews and non-Jews "in their common search for security and happiness," the resolution said. "It is the hope of the English-Jewish publishers that the membership of the American Council for Judaism will repudiate the program initiated and pursued by its leadership," the publishers declared.

Abraham Slabot, editor and publisher of the Jewish Ledger of New Orleans, was elected to a second term as president of the publishers Association. J.L. Fishbein, publisher of the Sentinel of Chicago; Morris Janoff, publisher of the Jewish Standard of Jersey City; and Arthur Weyne, publisher of the Jewish Record of Atlantic City, N. J., were re-elected vice-presidents. James Wisch, publisher of the Texas Jewish Post of Fort Worth, was named again to the post of secretary. Adolph Rosenberg, publisher of the Southern Israelite of Atlanta was chosen again as treasurer.

The publishers again elected to the executive committee the following: Leo H. Frisch, publisher of the American Jewish World of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn.; Albert W. Golomb, publisher of the American Jewish Outlook of Pittsburgh; Elias R. Jacobs, publisher of the Buffalo Jewish Review of Buffalo, N. Y.; Myer Keleman of the B'nai B'rith Messenger of Los Angeles; Jules D. Miller, publisher of the Jewish Exponent of Philadelphia; and Joseph Weisberg, publisher of the Jewish Advocate of Boston. Philip Slomovitz, publisher of the Jewish News of Detroit; Fred K. Shocket, publisher of the Jewish Floridian of Miami, and Jacques Back, publisher of the Observer of Nashville, Tenn., were named again ex-officio members of the executive committee.