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MOSCOW REJECTS ISRAELI PROTESTS AGAINST PRESS, RADIO INCITEMENT

JERUSALEM, July 28, (JTA) -- News was received here today that the USSR has brushed aside an Israeli protest against Soviet press and radio incitement against Israel, even as Israeli official circles were speculating that the tone of the latest Soviet radio attacks on Israel forecast a new change in line.

An official protest last week by Avi Slushch, Israeli Charge d'Affaires in Moscow, to the head of Moscow's Israel Desk, was ticked off with the remark that "we have to rely on Syrian information" about recent clashes on the Israel-Syrian border "since Syria is a friendly nation." The Soviet official told Mr. Shlushch that he was glad to have Israel's version, though he depended on Syria for authoritative information.

Meanwhile, boasts on the Soviet radio and press -- echoed by Radio Cairo -- that Moscow had averted an attack on Syria allegedly planned by "Israeli-imperialist" forces by its strong warnings, were being carefully studied here. Until recently, it was noted, the Soviet radio had echoed and embellished Arab charges that Israel was planning aggression against Syria and that French troops were concentrating in Israel in support of such a push. Moscow's new concentration on what it called averting attacks was seen as a favorable sign.

EBAN TO EXPLORE ISRAEL SECURITY NEEDS IN DULLES CONVERSATIONS

JERUSALEM, July 28, (JTA) -- Before he returns to Israel in two weeks for month-long consultations with top members of the Israel Government, Ambassador Abba Eban will raise with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles Israel's security needs in the light of the continuing stream of armaments reaching the Arab state, from both the East and the West, it is anticipated here.

(A report from London today said that while he is in that city beginning tomorrow to discuss disarmament problems with the Western Powers, Secretary Dulles will also confer with them on the Middle East.)

Specifically, Ambassador Eban is expected to tell Secretary Dulles that the flood of Soviet jets, armor and artillery to Egypt has heightened tension and danger in the Middle East. He is likely to underline the dangerous distortion of the Middle East arms balance resulting from Soviet arms shipments and American supplies of arms to Iraq and Jordan.

The Ambassador is expected to underline the significance of United States shipments to Jordan because in the past, when Israel asked for American weapons to balance shipments to Iraq and Saudi Arabia the American reply was that the shipments were not going to states on Israel's borders and that the U.S. would not send weapons to either side of the Israel border. Now that Washington has supplied Jordan with munitions, Israel must raise the question of the American attitude toward Israel's defense needs, it was pointed out here.

ISRAEL TURNS DOWN NEW U. N. REQUEST FOR POSTS ON SYRIAN BORDER

JERUSALEM, July 28, (JTA) -- Israel has rejected renewed United Nations pressure for the establishment of UN observer posts in the demilitarized zone along the Syrian border, informed Israeli circles revealed tonight.

These same circles contrasted the UN's unwillingness to consider Israel's complaint against Syria under Article I of the armistice agreement which forbids threats of aggression as well as hostile acts.

However, UN headquarters here did promise to take steps to evict Syrian squatters on Israel soil northeast of Lake Huleh. The Syrian farmers and their families were supported by Syrian troops in their incursion into Israel.

Meanwhile, Col. Byron V. Leary, Acting Chief of Staff of the UN truce set-up, issued a formal denial of Syrian and Soviet claims that he had found French troops concentrating on Israel's side of the Syrian border.

A series of incidents along Israel's borders with Syria, Jordan and Egypt left one Arab infiltrator dead in an encounter with a border patrol and an Israeli Arab villager wounded by Jordanian marauders.

ISRAEL REPORTED IN APPROACH TO NETHERLANDS ON SHELL OIL DECISION

TEL AVIV, July 28, (JTA) -- A new Israeli diplomatic move to prevent two British companies from ending their oil operations in this country was reported here today on the heels of a Foreign Ministry statement warning of a deterioration of Anglo-Israel trade if the oil companies pull out of Israel. The reported demarche, to the Netherlands Government, was based on the fact that nearly half of Shell Petroleum is Dutch-owned.

Moshe Leshem, Foreign Ministry spokesman, told a press conference that "it is hard to believe that Shell took this step without consultations with the British Government." Foreign Ministry sources have charged the British Government with lending encouragement to the Arabs' economic war against Israel by not opposing the Shell Company's move. Mr. Leshem stressed that talks were still going on with the British with the object of either reversing Shell's decision or working out an acceptable method of liquidation.

British MP's, Press Hit Oil Companies' Action

LONDON, July 28, (JTA) -- Three of Britain's most distinguished parliamentarians expressed strong opposition this weekend to the decision by the Shell and British Petroleum companies to liquidate their business in Israel. In a joint letter to The Times of London, they said that the decision would be viewed as a victory for the Arab economic war against Israel and warned that the British Government cannot possibly divest itself of responsibility for the political implications of this move or for its consequences.

The three who signed the letter to The Times were Herbert Morrison, Foreign Secretary in the last Labor Government, Walter Elliot, one of the most respected Conservative backbenchers, and Clement Davies, former Minister of Health and former leader of the Liberal Party.

Their letter noted that the oil companies' decision, if taken with the acquiescence of the British Government, was "most disquieting to all those who hoped for a gradual decrease in tension in the Middle East."

Commenting editorially on the oil companies' move which it called "profoundly disquieting," The Times said that while the oil companies claim that their operations in Israel were uneconomical, their withdrawal will be widely interpreted as a concession to the Arab Boycott Committee. "The British Government apparently wishes to treat the transaction as purely commercial," the editorial stated, "but they can hardly divest themselves of all responsibility... They ought not interfere to the point of compelling private companies to make purely commercial sacrifices but they ought to resist clearly recognizable political pressures."

Both the oil companies and the British Government were similarly criticized in editorials in the Manchester Guardian and a number of other British dailies and weeklies.

ITALIAN SHIP UNDER CHARTER TO ISRAEL PASSES THROUGH SUEZ CANAL

JERUSALEM, July 28, (JTA) -- The Italian freighter "Martha," under charter to the Zim Israel Navigation Company of Haifa, passed unmolested through the Suez Canal last week en route from the Mediterranean to Elath. The vessel is expected to arrive at Israel's Red Sea port sometime this week.

The "Martha" is the third foreign flag vessel chartered by Israel for service between Elath and East African ports. The other ships are of Norwegian and Panamanian registry, respectively.

SECOND WORLD CONGRESS OF JEWISH STUDIES OPENED IN ISRAEL BY BEN ZVI

JERUSALEM, July 28, (JTA) -- The Second World Congress of Jewish Studies opened here tonight with Israel President Itzhak Ben Zvi, a scholar in his own right, reading a paper on "Jewish Communities of the Near East." One hundred delegates from 22 countries, including many non-Jewish scholars, are in attendance.

Among the delegates to the parley are heads of universities, curators of museums, archaeologists, anthropologists, librarians and university professors. They come from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Bulgaria, United States, Australia, South Africa, Italy, Belgium, Denmark, Holland, Greece, Luxemburg, Spain, France, Switzerland, Finland, Canada, Britain, Portugal and Spanish Morocco, as well as Israel.

AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS AWARDS STEPHEN WISE PRIZE TO MRS. MEIR

JERUSALEM, July 28, (JTA) -- Mrs. Golda Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, was presented this weekend with the American Jewish Congress' Stephen S. Wise Award in recognition of "the dignity and moral courage with which she interpreted Israel's position before the United Nations and the conscience of the world." The presentation was made by Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, who is presently visiting Israel.

ROYAL DECREE ORDERS LIBYAN JEWS WITH RELATIVES IN ISRAEL TO REGISTER

LONDON, July 28, (JTA) -- The implementation of a royal decree under which all Libyan Jews with relatives in Israel have to register with the anti-Israel boycott office in that country has caused great anxiety in the Libyan Jewish community, according to reports reaching here today. The application of the new measures may threaten the status of the community there, the sources said.

The decree is also aimed against Jews who are custodians of property left by persons who have gone to Israel. The custodians have been ordered to register this property with the boycott office.

Since the great majority of Libyan Jews have relatives in Israel, the decree will affect nearly every Jewish family in the country. Efforts by the Jewish community to have the measure rescinded have failed. Libyan authorities are conducting an intense anti-Israel campaign and the population has been inflamed against the Jewish State.

Although there are only about 3,500 Jews left in Libya, religious life there is still very strong, but there has been a great decline in cultural activities since the emigration of over 30,000 Jews to Israel. The community is comparatively prosperous but anxious about its future, informants state.

KHRUSHCHEV ADMITS CURBS ON EMIGRATION OF SOVIET JEWS

NEW YORK, July 28, (JTA) -- Communist Party Chief Nikita S. Khrushchev admitted to a group of American tourists in Moscow this weekend that the Soviet Government curbs the emigration of Jews.

Mr. Khrushchev's remarks were reported by Mrs. Elmer McLain, of Lima, Ohio, one of a group of 24 Americans touring the U.S.S.R. under the leadership of Professor Jerome Davis, formerly of Yale University. The communist leader was asked if it were true that Jews were not allowed to emigrate from the Soviet Union. He replied:

"It is true to a certain extent. We issue passports only to those whose trip is useful. Recently we gave Jews passports for repatriation to Poland but we know they went straight on to Israel. We consider Israel is pursuing an aggressive policy."

CHILDREN IN JEWISH SCHOOLS IN POLAND TO BE TAUGHT YIDDISH, HEBREW

LONDON, July 28, (JTA) -- Children attending Jewish elementary schools in Poland will be taught Yiddish during the first four years and Hebrew from the fifth year onward, according to proposals accepted by the presidium of the Central Council of Jewish Cultural Associations in Warsaw.

According to a Yiddish-language broadcast from Warsaw monitored here, this proposal was made by a conference of Jewish teachers in Warsaw earlier this month and submitted to the central council.

GERMAN PUBLISHERS OF "DIARY" READY NEW BOOK ON ANNE FRANK

FRANKFURT, July 28, (JTA) -- The S. Fischer publishing house here, whose "The Diary of Anne Frank" in a pocketbook edition has sold an unprecedented 400,000 copies in less than a year, is preparing to publish a documentary account of Anne Frank's life and will provide European scholarships for Israeli students with the income derived from it.

German author and broadcasting station director Ernst Schnabel is compiling the volume of documentation that will be published next spring under the title "Anne Frank -- The Trail of a Child." It is to contain the few of her writings that have been saved, memoirs by those who knew her and official records dealing with her fate. All this will serve to round out the radiant picture of this Jewish girl which has formed in the minds of many German readers of her diary and of playgoers who have seen the dramatized version in the theatres of a dozen German cities.

The volume being readied by Herr Schnabel will also be adapted to radio programs, with the broadcasting stations and the S. Fischer publishing house forming a joint scholarship board to administer the entire proceeds for the benefit of students from Israel who wish to study at European universities.

COMMUNITY LEADERS LEAVE ON U. J. A. EUROPEAN, ISRAELI STUDY TOUR

NEW YORK, July 28, (JTA) -- Executives of "community campaigns affiliated with the United Jewish Appeal campaigns left here today for a three-week survey of refugee welfare, rescue and resettlement programs financed by the UJA in Europe and Israel. The eleven will stop in Paris and Vienna before going to Israel on August 4th. The mission will spend most of its time in Israel, where they will learn how immigrants are absorbed into the nation's economic, social and cultural life.

250,000 WHO FLED NAZIS FAIL TO ASK GERMANY FOR EMIGRATION COSTS

NEW YORK, July 28, (JTA) -- Some 250,000 refugees from Nazi Germany eligible for payments of up to \$1,200 each under a law passed last year by the West German Government have thus far failed to apply for the money due them, it was revealed today by two leaders in the field of refugee aid who offered the assistance of their agencies to the refugees, many of whom may not be aware that they are entitled to receive the payments. Moses A. Leavitt, executive vice chairman of the Joint Distribution Committee, and James P. Rice, executive director of United Hias Service, offered to help the refugees find the necessary documents to support their claims.

The two welfare leaders indicated that, under a law passed in 1956 by the German Federal Republic, reimbursement is to be made for travel and resettlement costs to all refugees who left Nazi Germany between 1933 and 1945. The West German Government has agreed to repay up to 5,000 deutschmarks (\$1,200) per person to applicants on presentation of proper documentary evidence. The funds are to reimburse the refugees for all costs of their emigration and resettlement regardless of whether they themselves paid the costs or whether refugee agencies provided some or all of the funds at that time. The expiration date for the filing of claims is next spring.

SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OPENS DRIVE TO EXPLAIN SHECHITAH TO U. S. PUBLIC

NEW YORK, July 28, (JTA) -- A nationwide coordinated education drive designed to combat misinformation about "Shechitah," the Jewish ritual method for the slaughter of food animals, was announced here this weekend by Rabbi Theodore L. Adams, president of the Synagogue Council of America. The education campaign is being launched to help clarify confusions about Shechitah arising in connection with current efforts to enact "humane slaughtering of livestock" legislation by Congress, Rabbi Adams said.

"Recent proposed legislation relating to humane slaughter of food animals have given a completely false impression of Jewish ritual slaughtering," the Synagogue Council president stated. He declared that bills introduced into the House and Senate in recent years have left the "inescapable implication that slaughtering in accordance with the practices and requirements of the Jewish religious faith are inhumane, but are permitted only because they are prescribed by religion." These implications, Rabbi Adams said, "are false and defamatory of the Jewish people and must be categorically rejected."

JEWISH GROUPS HIT EXEMPTION FROM NEW YORK ANTI-BIAS MEASURE

NEW YORK, July 28, (JTA) -- Officials of five major Jewish organizations urged members of the New York City Council this weekend to indicate their opposition to a proposed amendment that would exempt cooperative apartments from the Fair Housing Bill now before the Council. A statement signed by the officials pointed out that the amendment would "exclude the very form of housing in which discrimination against Jews is most widely practiced in this city."

The signatories of the statement were: J. Clarence Davies Jr., chairman of the housing committee of the American Jewish Committee, New York Chapter; Shad Polier, chairman of the commission on law and social action of the American Jewish Congress; Sydney A. Hellenbrand, chairman of the New York Advisory Board of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; Jacob Sheinman, chairman of the New York City Affairs Panel of the Jewish Labor Committee, and Hyman Braven, state commander of the Jewish War Veterans, Department of New York.

BIAS COMPLAINTS UP IN NEW YORK STATE FOR FIRST HALF OF YEAR

NEW YORK, July 28, (JTA) -- The New York State Commission Against Discrimination reported this weekend that it had received fifty per cent more complaints of bias in the first six months of this year than in the same period of 1956. Commission chairman Charles Abrams said the complainants charged that they were discriminated against in employment, housing or other places of public accommodation because of their race, religion or national origin.

Mr. Abrams said his agency received 502 complaints through June of this year compared to 332 complaints filed during the first six months of 1956. This year's total so far exceeds the number of complaints filed in the entire twelve months of any previous year in the Commission's twelve year history, with the exception of 1956.

Mr. Abrams attributed the rise in complaints to a greater awareness among minority groups of their rights under the law rather than to an increase in bigotry. He said that the discrimination complained of was found to exist in 14 per cent of the cases investigated this year which is considerably lower than the 27 per cent average over the last ten years.

REVISIONISTS MARK 17TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF JABOTINSKY

NEW YORK, July 28, (JTA) -- Zionists from all over the United States and Canada journeyed to the grave of Vladimir Jabotinsky today to mark the 17th anniversary of his death. The pilgrimage was sponsored by the United Zionists Revisionists of America in cooperation with the Nordau Circle and Brith Trumpeldor.