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U. S. INSURES AMERICAN INVESTMENTS IN ISRAEL AGAINST WAR DAMAGES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- An agreement extending United States Government insurance for American investments in Israel to include protection against war damages was signed here today by Israeli Foreign Minister Mrs. Golda Meir and William Baxter, United States Charge d'Affaires.

The new agreement is an expansion of a 1952 pact by which the U. S. Government insured American investments against nationalization, expropriation and freezing of dollar earnings. The insurance is provided through the International Cooperation Administration's foreign investment guarantee program.

AMERICAN MIDDLE EAST POLICY REVIEWED IN SENATE; CRITICISM VOICED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Sen. William F. Fulbright, Dem., Arkansas, chairman of the Joint Subcommittee reviewing American foreign policy in the Middle East, criticized the Eisenhower Administration in the Senate today for the collapse of the Aswam Dam negotiations with Egypt.

Sen. Fulbright asserted that Secretary of State Dulles' withdrawal of the Aswam Dam offer not only increased Soviet influence in Egypt but also has "rendered much more difficult" settlement of the conflict between the Arab states and Israel. Without such settlement, he continued, "no peaceful economic and political progress in the Middle East is possible." The Senator based his sharp attack on Mr. Dulles on an intensive study of the history of the Aswam Dam negotiations as provided by the State Department.

The State Department today termed a Damascus radio report alleging United States plots to overthrow the Syrian Government "a complete fabrication." The Syrian charges included a claim that the United States had indicated readiness to pay Syria more than \$300,000,000 in aid if Damascus replaced the government of President Shukri Kuwatly and made peace with Israel. A State Department spokesman said the Syrian ambassador in Washington would be called in today to be told "what we think about this."

ISRAEL TO COUNTERACT SOVIET INCITEMENT; WILL PUBLISH "WHITE BOOK"

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The Government of Israel apparently has decided to end a policy of silence on the subject of Soviet incitement against Israel, informed observers said today. They cited reports that the Government was planning publication of a "White Book" on Russia's Jewish and Middle East policies, as well as Premier Ben Gurion's charge that anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union had neither ceased nor weakened. The Premier made the statement in his address Sunday to the International Ideological Conference taking place at Hebrew University.

The speculation that the Israeli Government was preparing to speak out against Moscow coincided with observance in Israel of the fifth anniversary of the Soviet extermination of most of the leading Yiddish writers in the Soviet Union. Editorials in the press here asserted that as many as 50 of the Yiddish writers were murdered on August 12, 1952. The papers poked fun at a statement in a Communist paper quoting Soviet propagandist Ilyah Ehrenburg as saying he would like to visit Israel but was deterred by a fear he would be "murdered by Israeli warmongers."

FRENCH CANCEL PRESS CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM; SOUGHT FORMAL ALLIANCE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- A French parliamentary delegation, which came to Israel a week ago expressly to foster a formal Franco-Israeli alliance, cancelled without explanation today a press conference at which the delegates had been scheduled to summarize the results of the week-long tour.

The cancellation reportedly was decided upon after Premier David Ben Gurion yesterday told Jacques Soustelle, head of the 22-man delegation, that a de facto Franco-Israeli alliance already existed. Mr. Ben Gurion's comment, made after Mr. Soustelle reiterated the delegation's conviction that a formal pact was necessary, led to speculation that the Prime Minister did not necessarily favor formal alliances for the sake of alliances alone.

Although the French delegation cannot speak for the French government, its members have been consistently advocating an alliance during their current visit.

ISRAEL GOVERNMENT PLANS COORDINATED ACTION AGAINST ARAB BOYCOTT

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13, (JTA) -- The establishment of a central office to coordinate a counter-campaign against the Arab boycott is now being discussed in government circles here. The Israel government has been spurred into its first serious consideration of anti-boycott measures by the projected withdrawal of Shell Oil, which has broken a long period of official apathy toward the Arab blockade.

A coordinating and advisory committee has already been formed and will hold its first meeting shortly. Representing various government agencies and all major business groups, this committee will collect information on the boycott both directly and from all public and private groups concerned. The committee will also plan recommendations for anti-boycott measures.

Material already available showed that Britain had the worst record in bowing to Arab pressure while Switzerland and Germany had the best records. It is known that even Labor Party cooperatives in Britain assist the Arab campaign whereas Switzerland has laws that effectively combat discriminatory trade practices.

Political circles here propose to make the withdrawal of Shell Oil the first major issue of the newly organized anti-boycott campaign. These circles feel that this is a strong case which promises valuable moral and political results even if counter-boycott moves prove only partially successful.

However, it was reported that economic circles, including some government ministries, were not enthusiastic about the anti-boycott plans because of veiled hints from Shell Oil that if Israel gave up its fight against the company, Shell would consider ways of providing Israel with new, more convenient sources of crude oil.

SHARETT, GOLDMANN CRITICIZE BEN GURION FOR HIS VIEWS ON ZIONISM

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13, (JTA) -- The rejection of Zionism by Prime Minister David Ben Gurion is certain to create confusion and cause unnecessary pain among Zionists, Former Prime Minister Moshe Sharett told the International Ideological Conference at Hebrew University today.

Discarding the Zionist vision and "going to the people with the Bible," as Mr. Ben Gurion has proposed, would not save Israel from such internal dangers as the belief among Israel's youth that the establishment of the Jewish State was the ultimate goal, Mr. Sharett declared. He asserted that on the contrary, the Bible alone with a denial of other values might make the danger worse.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, world Zionist leader, also expressed doubts about Mr. Ben Gurion's "naïve conception," adding that "Bible-punching" was not a political program. "Although we are accustomed to paradoxical statements from the Prime Minister, he might have been a little more cautious this time," Dr. Goldmann said when he took part in the debate which followed the reading of papers by delegates from a number of countries.

"If Premier Ben Gurion, the super-Zionist and arch-critic of the Diaspora, dislikes many Zionists, why doesn't he tell them they are bad Zionists, instead of rejecting the entire movement?" Dr. Goldmann exclaimed.

Mrs. Golda Meir, Israeli Foreign Minister, said "Jewish youth sing-singing about the Negev in New York and Boston will not build up our wastelands." Declaring that Jews in the free world have no right to remain "long-distance friends" of Israel, she added: "We cannot become reconciled to the idea that only a small minority of world Jewry will live in Israel."

Dr. Mordecai Kaplan of New York, founder of the Jewish Reconstructionist movement, urged the conference to undertake the task of persuading the leaders of the Zionist movement to concentrate not only on Israel's security but also on the existence and unity of the Jewish people everywhere. He said that the Zionist leadership must be concerned with the rejuvenation of the Jewish spiritual heritage as the binding factor for all Jewish communities outside of Israel.

The achievements of Zionism to date represent only half of the goal, he said, and halting of Zionist endeavors at this point might both cancel out the accomplishments and endanger the existence of the Jewish people. He warned it would be a tragic mistake to assume that non-Israeli Jews would go to Israel on the basis of a decision there was no hope for the future of Judaism in their countries of residence. He said alarmist statements from Zionists to that effect would hinder rather than help prospects of immigration from the United States.

PROF. LOEWENSTEIN, RELEASED BY RUMANIA, ARRIVES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 13, (JTA) -- Prof. T. Loewenstein, who was sentenced to six years' imprisonment in Rumania for "Zionist activity" and recently released, arrived today in Israel. He is a well known historian who has done much research in Zionist history.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS DISCUSS BOYCOTTING SHELL OIL PRODUCTS IN U.S.

BOSTON, Aug. 13, (JTA) -- A proposal for a boycott of the Shell Oil Company, in retaliation for the British-owned parent firm's decision to halt sales operations in Israel, was under consideration today by the national executive committee of the Jewish War Veterans of America.

The JWV executive committee, meeting today prior to the opening tomorrow of the organization's 62nd annual national convention, was understood to be considering recommendation of such action for delegate approval. Officials said that the proposal was drafted in response to an "overwhelming demand" by delegates from all parts of the United States.

The executive committee named an emergency subcommittee on the problem and a delegation headed by Abraham Kraditor, a past JWV national commander of New York and chairman of the JWV foreign affairs committee, met yesterday with H. S. M. Burns, a representative of the president of Shell Oil Company, to discuss the issue. If the convention, which ends Sunday, approves the proposal, the boycott will include organizing of a national committee to urge all Americans not to buy products made or distributed by Shell Oil Company, including the surrender of all credit cards.

Some JWV delegates were reported as believing that a counter-boycott would make American and foreign firms aware that concessions made by them to the Arab boycott against Israel and against American Jewish-owned firms will be answered by counter-action in the future.

Z. O. A. DECIDES TO CALL WORLD PARLEY ON GENERAL ZIONIST CONFEDERATION

NEW YORK, Aug. 13 (JTA) -- A resolution authorizing Dr. Emanuel Neumann, president of the Zionist Organization of America, to call an extraordinary session of the World Conference of the Confederation of General Zionists, to determine the Confederation's future course, was adopted today at a meeting of the ZOA national executive. The resolution reads:

"In view of attempts to weaken or dissolve the Confederation, the National Executive Council reaffirms its loyal adherence to the Confederation as now constituted, deploras any attempt to weaken or dissolve it, and authorizes the President to join in a call for an extraordinary session of the World Conference of the Confederation, for the purpose of resolving all questions at issue, preserving and strengthening the Confederation and determining its future course--such Conference to be held no later than the Spring or Summer of 1958."

The appointment of Federal Circuit Court Judge Simon E. Sobeloff of Baltimore as national committee chairman for the forthcoming annual convention of the Zionist Organization of America, which will be held in New York, September 12-15, and will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Zionist movement, was announced by Dr. Neumann. In accepting the appointment, Judge Sobeloff said: "Zionist has been a most dynamic and creative force in Jewish life" and it is "still destined to play a role of great significance in the future."

Analyzing the stepping-up of Russian arms shipments to Arab countries, Dr. Neumann told the ZOA national executive that the East-West struggle for influence in the Middle East places Israel in a perilous position. "Until this struggle is resolved, Israel must be prepared for a renewed test of strength and endurance at any time, he said. "It is to be hoped that our government now realizes that the measure of Arab-Soviet hostility to Israel is in direct proportion to Israel's importance from the standpoint of our national interest and security," he declared.

ISRAELI SCIENTISTS AIR-CONDITION OPEN SPACE; WORLD'S FIRST TEST

ELATH, Aug. 13, (JTA) -- The world's first successful experimental effort to air-condition an open space was made here today. Israeli scientists and technicians tested a principle of sprinkling high jets of sea water from long pipes into southward winds from positions north of Elath, thus cooling off air currents moving toward the port city.

More than 100 yards of pipe were used in the experiment which resulted in a temperature drop of from 40 to 33 degrees centigrade within 50 meters distance from the pipes.

TWO GIRLS SENTENCED FOR DESECRATING OLD CEMETERY IN GERMAN TOWN

BRUNSWICK, Germany, Aug. 13, (JTA) -- Two 15-year-old girls were tried in local Juvenile court on charges of tearing from their sockets and overturning a number of headstones in the Old Jewish Cemetery here. The cemetery has been ravaged before in recent years. The defendants, who claimed they had acted without outside instigation, were each fined ten deutschemark, the equivalent of \$2.40.

JEWES WARNED ON POSSIBILITY OF DISCRIMINATION IN U.S. COLLEGES

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Aug. 13. (JTA) -- A warning that recent gains in elimination of discriminatory admission policies in American colleges may suffer a setback during the next five years because of pressures of academic overcrowding was sounded here today at the close of a nine-day Institute for B'nai B'rith Girls.

Saul Sorrin, regional Anti-Defamation League director for Illinois and Missouri, told the 170 delegates that the growing demands on existing educational facilities were likely to lead colleges and universities to revert to discriminatory admission policies.

Warning that such pressures were likely to become particularly acute in professional schools, Mr. Sorrin said that members of minority groups would be the major victims. He also warned young people about to start business careers that they would face "subtle forms" of discrimination in large corporations which he said in the main do not hire Jewish executives.

He said anti-Semitism in its present form was "less tangible and more difficult to cope with" than the anti-Semitism of the generation of parents of the delegates, which was marked by abuse and physical violence spawned by the rise of Hitler and economic insecurity at home.

INTERNATIONAL JEWISH YOUTH RALLY OPENS IN ISRAEL; 2,000 ATTEND

JERUSALEM, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The Fifth International Rally of Jewish youth participants in various educational activities in Israel opened here today with nearly 2,000 in attendance. Participants included young men and women from the United States, Britain, Canada, France, Holland, Belgium, the Scandinavian countries, Switzerland, Italy, Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Uruguay and other countries.

One thousand of the young people are attending various summer institutes and another 600 are volunteer workers in border agricultural settlements. Speakers scheduled at the rally included Prime Minister David Ben Gurion, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, Eliahu Dobkin, and Avraham Harman.

NUCLEAR SCIENTISTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD TO MEET IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- A total of 130 scientists from all parts of the world have accepted invitations to participate in an International Conference on Nuclear Structure to be held at the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth, September 9-13, the Institute announced today.

Papers on progress in various fields of nuclear physics will be read by 26 scientists from eight countries. The conference is sponsored by UNESCO and the International Union for Pure and Applied Physics.

RISHON L'ZION SETTLEMENT CELEBRATES 75TH YEAR OF ITS EXISTENCE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The 75th anniversary of Rishon L'Zion, one of the oldest B'nai B'rith settlements now of municipal status in Israel, was celebrated last night with the participation of Prime Minister Ben Gurion and other noted guests.

The Prime Minister recalled that 50 years ago he worked in Baron Rothschild's grand caves in Rishon L'Zion and had stamped out grapes in a huge barrel for the wineries. He called on the youth of Rishon L'Zion to follow the example of their fathers and grandfathers and go south to establish new settlements on the sand. The desert is in the Negev, he said.

BEIGIN LEAVES FOR SOUTH AFRICA TO LAUNCH INDEPENDENT REVISIONIST DRIVE

TEL AVIV, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- Menachem Beigin, leader of the right-wing Herut party, left via Zurich for South Africa to launch an independent Revisionist fund-raising effort which has cost the South African Revisionist party its membership in the Zionist Federation.

Before leaving, Mr. Beigin said he would call on all Herut supporters in South Africa to give a warm welcome to Israeli Army Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Dayan who will visit South Africa at the end of this month, reportedly in response to a plea by South African Zionist Federation officials for an Israeli leader to offset the impact of Mr. Beigin's visit. "It is only regrettable that Gen. Dayan agreed to become a tool of one party in Israel," the Herut leader said.

AGUDAH LABORITES ORGANIZE ARCHIVES; START COLLECTING DOCUMENTS

NEW YORK, Aug. 13. (JTA) -- The Poale Agudath Israel of America announced today the start of work on archives to house all documents of the ultra-orthodox organization since it was founded in Katovitz, Poland in 1912. The archives will be housed in Israel.

Officials said they hoped to collect all material relevant to the various phases of the movement, including its leading lay and rabbinical personalities, particularly the representatives of Agudath in the city councils of Poland before the war.