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WASHINGTON WILL KEEP ISRAEL INFORMED ON POLICY TOWARD SYRIA

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Washington has promised Jerusalem that once the United States reaches a final decision on its policy toward Syria it will inform the Israel Government, it was learned here today.

Although it is not yet known what Washington's line will be, it has become evident that Loy Henderson, State Department representative now in the Middle East, has been trying to reassure Syria's Moslem neighbors and thus prevent precipitate action against Syria. It is assumed that a similar approach will be made to Israel.

(The Times of London reported from Jerusalem today that Ambassador Abba Eban had conveyed to Premier David Ben Gurion the State Department's urgent hope that Israel would do nothing to aggravate the present Middle East situation. However, the Times correspondent reported, the Israel Government is "disposed to let the Great Powers work this problem out for themselves." He added that the only thing which is likely to arouse Israel at this time is if the major powers from both sides begin shipping arms to the Arab states.

(The Daily Telegraph, in an editorial commenting on Middle East events, said that "at the core of many interlocking problems is the Arab-Israel conflict which Russia so disastrously exploited and which could now again be set ablaze by the arming of Syria. There can be no hope of stability until Israel's frontiers are internationally defined and guaranteed.")

Washington Seen Favoring 'Display' of U. S. Arms in Mid-East

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- A display of American military materiel, particularly articles as conspicuous as Patton tanks, would be desirable in the Middle East at this time in view of Syrian developments, it was learned today in circles close to the State Department.

However, the Department declined officially to give any breakdown in United States military assistance. The refusal to make public this information came on the heels of a report that the United States was planning to send Jordan a number of Patton tanks as part of its \$10 million military aid program.

(London sources reported that American officials were willing to put tanks into Jordan's hands in the hope they would prove a calming influence in the Middle East. Up to now, these sources said, the United States had restricted tank equipment to spare parts for Centurion tanks with which Britain had equipped the Jordan forces.)

Israelis are concerned over the likelihood that in this instance, as in almost every other crisis in the Middle East, arms are being poured into the neighboring, hostile Arab states. This concern has repeatedly been pressed upon Washington and London.

ISRAEL FISCAL EXPERT ASKS GOVERNMENT ACTION TO HALT INFLATION

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- The Israel Government's continued borrowing from banks is chiefly responsible for the dangerous inflationary trend in the country's economy and only the most stringent austerity measures will be able to halt the upward spiral, David Horowitz, governor of the Israel State Bank, warned today in the latest semi-annual report of the bank.

The report, which evaluates trends in the economy through May, 1957, notes that most of the state borrowing came at the end of the Sinai campaign late in 1956. The first half of this year also saw an increased level of consumption, Mr. Horowitz declared, created by a "policy of encouraging imports for local consumption." A corresponding increased demand for goods in the local markets favored an expansion of services and industries to meet the needs of the Israeli people at the expense of manufacturing and agriculture.

In his recommendations, Mr. Horowitz suggested that the government maintain credit restrictions, curb its own expenditures and make any further increase in personal incomes dependent upon increased productivity. He underlined that increased savings would be a deflationary factor. Finally, Mr. Horowitz urged a revision of the government's investment policy--that it establish a list of priorities which would favor investment in enterprises which contribute more to the national product.

RUSSIAN JEWS TARGET OF DISCRIMINATION, MOSCOW FETE VISITORS REPORT

TEL AVI V, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- The Israel youth delegation to the Moscow Youth Festival returned to Israel today with its pro-Communist and non-Communist elements prevented only by a police cordon from coming to blows on the Haifa docks.

Friction between the two delegations, which prevailed throughout the return trip was close to a stage of violence when the ship docked. A quickly organized police barrier kept the non-Communist youth from a fight over charges by the non-Communist youth that the pro-Communist youth had slandered Israel at the Moscow Festival.

Both groups agreed that Russian Jewry was the victim of discrimination and that a great desire existed among Russian Jews to emigrate to Israel.

The young people said most of the Russian Jews they met were acquainted with Israel via listening to Kol Israel and Kol Zion Lagolah, whose foreign language broadcasts were only partially jammed by the Soviets.

The non-Communist youth said that Jews from remote regions of Russia made special trips to Moscow to meet the Israel visitors.

REVENUE AID ASKS ISRAEL END PUBLICATION OF TAX RETURNS

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- A proposal that the Israel Government abandon its practice of publishing an annual list of the names of individuals and companies paying income taxes was put forth here by the man responsible for publishing the document.

Zeef Sharef, the government's revenue commissioner, said that publication of the list had not paid off in information of income tax evasion. Informers' reports of evasion, he said, rarely held up under investigation. Mr. Sharef made his proposal at a press conference called in connection with issuance of the third annual list, for incomes reported in 1954-55. Publication cost the government 80,000 pounds this year.

BEIGIN ASKS PROTEST ON CONTEMPLATED ISRAEL-GERMAN RELATIONS

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Menachem Beigin, leader of Israel's right-wing Herut party, urged South African Jewry last night to protest to the Israel Government against the contemplated establishment of diplomatic relations with West Germany.

The speech to a crowded Revisionist meeting at Johannesburg City Hall was one of a series being made by Beigin and Chaim Landau, his deputy, in a special tour for a Revisionist fund-raising campaign which has brought expulsion of the party from the South African Zionist Federation and formal charges of a "breach of communal discipline."

In his emotion-packed address, Beigin asked how Jews could remain silent if the time should come when an ambassador "of those whose hands have the blood of our fathers and mothers" would be in the Holy Land.

He denounced the certainty that "over the Holy Land the most unholy anthem of 'Deutschland Uber Alles' will be sung, an anthem that was sung over the ashes of our murdered parents." No trade deals, he said, could "compensate for that."

He also urged "all freedom loving people, Jewish and Christian alike," to reply to the Arab boycott of Israel with a "counter-boycott of the Arabs."

The new danger to the West created by Syria's lurch to the left would never have happened, he said, if the United States had not made the "blunder" of opposing Israel's Sinai campaign and forcing Israel to withdraw. Had Israel "sweated it out" and remained, he asserted, the Nasser dictatorship would have crumbled.

The Herut leader warned that if France was forced out of Algeria, "all of North Africa" would be in "hands hostile to Israel" and "fertile ground for Communist penetration," adding as "a representative of Israel," he appealed to Frenchmen: "Don't leave Algeria, you have the right to stay."

ISRAEL ARMY CHIEF OFF ON VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA AND GHANA

TEL AVI V, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Maj. Gen. Moshe Dayan, Chief of Staff of the Israel Army, left today for a month-long tour of South Africa and Ghana. He will spend three weeks visiting South African Jewish communities, at the invitation of the local Zionist movement. During his week in the new African member of the British Commonwealth, Gen. Dayan hopes to learn as much as possible of the people and government of the all-Negro country.

ISRAEL PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION LEAVES FOR SOUTH AMERICAN TOUR

TEL AVI V, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- An Israel parliamentary delegation, headed by Meir Argov, chairman of Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, left by air today for South America where its members will meet heads of state, and legislators. One purpose of the visit, said Mr. Argov, will be "to interpret Israel's political problems." The delegation will visit Uruguay, Chile, Argentina and Brazil.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL PARLEY ON ATOMIC ENERGY TO BE HELD IN ISRAEL

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Aug. 29. (JTA) -- The first international atomic conference to be held in the Middle East, convening at Rehovoth, Israel, on September 8, will draw scientists from all parts of the world--except from Israel's own neighbors in the area. No Arab state or scientific institution will be represented.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization is one of the three main sponsors of the meeting; the others are the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics, and the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovoth. The meetings will be devoted to the theoretical, pure aspects of so-called "low-energy phenomena," but practical application of the research resulting in more abundant power for under-developed areas, which include the Middle East, is expected to follow.

More than 130 scientists from 16 countries, including the United States, Britain, France, India, Russia and Japan, will participate in the Rehovoth meeting. Represented in the American delegation, the largest at the conference, will be scientists from all the great atomic laboratories and plants, including Oak Ridge, Brookhaven, Argonne, and Los Alamos; the physics departments of all the leading universities, and four U.S. Government agencies.

ISRAELI ATOMIC RESEARCH CHIEF PRAISES ARGENTINE PROGRESS

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Argentina and Israel face similar problems in regard to further development of nuclear science, Prof. Ernest D. Bergmann, chairman of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission, declared here today.

Dr. Bergmann, who is visiting this country, made the statement after touring the headquarters of the Argentine Atomic Energy Commission. "I was highly impressed," he stated, "by the facilities which I found here for nuclear research, and I feel that it should be possible to establish highly fruitful cooperation between our countries in the field of atomic science."

FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER 'PROUD' OF AID TO ISRAEL IN SINAI CAMPAIGN

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Christian Pineau, Foreign Minister of France, expressed himself here today as "proud" of his country's help to Israel. M. Pineau arrived in Buenos Aires today for a visit. Asked about France's aid to Israel during the Sinai campaign of last fall, the French statesman declared: "France had the courage to support Israel at a decisive moment during the Sinai campaign, and is proud of that fact."

1,200 HONOR YAKOV TSUR, ISRAEL'S FIRST ENVOY TO ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- More than 1,200 Argentine Jews turned out last night at a dinner conducted by the United Israel Campaign to honor Yakov Tsur, Israel's Ambassador to France, Mr. Tsur, who arrived here this week, is popular here since the early days of the establishment of Israel when he was his country's first envoy to Argentina.

Tonight, Israel's Ambassador Arie L. Kubovy will tender an official reception for Mr. Tsur and for Prof. Ernest D. Bergmann, chairman of Israel's Atomic Energy Commission.

ISRAEL DENTAL ASSOCIATION CONVENTION ATTRACTS FOREIGN DELEGATES

JERUSALEM, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Four hundred of Israel's dentists convened here today for the eighth annual congress of the Israel Dental Association. For the first time since the State achieved sovereignty, the dental congress is being attended also by 150 foreign visitors, including 59 dentists from the United States and Canada, and others from Britain, France, the Scandinavian countries, Switzerland, and Argentina.

BELGIANS TO HONOR MEMORY OF JEWS DEPORTED BY NAZIS

BRUSSELS, Aug. 8. (JTA) -- Representatives of the Belgian Government, the Army and religious and civil organizations will attend a ceremony held September 15 in commemoration of the 25,000 Jewish men, women and children who were deported from Belgium to the concentration camps during the Nazi occupation. Plans for the memorial were made public today.

BRITISH NATIONAL TRUST ACCEPTS ESTATE BEQUEATHED BY ROTHSCHILD

LONDON, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- The National Trust--custodian of the government's cultural and historical possessions--announced today that it is accepting "with deep gratitude" the estate of the late Baron James de Rothschild, Waddesdon Manor, the art collection in the baronial halls, and an endowment of 250,000 pounds (\$700,800), all willed to the Trust in the de Rothschild legacy.

Mr. de Rothschild, who died last May, left an estate valued at 11,750,000 pounds (\$32,900,000). The inheritance taxes taken by the government amounted to 7,500,000 pounds (\$21,000,000).

LEADING VETERINARIAN CALLS SHECHITAH HUMANE METHOD OF SLAUGHTER

NEW YORK, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Shechitah, ritual slaughter of animals and fowl for kosher consumption, "is done so quickly and skillfully that a feeling of pain as a result of the cut is improbable," a Cornell University expert has concluded after a study of the procedures made public today by the Research Institute of Religious Jewry of New York.

The Research Institute undertook a program of scientific research on Shechitah through Cornell University more than a year ago, according to Dr. Salomon Goldsmith, its chairman.

The study was made by Prof. H. H. Dukes, a non-Jew, who is chairman of the Department of Veterinary Physiology at the New York State Veterinary College at Cornell University in Ithaca, N. Y.

The report was based on a detailed observation by Prof. Dukes on all phases of shechitah, including both direct examination and studies of motion pictures.

"An uninformed person watching the reactions of an animal dying" could reach "erroneous conclusions with respect to consciousness and pain," Prof. Dukes said in his report.

HOUSES PASSES BILL TO CHARTER JEWISH WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- The House by voice vote approved a national charter for incorporation of the proposed Jewish War Veterans' National Memorial. Favorable action came after an earlier attempt to place the bill on the consent calendar had failed. The measure now goes to the Senate.

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR DECIPHERS ANCIENT CRETE TABLETS

WALTHAM, Mass., Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Dr. Cyrus H. Gordon, professor of Near Eastern Studies at Brandeis University, has deciphered a system of writing used on tablets on the Mediterranean island of Crete, about 3,600 years ago, tracing the relationship of the ancient script to an early Semitic language.

The language on the tablets has been a mystery to scientists for many years. Now Dr. Gordon has announced that his decoding of the pictographs and syllabic signs on the Cretan tablets shows the language used was Akkadian, a tongue tracing back to ancient Babylon.

LOUIS HOROWITZ WILL SETS UP FIRST CHAIR IN REHABILITATING MEDICINE

NEW YORK, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- The late Louis J. Horowitz, philanthropist and builder, endowed the world's first academic chair of physical medicine and rehabilitation by setting aside in his will a \$500,000 fund for the chair plus \$1,000,000 from which the income will be used for training and teaching in physical medicine and rehabilitation.

Announcement of the grants for the chair was made today by New York University. The new chair at the university will be named, in accordance with the provisions of the will, the Howard A. Rusk chair. Dr. Rusk, director of the Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at New York University-Bellevue Medical Center, and a friend of the late Mr. Horowitz, is also an associate editor of the New York Times. Mr. Horowitz' will left the residue of his \$12,000,000 estate--a total believed to be in excess of \$10,000,000--for aid toward rehabilitation of individuals and for other scientific work in the general field of physical medicine and rehabilitation.

JEWISH CENTER ATHLETES WELL REPRESENTED AT WORLD MACCABIAH

NEW YORK, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- Jewish Community Center athletes, including many who starred in National Jewish Welfare Board inter-Center tournaments, constitute nearly half of the American team in the fifth World Maccabiah Games which gets under way in Tel Aviv September 15. There are 47 athletes from 23 different centers representing the United States. The American team is sponsored by the U.S. Committee for Sports in Israel, whose chairman, Col. Harry D. Henshel, is also chairman of JWB's Armed Services Division and vice chairman of JWB's National Health and Physical Education Committee.

RELIGIOUS ZIONIST YOUTH OPENS SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 29. (JTA) -- The seventh annual convention of the Bnei Akiva Organization of North America, youth movement of the religious Zionists of America, opened today at Camp Moshava, Wild Rose, Wisconsin. The convention will discuss the 1958-59 course of the organization's scholarship institute in Israel. Bnei Akiva has 5,000 members.