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U.S. INTERESTED IN PRESERVING ISRAEL. AMERICAN ENVCY TELLS ISRAELIS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The United States is interested in the preservation of Israel and in maintaining the integrity and independence of the countries of the Middle East, Ambassador Edward B. Lawson declared here today in his first speech since his return from a six-month stay in the United States.

The Ambassador cited the Eisenhower Doctrine and Secretary of State Dulles statement of 1956 outlining the conditions under which the United States would be prepared to guarantee a Middle East settlement as evidence of this American concern. He spoke before the Israel-American Friendship League at a luncheon in his honor.

During his visit in the U.S., he reported, he had found "a very substantial increase" in public awareness of Israel and Israeli problems. He assured his listeners: "There is no lack of alert official awareness of Israeli problems." The Ambassador said that in the complicated Middle East situation, Israel and its problems appeared particularly important in the U.S.

Earlier, Ambassador Lawson awarded the first of a series of checks meant to support Israel's cultural activities. He handed a check for 300,000 pounds to the Israeli Philharmonic Orchestra. Grants will be made to 42 cultural organizations from a fund of 6,300,000 pounds accumulated in local currency under an agreement where United States publishers of books, newspapers and magazines sell their products in Israel for local currency which the U.S. Government accepts for dollars.

The exchange in scientific information between American and Israeli scientists will be expanded and speeded following the visit to Israel of Commander Dean Fernworth, head of the United States Navy Research in London, it was reported here today.

During his ten-day stay in Israel, Commander Fernworth met Israeli scientists and visited the country's scientific and research centers. The U.S. aide told Israelis that an increased information exchange would also result from the visits of American biologists and physicists to the Jewish State.

GRENADE FOUND NEAR SOVIET EMBASSY IN ISRAEL EVOKES MOSCOW'S SUSPICION

JERUSALEM, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- Soviet Embassy Counsellor G. Klimov today conferred with high officials of the Israel Foreign Office seeking further information about a grenade found last week which the police claim was not a live grenade. The dummy grenade was found by children playing nearly 1,000 feet from the Soviet Embassy in Ramat Gan. They turned it over to an Israeli policeman on duty near the Embassy.

Soviet circles here claim the grenade was not a dummy but an explosive missile. The police report that the grenade had been buried far longer than the three years that the Embassy had occupied its present quarters.

It is understood that the Russians protested against the fact that the policeman called the nearest police station to report the find from an Embassy telephone without requesting permission. The Soviet officials consider it a violation of the USSR's extraterritorial rights.

ISRAEL NOT CONTINUING AFFORESTATION IN JERUSALEM AREA, U.N. ASSURED

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- Col. Byron V. Leary, acting chief of staff of the United Nations Truce Supervisory organization, informed the Security Council through Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold today that Israel has not been doing any work on the afforestation project in the no-man's land area south of Jerusalem since November 8.

Col. Leary's assurance on this point was contained in a brief note in which he said "United Nations military observers did not observe any such work proceeding in the area for the last 10 days." A full report by Col. Leary dealing with Israel's accusations against Jordan about the Jordanian Government's failure to implement certain important sections of the 1949 armistice agreement is expected to be issued here this week.

TURKISH HIGH COURT STARTS HEARING ON CONFISCATION OF ISRAELI SHIPS

TEL AVIV, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The Turkish High Court opened a hearing yesterday on an appeal against the confiscation of three Israeli fishing trawlers in a setting probably unmatched in the annals of Turkish jurisprudence.

To inspect the "site" where the three ships were seized--the Israelis claim it was outside Turkish territorial waters while the Turkish naval authorities insist it was within Turkish national jurisdiction--the members of the court, the prosecutor and the defense counsel boarded an Israeli freighter lying in Iskandrun harbor and sailed out to sea. The round trip took 24 hours and when the vessel, S. S. Tel Aviv, debarked its passengers it waited for Sidney, having taken on a 10,000 ton cargo of iron before weighing anchor on its legal voyage.

The three trawlers, apprehended a year ago, have been the subject of extensive litigation. One appeal against the seizure has already been turned down.

ASSEMBLY TO DEBATE FATE OF U. N. FORCES ON ISRAEL-EGYPTIAN FRONTIER

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 19. (JTA) -- A full-scale General Assembly debate on the purposes, functions, deployment and continuance of the United Nations Emergency Force which is stationed on the Israel-Egyptian front, was seen as virtually assured today when it was announced that Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns, commander of UNEF, will arrive here tomorrow. The debate on UNEF is scheduled to begin before a plenary session of the Assembly by the end of this week.

Under a resolution introduced late yesterday by 20 member states, UNEF would be continued at least through 1958. The resolution would authorize the Secretary General to expend on behalf of UNEF an additional \$13,500,000 for the period ending December 31, 1957 and for the continuing operation of the Force beyond that date to a maximum of \$25,000,000. Canada is among the 20 sponsoring members, but not the United States, Britain or France. However, their lack of sponsorship does not indicate they will oppose the draft.

U. S. CONTRIBUTION FOR ARAB REFUGEES REACHES \$23,000,000 THIS YEAR

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The United States today made an additional contribution of \$1,500,000 to the program for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees. Today's pledge brings the total American contribution to UNRWA work for the fiscal year ending June 30 to \$23,000,000. The contribution was announced in the General Assembly's special political committee by Genoa S. Washington, the American representative on that committee.

Last night, at a debate in the committee on UNRWA, Brian C. Hill of Australia, sharply insisted that it would be "completely unrealistic" to expect Israel to repatriate 900,000 refugees since Israel "has the right to exist as an independent state" and right to inviolability of its sovereignty. The situation of the refugees is of great concern to Australia which is friendly to both Israel and the Arab countries, he said.

FRANCE AND ISRAEL SIGN NEW TRADE PACT; ISRAELIS LAUD AGREEMENT

JERUSALEM, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- France and Israel today signed a new trade pact providing for Israel to export about \$10,500,000 worth of goods to France and to accept \$5,500,000 worth of imports from France.

The pact, greeted with great satisfaction in Israeli economic circles as an aid to Israel's industrial and agricultural expansion, provides for Israel to pay 75 percent of the cost of French goods in Israeli products and the remaining 25 percent in cash. Last year, Israel paid half in cash and half in kind for French imports.

1,200 MOROCCAN JEWS REPORTED STRANDED IN TANGIER WITHOUT MEANS

JERUSALEM, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- About 1,200 Jews from various Moroccan villages are stranded in Tangier, Morocco, without passports permitting them to migrate to Israel. Informed sources said they have no means of subsistence and are lodged temporarily in school buildings and other institutions of the Tangier Jewish Community.

BELGIUM SEEKS INDEMNIFICATION FROM GERMANY FOR HER NATIONALS

BRUSSELS, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The Belgian Government associates itself with other European countries which are attempting to induce the West German Government to make good damages suffered by their nationals as a result of persecution by the Nazis, Belgian Foreign Minister Victor Larock announced in Parliament today.

He noted that the Bonn was studying a demand from these nations for indemnification which was drafted at a meeting in Paris, under the auspices of the French Government, last April. The other states which seek action in behalf of their nationals are: Britain, Denmark, France, Greece, Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Norway.

CONVENTION OF CONSERVATIVE JEWRY ADOPTS CODE ON SYNAGOGUE PRACTICE

KIAMESHA LAKE, N. Y., Nov. 19. (JTA) -- A set of standards for synagogue practice was unanimously adopted here today by the biennial convention of the United Synagogue of America, the first such code ever to be adopted by a national synagogue organization. The standards were formulated by the committee on congregational standards for the United Synagogue.

The first article of the standards instructs each congregation to look to its rabbi for authority on all matters of Jewish law and recognizes the committee on Jewish law and standards of the Rabbinical Assembly as the authority of the United Synagogue in such matters.

Other articles deal with the standards for Sabbath observance deemed appropriate for member congregations, with responsibility of the congregation to insure proper observance of kashrut at all functions under synagogue auspices, with the proper decorum to be observed at such essentially religious ceremonies as weddings which, according to the standards, are to be recorded as a means of furthering the teachings and values of Judaism.

Other problems of synagogue management and conduct dealt with in the code include the proper means of fund-raising, the code stating that congregations are not to engage in fund-raising activities which are not in keeping with the spirit of the synagogue; and the steps necessary to maintain the moral dignity of the congregation in regard to program planning.

The code also sets down the proper relationship to be maintained when two or more congregations exist in the same community, stating specifically that it is improper for one of the congregations to solicit either membership or staff from another congregation. Finally, provision is made for taking proper disciplinary action should any congregation fail to live up to the recommended standards as adopted by the convention.

Convention Approves Formation of World Council of Synagogues

Last night the convention announced the formation of a World Council of Synagogues and a pilgrimage to Israel in 1958 to break ground for a seminary center in Jerusalem. The World Council was approved in plenary session after a series of talks by Dr. Kurt Wilhelm, Chief Rabbi of Sweden, Rabbi Guillermo Schlesinger of Buenos Aires, David Freeman of Israel, Professor Mordecai Kaplan of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and Dr. Bernard Segal, executor director of the United Synagogue.

Participating in the discussion were the other visitors from abroad -- Rabbi Alfred A. Philipp of Jerusalem, Rabbi Lionel Singer of South Africa, Rabbi Everett Fendler of Mexico City, Dr. Charles Lehmann, Grand Rabbi of Luxemburg, and Sefton Temkin of London. The resolution stated the purpose of establishing the World Council was to "stimulate religious life" and for the "advancement of Torah in all parts of the world." It called for the establishment of a provisional committee for the purpose of implementing the resolution.

The Seminary Center which is sponsored jointly by the United Synagogue, the Jewish Theological Seminary and the Rabbinical Assembly will be a resident center for American students who wish to spend a year studying in schools and universities of Israel. The convention presented an award to Governor Theodore McKeldin of Maryland in recognition of his championship "of human rights and human opportunities."

JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN ITALY SUE PUBLISHER FOR ANTI-SEMITIC ARTICLE

ROME, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- A criminal court here heard today the complaint of the United Jewish Communities of Italy against Vanni Teodorani, nephew of the late Mussolini and publisher of a fascist sheet, who last spring printed an article boasting that "we used to burn Jews in ovens."

The UJC charged that the article violated a section of the penal code prohibiting apologies for crime -- a violation which may be punished by three to 12 years imprisonment. A verdict is due December 11.

JEW IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA GETS HEAVY SENTENCE FOR DISTRIBUTING RELIEF

VIENNA, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- A Czechoslovak Jew has been sentenced to 30 months' imprisonment by a Czech court on the charge of allegedly distributing money said to be coming as relief from the Joint Distribution Committee, it was reported here today. The JDC is banned in Czechoslovakia. The Jew is Rudolf Zemanek, member of the Synagogue Council of Hradec Kralove.

U. N. ISSUES ITS CHARTER IN HEBREW; TRANSLATION DONE BY SCHOLARS

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The United Nations has issued a copy of the UN Charter and the statute of the International Court of Justice in the Hebrew language. The edition, issued today, is a revision of an older version of the documents and was prepared with the aid of prominent Hebrew scholars.

CANADA STARTS RADIO PROGRAMS DEVOTED TO FIGHTING BIAS IN EMPLOYMENT

OTTAWA, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The Government of Canada inaugurated yesterday a series of five radio programs devoted to fighting prejudice and discrimination in employment. The series, prepared under the auspices of the Department of Labor, will be heard on 64 stations between November 18 and December 15. A similar series of eight programs in 1954 was highly successful and was eventually picked up by 80 stations across the Dominion.

A convention of the British Columbia Federation of Labor, held in Vancouver recently, called on the government to take immediate steps to make the FEPC act more effective through an educational program. The government was also asked to enact a Fair Accommodation Practices Act aimed at ending discrimination for race, religion and color in real estate transactions and rentals.

ANTI-JEWISH CAMPAIGN INTENSIFIED BY ARABS IN ARGENTINA; DAIA PROTESTS

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The DAIA, the central organization of Argentine Jewry, today condemned an "intensifying hate campaign," originating from Arab elements here tending to slander Jewry and the State of Israel.

The attacks against Jews, Israel and Zionism were being made in press statements, booklets, pamphlets and similar media, the DAIA declared. It added that one of the propaganda charges was that American and South African Jews were in support of those who persecute Negroes.

The DAIA said it was "strongly protesting" such attempts to instigate divisions in Argentina, traditionally a country where all groups lived freely and fraternally.

N. Y. UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT URGES EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS WITH ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- An increased exchange of students between Israel and the United States was recommended here yesterday by New York University president Dr. Carrol V. Newsom at a press conference following his return from an eight-day visit to Israel.

The level of scholarship in the colleges of universities of the two countries were on an equal level, Dr. Newsom reported. He discussed various aspects of scientific research now going on in the Jewish State, including studies in the use of solar and nuclear energy. He also noted that NYU was conducting several cooperative projects in Israel under the sponsorship of the International Cooperation Administration.

SWEDISH LEADERS HAIL ARRIVAL OF NEW ISRAEL SHIP TO SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The people and the Government of Sweden joined today in hailing the arrival of the new Israel ship, the 10,000 ton Jerusalem, on which a gala luncheon was served to 270 leaders of Swedish life. The ship, built in Germany under the German-Israel reparations pact, is on its way from Germany to Haifa.

Attending the luncheon, at which Dr. Chaim Yahl, Israel Ambassador to Sweden, presided, were Goesta Skoglund, Minister of Communications, Mayor Carl Albert Anderson of Stockholm, representatives of the Government and Parliament, the armed forces, trade, shipping and other business groups and Jewish leaders.

MEDICAL CENTER, SPONSORED BY CANADIANS, DEDICATED AT EILATH

TEL AVIV, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- The Moshe Dickenstein medical center, a special project of the Canadian Association for Labor Israel, was dedicated at Eilath this week. It honors the memory of the late Moshe Dickenstein, Canadian Labor Zionist leader.

The medical center, which is scheduled to be completed this spring, will become the nucleus for a future hospital at Israel's southern port. The Montreal section of the Canadian Association for Labor Israel has pledged \$250,000 over a two-year period toward the center.

NEW YORK CITY HONORS EMMA LAZARUS ON ANNIVERSARY OF HER DEATH

NEW YORK, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- New York's Acting Mayor, Abe Stark, proclaimed today "Emma Lazarus Day" in honor of the "pioneer of Jewish culture in the United States." He acted in response to a request from the Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs which observed today the 70th anniversary of the death of the famed poetess, a portion of whose poem "The New Colossus" is inscribed on the Statue of Liberty.

GERMAN CITY TO AID IN RESTORING GRAVES OF JEWS DEPORTED TO FRANCE

KARLSRUHE, Nov. 19. (JTA) -- Officials of this former capital city of Baden and officers of the "Supreme Council of Israelites," the ancient representative body of Baden Jewry, have jointly visited two neglected camp cemeteries near Toulouse, where some 6,000 Baden Jews deported to Southern France in 1940 are buried. The City of Karlsruhe has declared its willingness to participate in the rehabilitation of these desolate graveyards.