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U.S. GOVERNMENT OPPOSED TO NATO DECIDING ON ISRAEL'S BOUNDARIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The United States is opposed to the NATO summit conference attempting any action on Israel's boundaries, a State Department source said today.

According to the source, the United States is against seeking a NATO decision on Middle Eastern matters because Middle East states are not represented at the parley.

It is believed here that the Arab states have exaggerated the purported Soviet promises to back the Arabs completely in a drive to force Israel to return to the 1947 partition boundaries. The United States has no firsthand knowledge of such pledges originating from the Russians themselves, only secondhand versions related by the Arabs.

Turkey was reported acting for the Moslem members of the Baghdad Pact at Paris because she is a NATO member. Reportedly, Turkey is seeking NATO support of a Middle Eastern settlement based on revision of Israel's boundaries based on the 1947 United Nations partition formula.

The United States has a basic policy of refusing to discuss the fate of nations at international parleys unless those nations are represented. The U.S. source said that this position has been communicated by the American ambassadors to Israel and the various Moslem nations involved. Secretary of State Dulles and other officials have expressed similar views through diplomatic channels.

It was pointed out today that the United States rejected three Soviet notes on the Middle East on the ground that the proposed Big Power meetings could not properly discuss the fate of nations not represented at such meetings.

Arabs and Israel Get Assurances from Eisenhower on NATO Talks

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Dec. 16. (JTA) -- All Arab states, as well as Israel, have been given assurances in President Eisenhower's name that the NATO conference now taking place in Paris will adopt no decisions affecting the Arab-Israel problem without prior consultation with the Middle East governments concerned, it was learned here today.

(A report from Beirut to the New York Times today said that Dr. Charles Malik, Foreign Minister of Lebanon, said his government received a reassuring message from President Eisenhower in answer to a request that the Arab countries be consulted before any fundamental decisions affecting them are taken at the NATO parley. Dr. Malik denied that Lebanon had asked Turkey to present the Arab point of view at the NATO conference.)

In United Nations circles it became known today that King Saud of Saudi Arabia has similarly sent a letter to President Eisenhower demanding assurances that the NATO conference should not arrive at any Arab-Israel program without first consulting the Arab countries. However, it was learned today that King Saud's letter arrived in Washington only two hours before Mr. Eisenhower took off for Paris and therefore he never had an opportunity to see it. It has been forwarded to Paris.)

Britain Holds Direct Approach to Arabs and Israel Impossible

LONDON, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- A direct approach by Britain to Israel and the Arab states or through the United Nations to hold a conference looking toward a solution of their conflict is not possible at this moment "in view of the known attitudes of all the governments concerned," Dr. Ormsby-Gore, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, told Commons today.

Replying to a written request by Laborite Emanuel Shinwell, Mr. Ormsby-Gore also referred to a statement which he made in Parliament last month and in which he commented that some consideration must be given to the United Nations partition plan of 1947 if a Middle East solution is to result.

Turkey Seeks NATO Decision on Arab-Israel Borders at Paris Talks

PARIS, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The Turkish delegation to the NATO meeting which opened here today is seeking support of the pact nations for a solution of the Arab-Israel dispute along the lines of the 1947 United Nations partition plan, diplomatic sources here reported today. Official Turkish sources refused to comment on the reports.

COLOMBIAN DIPLOMAT NAMED U. N. NEGOTIATOR IN MT. SCOPUS DISPUTE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. , Dec. 16. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold today announced formally that he has appointed Dr. Francisco Urrutia of Colombia as his personal representative to deal with the Israel-Jordan dispute regarding Mt. Scopus.

"I attach very great significance to this mission," he said. "If it succeeds, it will stabilize this situation which if allowed to drift and not resolved could give a great deal of trouble."

As to the possibility that Dr. Urrutia's mandate from the United Nations may be extended to the broader area of the possible extension of the Israel-Arab armistice agreements into peace talks, Mr. Hammarskjold said: "Dr. Urrutia is going there to undertake certain practical steps connected with an agreement for the demilitarization of the Mr. Scopus area made between Israel and Jordan in July, 1948. His terms of reference do not open the door to any other negotiations."

Mr. Hammarskjold's statement about Dr. Urrutia's mission was made by the Secretary General at a press conference at which he dealt chiefly with matters that had been on the agenda of the General Assembly which closed here Saturday. Dr. Urrutia will leave for the Middle East at the end of the week.

In response to a query whether he still perceives a "will to peace" in the Middle East, Mr. Hammarskjold said: "Definitely--if anything my impressions at this time confirm my previous conclusions." The Secretary General said that when he visits Egyptian authorities in Cairo at the end of this month he hopes to "cover all ground outstanding between Egypt and the United Nations."

In reply to a question whether he will discuss with Egypt the Security Council's six-point declaration of 1956 regarding operation of the Suez Canal, Mr. Hammarskjold said "whether we will talk about this matter specifically, I hate to say 'yes.' Aspects of this problem could be quite in order, although there is no agenda." The council's declaration specifically forbids Egypt to bar ships of all nations from passage through the waterway.

Henry Cabot Lodge, American delegate to the United Nations, in a summation of the 12th General Assembly's accomplishments on the Middle East, suggested yesterday that the new \$100,000,000 special projects fund for economic aid set up under UN auspices could be adapted to development aid to the Middle East without the suspicion that any single nation was playing power politics in the area. He also noted that the UN could continue to aid the Palestine refugees and could handle a number of Palestine problems pending before the Security Council.

BEN GURION HEADS CABINET BODY PROBING RABBINIC BAN IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The Israel Cabinet named a special committee today to investigate the refusal of the rabbinate to permit the burial of a five-year-old boy of a recent immigrant couple in a Jewish cemetery because he had not been circumcized. The incident, involving a child of a Jewish father and a Christian mother, has created a storm throughout Israel.

The problem is actually much wider than the issue of burial, since it raises the entire sensitive question of rabbinic jurisdiction over personal matters. At present, the Orthodox rabbinate in Israel has exclusive jurisdiction over marriages, divorces, inheritance, etc. This has been the subject of considerable protest in liberal circles.

A great deal of importance is attached to the Cabinet committee because it is headed by Premier David Ben Gurion. It also includes the Minister of Religious Affairs as a representative of the religious parties in the government and the Minister of Interior who represents the leftists in the Cabinet.

PROMINENT GHANA LEADERS LEAVE FOR ISRAEL; WILL STUDY ADMINISTRATION

ACCRA, Ghana, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Two delegations of prominent leaders of this new republic left yesterday for Israel. One is a delegation of trade union leaders, the other is a smaller group representing the Joint Provincial Council of Ghana's Chiefs.

The union delegation, consisting of six members headed by Deputy Secretary General Mettenunoo, of the Ghana Trade Union Congress, will be guests of the Israel Confederation of Labor and will spend four months in Israel to study the operations of the Israel union movement. The unionists are particularly interested in the cooperatives conducted by Histadrut.

The second group was headed by Paramount Chief Tsibu Asarem of Assin Atandasu State. He will be the guest of the Mayor of Jerusalem, and will study the administration of regional and local councils in Israel.

FIFTY CHASSIDIC FAMILIES TO LEAVE U.S. FOR SETTLEMENT IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- A group of Hassidim, followers of the Satmarer Rebbe, addressed a memorandum to the Israel Government asking for the establishment of a cooperative settlement for 50 Hassidic families who are ready to emigrate from the United States to Israel. The Jewish Agency supports the request.

ECONOMIC SITUATION OF POLISH JEWRY DETERIORATING; MANY SEEK EMIGRATION

TEL AVIV, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The economic situation of the Jews remaining in Poland is deteriorating despite the liberal attitude of the Gomulka government and most Jews are preparing to quit the country, Dr. Raphael Mahler, noted Jewish historian, declared here after his return from a visit to European Jewish communities.

Dr. Mahler, an authority on Poland, said that not even Jewish intellectuals in Poland had merged with the Polish nation despite their strivings toward assimilation. Even Jews in high positions in the government are not secure, Dr. Mahler continued.

In view of the heavy emigration of Polish Jews recently, he pointed out, many Jews who remain are in high posts, which only adds to their enemies' envy. Very frequently, he said, Jewish children are beaten and ostracized by Polish children. He estimated that there were between 30,000 and 40,000 Jews remaining in the country, plus an additional 10,000 repatriated from the USSR.

POSITION OF JEWS IN RUMANIA REPORTED AS GRAVE BY JEWISH LEADER

LONDON, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The position of Rumanian Jews remains grave because of the Bucharest regime's restriction of Israel-bound emigration, Barnett Janner, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, declared here last night at a meeting of the organization.

Noting that the emigration restriction was particularly hard on members of families divided between Israel and Rumanian, Mr. Janner said: "Had there been only a few such divided families, the Rumanian Government might have relented, but because 10,000 to 20,000 are involved the problem has acquired political aspects in the eyes of the Rumanian Government."

In a comment on the situation of Moroccan Jewry, Mr. Janner said it was disquieting because Jews were not allowed to leave the country at will. A committee of the Board of Deputies has begun an investigation of the Moroccan situation, looking toward action on the matter.

PUBLISHER OF ANTI-SEMITIC PUBLICATION GOES ON TRIAL IN GERMANY

BAMBERG, Germany, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Arthur Erhart, publisher of the anti-Semitic and neo-Nazi monthly "Nation Europa," went on trial before a Bamberg court today on charges of publishing literature dangerous to the Bonn Government and slanderous of the president of the German Parliament, Dr. Eugen Gerstenmaier.

"Nation Europa" has published numerous anti-Semitic articles and questions estimates that six million Jews were martyred by the Nazis. Erhart served during the late World War with a special S.S. unit which fought partisans in Poland and the USSR and exterminated thousands of Jews.

A libel action against the monthly publication "Deutsche Afrika-Orient Information" has been filed on behalf of Eric Ollenhauer, leader of the Social Democratic Party. The publication, considered a sounding board for former Nazis, stated in a recent issue that Dr. Ollenhauer is attorney for Israel and that his wife is a Jew who recently served as a volunteer in the Israeli Army.

ORGANIZATIONS OF EX-NAZIS TO SEEK COMPENSATION FOR DENAZIFICATION

DUSSELDORF, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- A group of former Nazi organizations have formed an "action committee" and are preparing to launch a lobbying campaign in behalf of compensation for "victims" of denazification procedures.

The Nazi actions unit called for elimination of all legislation in post-war Germany which "discriminate" against former Nazis and annulment of all sentences imposed on convicted Nazis. It asked compensation on the pattern of the West German compensation law for victims of the Hitler regime. Among the groups represented on the action committee is HIAG, which assists former members of the SS in need.

JEWS IN IRAN HOLD FIRST CONVENTION IN MODERN TIMES; WOMEN PARTICIPATE

TEL AVIV, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The first convention of Iranian Jewry in modern times was an "important milestone" in the long history of the ancient history of the Jews in Persia, Prof. Arieh Tartakower, president of the Israel section of the World Jewish Congress, who participated in the parley, declared today.

There are some 85,000 Jews in Iran, Prof. Tartakower estimated. He noted that of 17,000 Jewish children in the community, 11,000 were receiving a Jewish education, chiefly through a school system supported by the Otzar Hatorah, an Orthodox organization. The WJC leader said that Persian Jewish women were emancipated and that many of them had participated in the convention of Iranian Jews.

FORMER AUSTRIAN NAZI LEADER RETURNS FROM ARGENTINE HAVEN

VIENNA, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Armin Dadieu, one-time Nazi gauleiter of the Austrian province of Styria who fled to Argentina in 1945, has returned to Graz, it was reported today. He has asked for a teaching post at a high school in that town.

18,000 PERSONS CELEBRATE CHANUKAH AT MADISON SQ. GARDEN; HEAR SHARETT

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- More than 18,000 persons filled Madison Square Garden here tonight to celebrate the annual Chanukah Festival sponsored by the Israel Bond Organization. The festival will be repeated at Madison Square Garden next Monday.

Addressing the audience tonight, Mr. Sharett, former Israel Premier and Foreign Minister, spoke of the victory won by Judah Maccabee and the people of Israel over their enemies more than 2,000 years ago--a victory commemorated every year by the observance of Chanukah. He drew a parallel between the Maccabees of old and the modern Maccabees of modern Israel.

"The days in which we Jews could find solace and pride only in the glorious memories of antiquity are over," Mr. Sharett said. "Our present is more exciting than our past if only because we are the eye witnesses to it, the direct participants in it. They are live, the Maccabees. They are not only to be glorified in age-old prayer and ancient lore--they are today a living and most inspiring reality."

Participating in the concert part of the celebration were Joseph Yadin, prominent Israeli actor; Yehudi Menuhin and Zino Francescatti, noted violin virtuosi; 60 members of the New York Philharmonic; Jan Peerce, Metropolitan Opera tenor; Dorothy Sarnoff, opera soprano; and others.

SEEK COURT RULING ON USE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR RELIGIOUS DISPLAYS

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The way was paved for a high court ruling on the question of religious symbols on public school property when ten residents of the town of Ossining asked the Supreme Court here for an injunction preventing erection of a creche depicting the birth of Christ on the lawn of Ossining High School.

The ten applicants, who were represented by Leo Pfeffer of the American Jewish Congress, included Roman Catholics and Protestants as well as Jews. They named as defendants the Ossining Board of Education and a 15-member citizens committee headed by Mayor Jesse A. Collyer Jr., which is sponsoring the creche. The complainants charged that the display would violate the Federal and State constitutional provisions for separation of Church and State.

Last year, a creche was displayed on the school lawn, despite strong opposition, the Board authorizing the action by a 4-3 vote. This year, the complainants charged, the Board again authorized the action by the same vote although five alternative and equally prominent sites had been offered for the display.

Attorneys for both sides agreed that the specific question of the use of school grounds for the display of religious scenes had never been decided by the courts. They agreed, in conference with Justice Frank H. Coyne, to postpone the motion for an injunction until December 20, not to install the creche meanwhile, and to continue the suit by appeals through the highest courts to obtain a definitive ruling.

PROFESSORSHIP OF HEBREW CULTURE AT N. Y. U. NAMED FOR DR. KATSH

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- The endowed professorship of Hebrew culture and education at New York University has been named for Dr. Abraham I. Katsh, founder of the University's Jewish Culture Foundation and chairman of the department of Hebrew culture and education in its School of Education. President Carroll V. Newsom of NYU announced the action of the University's Board of Trustees tonight at the 20th anniversary dinner of the Jewish Culture Foundation in the Waldorf-Astoria.

RAV BINYAMIN, NOTED WRITER AND PHILOSOPHER, DIES IN ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Yehoshua Radel-Feldman, well known under the pen name of Rav Binyamin, died here yesterday at the age of 77. A philosopher, writer and publicist, Mr. Radel-Feldman was among the earliest Hebrew journalists in his native Poland, Britain and in Israel.

Mr. Radel-Feldman, who came to Israel in 1908, was one of the founders, together with the late Dr. Judah L. Magnes of Brith Shalom, a movement designed to reconcile Jews and Arabs in Palestine. Editor and author of several works, he also translated the diaries of Theodor Herzl into Hebrew.

DR. JOSEPH KLIBANSKY, LEADER OF ORTHODOX JEWRY, DIES IN GERMANY

FRANKFORT, Dec. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Joseph Klibansky, leader of Orthodox Jewry in pre-war post-Hitler Germany and a well known lawyer in the West German Republic, died here suddenly this week-end. He was 55.

Legal adviser to the Association of Jewish communities of Hesse before 1933, he fled the country after the rise of the Nazis, going to Italy and France before returning to Germany in 1948. He was one of the attorneys who defended the late Philip Auerbach who was charged with fraud as head of the Bonn Restitution Office. Dr. Klibansky was also a member of the Agudas Israel World Organization.