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BEN GURION OUTLINES TO BULGANIN ISRAEL'S STAND ON UNIVERSAL PEACE

JERUSALEM, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Prime Minister David Ben Gurion told Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin--in a lengthy note the text of which was made public here today--that Israel has a strong desire to establish closer economic and cultural relations with Moscow. At the same time, he reiterated Israel's adherence to the principles of the Eisenhower Doctrine for the Middle East as a most suitable expression of Israel's aims to strengthen universal peace and improve international relations.

Premier Ben Gurion's note, handed to Soviet Ambassador Alexander Abramov on Monday, replied to the note sent Israel by Soviet Premier Bulganin last month in connection with Moscow's propaganda campaign for achieving world peace. The reply emphasized that the Israel Government expresses "full agreement with the Soviet Government regarding most of the constructive principles" contained in the Soviet note, but quoted extensively from the letter which the Israel Government sent on May 7, 1957, to James P. Richards, who toured the Middle East as President Eisenhower's special envoy on behalf of the Eisenhower Doctrine.

The Israel reply to Premier Bulganin's note expressed "desire to cooperate with the Soviet Government and all other friendly governments" to achieve the aims listed in the Israel letter to Mr. Richards. As a small country, the reply said, Israel "abstains from expressing opinions regarding the causes of international tension, although not necessarily because Israel agrees with all points in the Soviet note on this issue." However, Premier Ben Gurion added, Israel concurred in the Soviet assumption that Israel wanted with all its strength to prevent any new war and to strengthen peace.

"Israel believes that peace is indivisible," Mr. Ben Gurion continued, "and therefore peace must be maintained everywhere for any small or local war is likely to spread into a worldwide conflagration."

Says Moscow Could Help Bring About Arab-Israel Peace

"Israel wholeheartedly welcomes the Soviet Government's opinion that relations among nations must be based on the mutual maintenance of sovereignty, territorial integrity, non-aggression and non-interference in internal affairs," the Ben Gurion note declared. It noted that as a small nation which gained its independence but ten years ago, "with the assistance of the Soviet Union and the United States," Israel's chief task was the development of its resources and the absorption of immigrants.

The USSR could "greatly assist the promotion of a Middle East peace," the note went on, if it were to "advise Israel and the Arab states of the Middle East to enter into direct negotiations for the conclusion of a peace treaty and the establishment of cooperation."

In conclusion, the Israeli note said: "The Government of Israel wishes to declare its strong desire to establish closer economic and cultural relations between Israel and the Soviet Union and, with the improvement of the international climate in view, to improve relations between Israel and the Soviet Union. The Israel Government is convinced that such an improvement in relations would strengthen the Middle East peace and would perhaps contribute in modest measure to a reduction of world tension."

U. N. AFFORESTATION DECISION CAN UNDERMINE ARMISTICE PACT, ISRAEL SAYS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The Israel Foreign office said today that the action of the Security Council yesterday in the Israel-Jordan afforestation dispute ignored established rights and usages and might undermine the validity of the Israel-Jordan armistice agreement.

The statement said that the Israel Government's attitude toward the recommendations of the Security Council, which sent the dispute to the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization and the Mixed Armistice Commission, would be determined by the extent to which they were in conformity with the "accepted facts, rights and obligations" deriving from the armistice agreement.

The Foreign Office expressed regret that at a time when the international community was facing crucial and pressing problems, the Security Council should have been called on to deal with "trees in no-man's-land." In this way, the Israel statement said, a minor local problem had been magnified to the proportions of an international conflict.

FRANCE OPPOSES CHANGES IN ISRAEL'S BORDERS, FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS

PARIS, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- France's determination to insure Israel's territorial integrity was reaffirmed today by French Foreign Minister Christian Pineau during a debate in the National Assembly.

Commenting on the NATO statement stressing the need for territorial stability in the Middle East, M. Pineau declared that "France is against any territorial changes in the Near East, particularly against any changes of Israel's borders. Any such change is liable to disturb the precarious peace of the region."

M. Pineau had some harsh words for the Soviet proposal that nuclear bases and weapons be barred from the Middle East. "This plan," he said, "would empty the area of nuclear weapons from within, but would expose it to nuclear weapons dropped from above."

INDIAN GOVERNMENT URGED TO MEDIATE PEACE BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL

NEW DELHI, India, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The Indian Government has been asked to take the initiative in trying to bring about a peace settlement between Egypt and Israel and thus make its contribution toward preventing the outbreak of a third World War. The appeal was voiced in an article written here by A. R. Wadi, member of the Indian Parliament and director of the Tata Institute of Social Science in Bombay.

Mr. Wadia scored his own government for being a party to the Arab states' boycott of Israel, asserting that "this is a very dangerous phenomenon." He referred to the "hopeful" fact that India wielded considerable influence with Egypt and for this reason urged that India attempt to get Egypt to reach a peaceful solution of her conflict with the Jewish State. If this is accomplished, he said, India can be "proud" of her accomplishment in the direction of world peace.

The MP expressed his certainty that "Israel with her genius has yet some contribution to make to the peace of the world and to the civilization of the world." He referred to it as a "wonderful country" which through its conquest of the desert and otherwise lifting the living standards of its people has set the Arab lands a beneficial example. He recommended that the Arabs accept the existence of the State of Israel as a fact of life.

FRANCE PRESENTS EXTRADITION TREATY TO ISRAEL; PACT TO BE SIGNED SOON

JERUSALEM, Jan. 22. (JTA) -- Israel has accepted the final draft of an extradition treaty just submitted by the French Government, a spokesman for the Israel Foreign Ministry announced today.

After the pact is signed, within the next few days, Israel will have to make a formal decision on the French request for the surrender of Joseph Janovici wanted by the French police on charges of alleged fraud and currency manipulations. If Israel agrees, it will have to go to court for a ruling on whether Mr. Janovici, who arrived from Morocco under an assumed name, shall be surrendered.

Israel and France first came to a preliminary agreement on an extradition agreement in 1956. Subsequent French amendments had been approved and signed by Israel last July. Since then the entire matter has been hanging fire at the French Foreign Ministry.

U.S. AMBASSADOR IN ISRAEL PRESENTS 50,000-POUND CHECK TO BOYS TOWN

JERUSALEM, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- United States Ambassador Edward B. Lawson today handed over a 50,000-pound check from the U.S. Government to Boys Town Jerusalem to further its general educational and vocational training of Israeli youth. The funds are Israeli currency accumulated here in the American policy of encouraging American newspapers and magazines to enter the country by paying the publishers in dollars and accepting local currency.

Ambassador Lawson had honorary citizenship in Boys Town conferred on him by the eight-boy town council and told the assembled residents and staff that this was the most pleasant honor accorded him in 30 years of foreign service. He lauded Boys Town as the transplantation of an "American concept to the Holy Land."

JEWISH COLONIZATION ASSOCIATION VOTES LARGE APPROPRIATION FOR ISRAEL

LONDON, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The Jewish Colonization Association announced today that at the annual meeting of its Council last night a large appropriation for settlement work in Israel was voted. The amount involved was not revealed. Sir Henry d'Avigdor Goldsmid was re-elected president.

The JCA council decided to build a new JCA colony in the Northern Negev, in cooperation with the Jewish Agency. Sdeh Moshe, the Association's newest settlement, will be completed this year in the Lachish area southwest of Jerusalem. Other activities decided upon include the expansion of existing JCA colonies, setting up the children of older settlers in JCA-sponsored communities on farms of their own and advancing loans to assist cooperative enterprises in JCA settlements.

JEWISH CLAIMS CONFERENCE MEETS IN ROME; TOMAP 1958 ALLOCATIONS

ROME, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Leaders of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany assembled here today for the opening of the annual meeting of the Conference, which represents 22 major Jewish organizations in countries in North and South America, Europe and Australia.

The major business of the two-day meeting, which opens Saturday evening, is the allocation of approximately \$10,000,000 in German reparations payments for the purpose of rehabilitating individuals and communities which suffered as a result of Nazi persecution. Delegates to the meeting were honored tonight at a reception tendered jointly by the Union of Italian Jewish Communities and the Jewish Community of Rome.

World leaders of the B'nai B'rith organization were honored here last night by the Rome Lodge of B'nai B'rith. Present at the reception were Philip Klutznick, world and American president, Frank Goldman, honorary president, Jack Morrison, president of the English lodges and Edwin Guggenheim, president of the Continental European B'nai B'rith movement.

U.S., FRANCE, RUSSIA OPPOSE INCLUSION OF RELIGION IN OFFICIAL CENSUSES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The question of listing religious affiliation in national censuses was raised today at the United Nations subcommission which is engaged in discussing a report on discrimination in religious rights and practices.

The report brought to the attention of the United Nations the fact that many states do not include information concerning religious affiliation in their official censuses. Mohammed Awad, of Egypt, chairman of the subcommission, criticized the United States for not including the question of religion in its official population census.

(Jewish organizations, as well as various non-Jewish groups, objected recently to the inclusion of a question on religion in the U.S. census on the ground that this would violate the separation of church and state principle of the American constitution. As a result, the Bureau of the Census decided to continue its longstanding practice of not inserting the question of religious affiliation in the next--the 1960--census.)

Replying to the Egyptian delegate, Judge Theodore Spaulding of the United States told the subcommission that the Bill of Rights of the U.S. Constitution contained in the First Amendment a prohibition which restrained the government from passing any laws relating to the establishment of religion. It had been construed by the courts "very broadly because nothing has been permitted to enter in the situation which would affect the freedom of religion" guaranteed. It had been felt that "no official recognition should be given to any religion or any information relating to the census," Judge Spaulding concluded.

A. Fomin of the USSR, said that Soviet legislation banned "asking the believer or the non-believer or anyone seeking a job" for information as to what religion such individual belonged. Therefore, in his country there were no statistics, it being considered that these might have "bad repercussions" for individuals. The desire was to avoid additional possible grounds for discrimination, he said.

Claude Chayet of France said that the Republic of France under its constitution prohibited any public document from recording the religion of anyone. The state would consider it discrimination vis-a-vis the individual to ask about his religious affiliation. Any attempt at a governmental census aimed at gathering official statistics on religion might violate the religious rights of the individual, in his view.

STATE DEPT. OPPOSES ISSUANCE OF U.S. POSTAGE STAMP HONORING ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Rep. Alfred E. Santangelo, New York Democrat, has introduced a bill providing for issuance of a special commemorative U.S. postage stamp honoring Israel's tenth anniversary. But State Department sources quickly pointed out the department would advise postal authorities against such a stamp because the Arabs might take offense.

According to the reported State Department view, a U.S. stamp honoring Israel would facilitate Communist propaganda which seeks to equate the United States with Israel in Arab eyes. There is also said to be a "practical question" of whether the Arab states would allow U.S. mail bearing such stamps to be delivered through their internal postal systems. However, the State Department has not spoken officially although officials who usually advise on such matters are known to have formulated a negative attitude.

The idea of U.S. stamps honoring foreign nations is not new. Many commemoratives of this sort have been issued. Rep. Santangelo termed Israel's tenth anniversary an "excellent occasion" to "salute Israel as a symbol of democracy in that strife-torn area of the world." He said it would "demonstrate to the world that Israel does not stand alone in this troubled area."

PRESIDENT OF CANADIAN CLUB IN NEW YORK DENIES BAR AGAINST JEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- A spokesman for the Canadian Club of New York, a social organization of Canadians and former Canadians resident here, affirmed today a reported statement by the club's president, John Clough, flatly denying that the club barred Jews from membership.

The reported defense of the club's admission policies was made by Mr. Clough in a telephoned conversation between him and Alan MacNaughton, Montreal member of the Canadian Parliament. Mr. MacNaughton, as an aftermath of charges in the Parliament of such discrimination, said he would resign from the Canadian Club if the charges were true.

Mr. Clough told the Canadian MP that "we have 19 known Jewish members if not more," and that the club's constitution "prohibits" racial and political considerations in admission policies. The club spokesman also confirmed that Mr. Clough had told Mr. MacNaughton that "New York State would lift the charter if the club practiced racial discrimination." The spokesman said he was substantiating Mr. Clough's denials of bias in the absence of the club president on business in the mid-west.

NORWALK GROUP WITHDRAWS PETITION AGAINST JEWISH CENTER

NORWALK, Conn., Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The Shorehaven Association, a suburban civic group, withdrew its petition for a temporary injunction to prevent the use of a local estate by the Norwalk Jewish Center. However, the situation remains unresolved, because a petition for a permanent injunction remains before the Court of Common Pleas and attorneys for both sides have agreed to let the judge decide the case on its merits. There is no certainty when the plea for a permanent injunction will be heard.

The association has objected to center plans to add recreational facilities and a parking lot to the estate, asserting that the center would thereby be bringing into the neighborhood heavy traffic, would change its character and lower property values. At least one Jewish center official has privately charged discrimination, which was denied by spokesmen for the association.

U.S. JEWISH GROUPS COMMISSION MUSICAL WORKS; OPERA DEDICATED TO ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Jewish organizations, community centers and synagogues have commissioned 32 Jewish musical works in response to a nation-wide effort started in 1957 by the Music Council of the National Jewish Welfare Board, the Council announced today. Some of the new compositions will receive their premieres during the 14th annual observance of the Jewish Music Festival February 1 to March 1 under Music Council auspices.

Among the major works commissioned was an opera written by Ray Smolover and dedicated to the tenth anniversary of Israel. The music to this opera is to be written by Siegfried Landau on commission from the Opera Theatre of Westchester, Scarsdale, N. Y. Also a cantata in honor of the tenth anniversary by Lewis Allen, on commission from the Jewish Agency; an opera, "Bontsche Schweig," by Bernard Wilets, commissioned by the Jewish Community Center of Long Beach, California; and a Purim operetta by Charles Davidson and Ray Smolover, commissioned by the National Women's League.

AMERICA-ISRAEL SOCIETY AWARDS MCKELDIN PRIZE FOR PROMOTING CULTURE

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- The Theodore R. McKeldin prize of the America-Israel Society for helping to forge better cultural relations between the United States and Israel was awarded tonight to Bernard Katzen, special consultant to the Department of State, at a dinner of the Society. Addresses were delivered by Abba Eban, Israel Ambassador to the United States; Thomas K. Finletter, former Secretary of the United States Air Force; Governor McKeldin of Maryland and Maxwell M. Raab, Secretary to President Eisenhower's Cabinet.

The McKeldin prize is named in honor of Governor McKeldin who is national president of the America-Israel Society, and who founded the non-sectarian, non-political organization five years ago at Government House in Annapolis, Md. The Society is dedicated to promoting better cultural relations between the United States and Israel through study tours in Israel, interchange of visitors, education, science and the arts. Mr. Katzen was selected to be the first recipient of the prize because of his plan to unfreeze \$3,500,000 in blocked American funds accumulated in Israel under the informational media guaranty program for the use in Israel for cultural purposes. The money is now being distributed by the U.S. Embassy in Israel.

URUGUAY AND ISRAEL SIGN TREATY ON COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION IN MONTEVIDEO

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 23. (JTA) -- Israel and Uruguay signed here yesterday a treaty of commerce and navigation granting each other most favored nation status in relation to tariffs and outlined reciprocal facilities for tourism and the handling of merchandise in transit. It includes a payments agreement for trade between the two countries which allows the unhindered movement of goods to the extent of \$1,500,000 in favor of either nation within a two-year period.