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ANKARA CONFERENCE CONCLUDES; IRAQ'S ANTI-ISRAEL ATTEMPT FAILS

ANKARA, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The four-day Bagdad Pact council meeting ended with the release of a lengthy communique which failed to make any mention of the Arab-Israel conflict, despite strenuous last minute attempts by the Iraqi delegation.

Early this morning Iraqi Premier Abdul Nawab Mirjan flew in from Bagdad, reportedly to make a final plea for inclusion of a statement on the Palestine issue. His arrival held up release of the communique for several hours while the conferees met in closed session. A public session was delayed and, when it was held later, Iraqi delegate Nuri as-Said said merely that he had already explained his country's views on Palestine.

The communique did point out that the plight of the Arab refugees was a situation which international Communism was attempting to exploit. Also, it commended the concept of the United Nations Emergency Force, which guards the Israel-Egyptian demarcation lines, for areas of disturbance elsewhere.

Turkish newspapers of all political hues continued today their criticism of attempts to convert the Bagdad Pact into an anti-Israel instrument. Almost universally, the Turkish press saw in this move a dangerous sidetracking of the anti-Communist purpose of the alliance. The pact council consists of Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan and Britain. A United States delegation headed by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles attended with the status of observers.

BRITAIN SEEKS NO ISRAEL RETREAT TO 1947 BORDERS, PREMIER SAYS

SYDNEY, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- British Prime Minister Harold MacMillan declared here today that there was no foundation for reports that the British Government was urging a revival of the 1947 United Nations frontier recommendations as part of a solution for the Arab-Israel problem.

Premier MacMillan, arriving here on his tour of Commonwealth countries, said he had not heard of any such plans except for press reports. He added there had been no change in the British Government's attitude on the Arab-Israel deadlock. He made the statements in reply to questions from Jewish newsmen at a press conference.

Replying to a question about hopes for a general solution of Middle East problems, he said this was bound up with the problems of the "great East-West struggle," adding that "we must be patiently hopeful and watchful and never lose an opportunity for examination of a possible solution."

Asked to what extent he thought containment of the Soviet Union should be permitted to take priority over a solution of other Middle East problems, the Prime Minister replied that prevention of war and not only nuclear was the first consideration.

House of Lords Discusses Arab-Israel Conflict

LONDON, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- A proposal for a settlement of the Israel-Arab conflict on the basis of a "mild compromise" on borders was proposed in the House of Lords Wednesday in the midst of a debate on the Middle East.

Lord Birdwood, who said he had been labelled pro-Arab, suggested that the Arabs would have to face the reality of Israel's existence, in return for which Israel would have to accept some border changes. He called for international aid on an unprecedented scale to assist in settling the Arab refugee problem. He also suggested reconstitution of the United Nations Palestine Conciliation Commission as a body which might be able to mediate an Arab-Israel settlement.

Lord Silken, a Laborite peer, noted that the British Government was committed to protect the sovereignty of Israel as well as of the Arab states of the Middle East. He stressed that the Arab states had refused to accept the UN decision of 1947 and had gone to war against Israel to nullify it. Finally, Lord Silkin pointed out, by their persecution of their Jewish minorities the Arab states had created a body of 400,000 new Jewish refugees who had gone to Israel.

ISRAEL SUBMITS PROTEST TO U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL ON SYRIAN AGGRESSION

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Israel protested today to the Security Council against a "new wave of Syrian aggressions," which since December has manifested itself in ten serious incidents, costing ten Israeli casualties, including three dead.

The protest, addressed to the President of the Security Council, said the series of recent Syrian aggressions showed signs of having been "planned and premeditated on instructions of responsible authorities" of Syria. In the latest of the incidents, which occurred on Tuesday, Syrian soldiers attacked a group of 20 Israeli policemen in the demilitarized zone east of Dan settlement, killing two and wounding six, Israel stressed.

"The most serious feature of this latest series of Syrian acts of aggression against Israel," the Israel letter stated, "is the fact that in most cases members of the regular Syrian Army were involved. In numerous instances the fire came from fortified Syrian army positions and in several instances Syrian soldiers entered Israel territory. The firing was directed against Israel civilians who were engaged in peaceful pursuits such as agricultural work, the tending of sheep and fishing, or against Israel policemen clearing mines which had been placed by Syrians in the demilitarized zone on the Israel side of the international border."

The letter, submitted to the President of the Security Council by Mordecai Kidron, member of the Israel delegation to the UN, requested the President to circulate the protest among all Council members, but did not ask for a Council meeting. The president of the Council for February will be Arkady R. Sobolev, Soviet delegate.

(In Jerusalem today it was announced that a new appeal had been made by Israel to the United Nations Secretariat asking it to intervene with Cairo for the return of the fishing trawler Doron, a modern, fully equipped 70-ton vessel. The Doron's crew was released by the Egyptian earlier in the week.)

ISRAEL TO ORDER TWO SUPERTANKERS IN JAPAN; TO PAY \$16,000,000

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Israel plans to order from Japanese shipyards two brand new supertankers to carry oil to the refineries at Haifa, Arieh Rosen, an official of Zim Israel Navigation Lines, revealed here yesterday. Mr. Rosen is en route to Japan to supervise, in behalf of the Israel Government, the construction details of the huge vessels.

Mr. Rosen, who said delivery is expected in two years, said the tankers would have a displacement of between 47,000 and 52,000 tons, making them the largest vessels in Israel's maritime service. He estimated their cost at \$8,000,000 each.

HEAVY RAINS CRIPPLE HAIFA PORT OPERATIONS; CAUSE DAMAGE TO FIELDS

TEL AVIV, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The Hills of Galilee were blanketed under nearly eight inches of snow today as Israel was pelted by winds, heavy rains and hailstorms that crippled much outdoor work and operations at the port of Haifa.

A pile-up of citrus scheduled for overseas shipment at the port led the Citrus Marketing Board to issue a nation-wide ban on further citrus picking until loading can be resumed at Haifa. The heavy rains caused damage to vegetable fields and supplies to towns were temporarily discontinued.

Most of the bad weather hit the north central and central parts of Israel while the parched Negev remained without adequate rainfall, posing a danger to the winter crops.

500 SCHOOLCHILDREN IN JERUSALEM SUFFER FROM FOOD POISONING

JERUSALEM, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Nearly 500 Jerusalem children suffered food poisoning today, apparently caused by the lunch served at their public school. Most were treated at hospitals and released, 20 were hospitalized as seriously ill, but there were no fatalities.

The pupils all attended the same school in the Mekor Baruch suburb of Jerusalem. They began coming down with stomach cramps and other food poisoning symptoms shortly after the lunch hour. Ambulances were hastily mobilized from various hospitals throughout the city.

VERY FEW POLISH JEWS SEEK THEIR WAY FROM ISRAEL BACK TO POLAND

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Very few Polish Jews who migrated to Israel have returned to Poland, the New York Times reported today from Warsaw. The dispatch said Israel officials in Poland estimated that only seven families and a few individuals have made the trip back.

The Times reported that last year 33,000 Polish Jews, accompanied by 2,000 Christians married to Jews, went to Israel from Poland. Another 7,000 of Poland's 30,000 Jews are expected to emigrate to Israel in 1958. Another 10,000 to 12,000 Jews are expected to be repatriated from the Soviet Union to Poland in the same period, the newspaper said.

MOSCOW MUM ON ISRAEL'S SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE TRADE RELATIONS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The Soviet Union has not yet replied to Israeli suggestions to Moscow for the Soviet Union to use its influence to help promote direct Arab-Israel peace talks nor to Israeli proposals to improve trade and cultural relations between the USSR and Israel, it was learned here today.

Foreign Ministry sources confirmed today that Israel's Ambassador to Moscow, Joseph Avidar, had met with Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Semyenov, but declined to disclose the content of the discussion. Ambassador Avidar paid a call on Mr. Semyenov before Premier David Ben Gurion answered a note from Premier Nikolai Bulganin on the world peace situation. Mr. Ben Gurion's note asked Soviet intervention in behalf of Middle East peace, while Ambassador Avidar put forth the suggestions to increase trade and cultural exchanges.

Two Israeli attorneys emplaned today for Moscow to continue arguments before the Moscow Chamber of Commerce on Israel's suit for over \$2,000,000 in damages resulting from the USSR unilaterally abrogating an oil-for-citrus fruit deal during the Suez campaign. The hearing, adjourned some weeks ago because the illness of one member of the tribunal, will be resumed February 2.

W. J. C. PARLEY DISCUSSES JEWISH SITUATION IN EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

ROME, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The coordinating committee of the World Jewish Congress ended a two-day meeting here last night with a decision to summon a plenary meeting of the Congress World Executive in Geneva starting July 20.

The meeting, at which Dr. Nahum Goldmann, WJC president, presided, was attended by representatives of the America, European and Israel branches of the executive and by representatives of affiliated bodies in Australia, Canada and Argentina.

Delegates considered the Jewish situation in Eastern Europe and North Africa and heard reports on negotiations with authorities in those areas. At the end of the sessions, Dr. Goldmann and other WJC leaders met with officials of Italian Jewish organizations.

(Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, returned today from Rome where he participated in the meeting of the World Jewish Congress coordinating committee. He reported that he had had an audience with Pope Pius XII at which he expressed the appreciation of the AJC for the protection and shelter extended by the Vatican to Jews in Rome and throughout Italy during the Nazi period.)

JEWISH CULTURAL LIFE REPORTED NON-EXISTENT IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

LONDON, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- There are approximately 20,000 Jews remaining in Czechoslovakia, most of them living in small isolated groups and not registered with Jewish communities. Folkstimm, the Warsaw Yiddish daily reported in the latest issue to arrive here.

The report said that there was no Jewish cultural life nor Jewish schools in the country and that only six rabbis and a number of ritual slaughterers and cantors were functioning. Rabbinical students have gone to Rumania and Hungary to carry on their studies, it added. The state supports Jewish homes for the aged in Marienbad, Brno, Bratislava and Podbierbrady.

U. S. SEEKS WORLD STUDY ON LANDS PREVENTING EMIGRATION OF MINORITIES

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Jan. 30. (JTA) -- A move toward organization of a special world-wide study on discrimination against minorities in the field of emigration was being prepared here today by the United States representative on the United Nations "anti-bias" group. The American representative in that body--officially known as the Human Rights Commission's Subcommittee on Discrimination and Protection of Minorities--is Judge Philip Halpern of Buffalo, New York.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights recognizes as a basic freedom the right of people to emigrate. As soon as current debates on other issues are completed, by the end of this week, Judge Halpern will propose to the subcommittee the selection of a special rapporteur for a study to establish by what countries and how the "right to escape" is being violated.

The representatives of the Soviet Union and of the Arab bloc countries are expected to oppose such a study. The UN Secretariat will probably also be cool to the proposal, on the grounds of the costs involved. Other members of the subcommittee, led by the representative of the Philippines, are expected to approve Judge Halpern's proposal in principle but will insist that the right of immigration or the "open door" policy is as important as the "right to escape."

TOWN COUNCIL IN HOLLAND NAMES STREET AFTER RABBI DEPORTED BY NAZIS

THE HAGUE, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- The Town Council of Oss, which has a majority of Roman Catholics, has voted to honor the memory of the last rabbi of Oss deported by the Nazis in 1943 by naming one of the town's streets "Rabbi Joseph Goldsmith Street."

ITALIAN ZIONISTS HOLD CONFERENCE; ACKNOWLEDGE JEWISH AGENCY'S AID

LEGHORN, Italy, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- An appeal to the Italian Government to use its good offices toward a peaceful solution of the Middle East conflict was contained in a resolution adopted here at the eighth national conference of the Italian Zionist movement.

Other resolutions expressed the solidarity of Italian Zionists with Israel and acknowledged the assistance and cooperation of the Jewish Agency. Among the participants in the parley were Sergio Piperno, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities, and representatives of the Jewish Agency, Keren Hayesod and Jewish National Fund.

HADASSAH 1958 AWARD FOR HUMANITARIAN SERVICES VOTED FOR BEN GURION

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- A resolution urging Congress to appropriate funds to assure effective United States participation in the United Nations expanded Technical Assistance Program for Underdeveloped Regions, was adopted here yesterday at the mid-winter conference of Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization. The U.S. co-sponsored the expanded UN aid program.

It was also announced at the session, the last of the annual four-day meeting, that the 1958 Henrietta Szold Award would be presented to Israel Premier David Ben Gurion at a ceremony in Jerusalem. The award, which gives recognition to humanitarian services, carries a \$1,000 cash gift.

The organization has chartered the Israeli passenger liner S.S. Jerusalem for a special Hadassah pilgrimage to Israel next May. Mrs. Herman Shulman, national chairman of the pilgrimage, announced. More than 400 Hadassah leaders are expected to make the voyage.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota told the 750 delegates at the parley that the Bagdad Pact should become the "beginnings of an organization for the planned economic development and expansion of all Middle East countries, including Israel." He suggested once again the formation of a Middle East Development Agency under United Nations sponsorship, with both United States and Soviet participation.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR ISRAEL BONDS TO BE HELD IN MIAMI

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Israel Bond Organization, and Israel Ambassador Abba Eban will be the principal speakers at the international inaugural conference for Israel bonds, which opens in Miami on February 6, it was announced today by Dr. Joseph J. Schwartz, vice president of the organization. The conference will launch the drive to sell \$75,000, - 000 in Israel bonds during 1958.

In addition to Dr. Silver and Mr. Eban, speakers will include General Meir Amit, head of the Central Command of the Israel Army, Abraham Feinberg, president of the Israel Bond Organization, and Dr. Schwartz.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL TO HONOR WILLIAM ROSENWALD AT MIAMI ASSEMBLY

NEW YORK, Jan. 30. (JTA) -- William Rosenwald, leader of the United Jewish Appeal, will be honored by Jewish communal leaders from all parts of the country at the UJA's national inaugural conference which will launch its 1958 nationwide campaign, it was announced today by Morris W. Berinstein, UJA general chairman. The Conference will take place in Miami Beach on March 2. The tribute to Mr. Rosenwald will mark his two decades of outstanding service to the UJA, climaxed by his leadership as general chairman of the UJA campaigns of 1955, 1956 and 1957.

"Nothing could be more fitting," Mr. Berinstein stated, "than to pay tribute to William Rosenwald as the UJA begins its crucial 20th campaign on behalf of the rescue and rehabilitation of Jewish lives. He was one of the small group of far-seeing American Jewish leaders who organized the UJA as the single fund-raising agency to meet overseas needs in the black days of 1938. Ever since, he has devoted his brilliant leadership and unflagging energy to the success of its campaigns.

"Mr. Rosenwald has played an outstanding role in effecting the rescue and resettlement in freedom of more than a million Jewish men, women and children and has helped sustain hundreds of thousands of Jews in need all over the world. We continue to look to his leadership now, as we have in the past 19 years, to carry forward the great voluntary program of life-saving and life-building that faces American Jewry," Mr. Berinstein concluded.

CANADIAN JEWISH LEADER TO STUDY SITUATION OF JEWS IN POLAND

MONTREAL, Jan. 30, (JTA) -- Lavy M. Becker, vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, will visit the Jewish communities of Poland to survey the position of the Jewish repatriates from Russia to that country, it was announced here today. The Canadian Jewish Congress is interested in extending assistance to these 30,000 Jewish returnees to their native land directly and through the Joint Distribution Committee, the announcement said.