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POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF SYRIAN-EGYPTIAN MERGER STUDIED BY STATE DEPT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The State Department today continued studying reports of the developing "United Arab Republic" of Syria and Egypt while official sources reported it difficult to predict the direction the new Arab move will take.

One official speculated that perhaps too much was being made of the united Arab movement. In his view, it might be nothing more than an attempt to start a revitalized Arab League.

It was thought here that there is no substance to reports of Jordan seeking organization of Arab counter-bloc. It is known, however, that Jordan is in consultation with Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

(In Israel, the press predicted today that President Nasser's next move would be the nationalization of oil pipelines terminating in Syria. The Egyptian ruling military junta has boasted openly that between the Suez Canal and the trans-Syrian pipelines, the federated state will control the movement of 90 percent of Europe's oil. There have been hints aplenty that this situation will be used to pressure the West.)

United Nations Adopts "Wait and See" Policy on Arab Merger

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 3. (JTA) -- United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld's office has adopted a "wait-and-see" attitude toward the announced federation of Egypt and Syria, it was learned here today.

Contrary to reports, the highest level in the United Nations has made no statement about the meaning of the federation and its relations to the UN and is not going to issue any such statement until there is a constitution, single flag and general set-up for the new "United Arab Republic," it was established.

There is no indication here yet whether the new Arab state will attempt to retain both UN votes now held by Egypt and Syria through the adoption of a commonwealth arrangement rather than single nation status.

Top officialdom at the UN believes a long time will elapse before there is a union between the two states in fact as well as in law. There is also a belief here that no aspect of UN relations with the new state will come up at least until the next General Assembly.

ISRAEL RELEASES SYRIAN VESSEL; WAS APPREHENDED IN ISRAELI WATERS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Seven Syrian fishermen and their 150-ton vessel the "Abdul Karim" were apprehended last night in Israeli territorial waters opposite the coast at Askalon. The vessel was escorted into Haifa harbor this morning by a police boat.

After investigation, it was verified that the vessel was caught in powerful currents and brought into Israeli territorial waters against the will of its crew. Police headquarters announced that the seven fishermen and their ship would be released later in the day.

15 JEWS EMPLOYED IN CIVIL SERVICE IN LEBANON; ALL UNDER SURVEILLANCE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Only 15 Jews are employed in the Lebanese civil service and these are all in minor positions under close surveillance, the Premier told Parliament today.

He was replying to opposition questions as to the number of Jews in the government service. The Premier reported that the size of the Lebanese Jewish community was declining and had reached between 8,000 and 10,000.

ISRAEL REFUSES TO COMMENT ON KHRUSHCHEV'S ANTI-ISRAEL STATEMENT

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Israeli officials refused today to comment on Nikita Khrushchev's remarks to a correspondent of the Times of London that Israel's posture in the Middle East was "aggressive." The Soviet leader told the British journalist that he would not intervene in behalf of peace between Israel and the Arabs, because Arab-Israel relations were so aggravated at this time that there would be no value in such an effort.

ISRAEL LEADER URGES ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SPAIN

TEL AVIV, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A call for the establishment of diplomatic relations between Israel and Franco Spain was issued here last night by David Hacohen, a leading member of the Mapai Party and a deputy in Knesset, speaking at a public meeting of the party.

The absence of diplomatic contact between the two countries has done Israel great harm, Mr. Hacohen asserted. Replying to objections that Spain's government was a dictatorship, Mr. Hacohen noted that Israel had relations with the Communist countries of Eastern Europe of whose governments Israelis disapprove.

Mr. Hacohen has served several times as a policy adviser to the Israel delegation to the United Nations and was his country's first Minister to Burma. He is a central figure in the Histadrut's huge Solel Boneh construction cooperative.

FRENCH SENATOR ADVOCATES INCLUSION OF ISRAEL IN NATO; CITES REASONS

TEL AVIV, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A call to include Israel in NATO and other European organizations was voiced here today by Jean Raymond-Laurent, deputy chairman of the French Senate and a member of the French parliamentary delegation currently visiting Israel.

Speaking before the International Relations Club here, Sen. Raymond-Laurent said that the same reasons which existed for including Turkey in NATO hold for Israel's inclusion. He insisted that though Israel is not part of the geographical unit of Europe it belongs to that continent from security economic and cultural viewpoints.

The statement came in reply to a question posed to the French Senator by Moshe Sharett, former Premier of Israel.

COMMUNIST IN ISRAEL WARNED AGAINST FERMENTING VIOLENCE AMONG ARABS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Proposals to organize an "active struggle" against the present regime in Israel among Israel's Arab minority were discussed at a meeting of the leaders of the local Communist Party, according to reports published here today. However, there is no unanimity among the Communist leaders on these proposals, the reports noted.

According to these reports, the suggestion for an "active struggle" came after the Communist parties of the Middle East countries received instructions to intensify the "struggle against colonialism." A number of Communist leaders, reportedly Parliamentary deputies Moshe Sneh, Shmuel Mikunis and Tewfik Toubi, are opposed to using Arab nationalism as a weapon in their opposition to the Ben Gurion regime.

The Hebrew press reports that when news of the proposed "active struggle" reached leading members of Parliament they privately and urgently warned the Communist leaders against attempts to ferment violence in Israel's Arab areas. Communist circles vigorously denied today the existence of such a plan and charged that the reports of it were "provocations and persecution" of Israeli Communists.

U.S. AMBASSADOR IN ISRAEL PRESENTS AMERICAN GRANT TO HEBREW UNIVERSITY

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- United States Ambassador Edward B. Lawson handed to the Hebrew University today a check for 9,000 pounds, representing the first installment of an American aid grant of 200,000 pounds for the construction of a school of education here to be named for the late John Dewey, internationally famous American educator. The money will be made available from Israeli pounds accumulated here by the U.S. Government under its International Media Guaranty program.

Later in the day, the Ambassador was received at an extraordinary session of the Jerusalem municipality where he presented Major Gershon Agron of Jerusalem with a check for 50,000 pounds for the construction of a Bet Am, a social-cultural center. This check also came from IMG funds which accumulate from the sale of American periodicals and books to Israel.

WEEK-LONG BAN ON CITRUS PICKING IN ISRAEL TO END TODAY; STORMS OVER

TEL AVIV, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Citrus picking will be resumed tomorrow in Israel's orchards following a week-long ban on harvesting imposed by the national citrus board in the wake of storms which threatened to pile up rotting fruit on Israel's wharves and railroad sidings.

With the improvement of weather conditions in the last few days and intensified loading activities on the docks, all standing stocks of fruit have been put aboard outgoing freighters. By late tomorrow fruit will begin arriving in Haifa again and will be moved to the dockside.

Diamond polishing workshops throughout Israel have closed down for a ten day "holiday" while waiting for business to pick up. In recent months orders from abroad, chiefly from the United States, have dropped off drastically. If new orders do not pick up in the next ten days the shops may be closed for a further, indefinite period.

CONGRESS RESOLUTION ASKS EISENHOWER TO SEND DELEGATION TO ISRAEL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A concurrent resolution greeting Israel on its 10th anniversary and requesting President Eisenhower to name a United States delegation to Israel to represent this country at the ceremonies marking the anniversary, was introduced in both Houses of Congress. The resolution was presented in the Senate by Sen. Jacob K. Javits, Republican. In the House of Representatives it was offered by Rep. Emanuel Celler, Democrat.

Little likelihood is seen here that the United States will grant Congressional requests for issuance of a special commemorative postage stamp honoring Israel's tenth anniversary. State Department officials are reported opposed to such a stamp on grounds that certain Arab states would find it offensive and might refuse to deliver U.S. mail bearing such stamps.

TRUMAN VISUALIZES ISRAEL AS INDUSTRIAL CENTER FOR ENTIRE MIDDLE EAST

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Former President Truman said last night he was convinced that Israel is here to stay whether or not the Arab states like it. Mr. Truman made his comments on a nationwide television program.

Speaking of his part in the establishment of the State of Israel, the former President said he had no regrets for his action and described it as simply helping to carry out a promise given the Jews many years ago by the British in the Balfour Declaration.

Mr. Truman said he visualized the development of the Arab lands of the Middle East as great agricultural countries with Israel as the regional industrial center serving the Arabs with its industry. He expressed the belief that an Arab-Israel peace would eventually be achieved despite Arab "demagogues."

ARAB PROPAGANDA IN THE UNITED STATES ANALYZED AT PARLEY OF EXPERTS

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Details of Arab propaganda in the United States were made public today by Prof. James B. Sheldon, administrative chairman of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, addressing a conference of Middle East experts held at the University of Pennsylvania here under the auspices of the Zionist Organization of America.

The conference was also addressed by two members of the Israel delegation to the United Nations, Arthur C. A. Liveran, one of these members, reviewed Israel's foreign policy against the background of the latest developments in the East-West struggle. He said that as long as the cold war between East and West continues, existing animosity between the Arab states and Israel will be exploited by the bloc interested in using instability anywhere to gain domination.

Those intent on blocking such a spread of anti-Western influence in the Middle East must be ready therefore to take countermeasures before it is too late, Mr. Liveran stated. "Common sense dictates that the first step to that end is to recognize clearly who in that area are the friends and who are the actual or potential enemies of the Western democracies. The next step is to realize that in order to strengthen the Western position, the West must aid its supporters and not comfort its enemies. It certainly can not afford to try to appease the latter by sacrificing the interests of the former."

Arieh Eilan, the other member of the Israel delegation to the United Nations, reported on Israel's relations with countries of Asia and Africa. He stressed that "the conception of Afro-Asia does not exist as a political reality, as in fact the countries of Asia and Africa have a different historical background and a different set of problems to cope with today. It is only in the United Nations where sometimes, and only sometimes, Asian countries and some African states vote on a common basis."

Arab Maintain Elaborate Propaganda Machine in U.S., No Shortage of Funds

Prof. Sheldon charged that propaganda agents of the Arab states, including certain domestic organizations that follow their line, have adopted a weird species of doubletalk designed to make it falsely appear that the "Arab story" is being kept out of the American press because of some kind of presumably "sinister control" exercised by the Israelis.

"The facts are exactly the reverse," he declared. "Each one of the Arab governments has its own propaganda set-up in this country--and besides, the Arab League maintains an elaborate press relations office, representing the group as a whole. There is no shortage of money here--as everyone who has heard about the oil riches of these land knows."

"In addition, an organization called the Arab Refugee Committee maintains offices in New York, as an agency of four of these governments. This outfit does not hesitate to direct personal and vindictive attacks against respected public figures, even including former President Harry S. Truman, who have dared to act in accord with true American interests in the Middle Eastern area," Prof. Sheldon said.

Other speakers at the conference included Dr. Nasrollah S. Fatemi, former member of the Iranian Parliament and the Iranian delegation to the United Nations, who reviewed the most recent developments in the Arab world, and Harold P. Manson, executive vice-chairman of the ZCA Department of Public Information.

JEWISH FEDERATIONS FAVOR SCHOOL DESEGREGATION; MINORITY OPPOSED

NEW YORK, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- The Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, representing the Jewish communities of the United States, made public today a resolution calling for equality of educational opportunity and for the observance of constitutional guarantees and Supreme Court decisions regarding equal rights and opportunities for all citizens.

The resolution dealing with civil rights had been approved in substance by the Council's General Assembly in New Orleans last November and the exact wording was developed by a special committee and circulated among the General Assembly delegates in a mail poll. The results of that poll found 163-1/4 in favor of the resolution and 5-1/3 opposed.

In the resolution, the Council declared that constitutional rights and freedoms "are not divisible." It voiced the conviction that benefits of democracy can only be realized if laws duly enacted and interpreted by constitutional authority are upheld.

The resolution declared that "in accordance with its commitment to social justice and the sacred heritage of Judaism," the General Assembly recognized that "rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States are not divisible, and must be secured equally to all Americans." It added that "the blessings of our democratic order can be realized only if the laws, as enacted or interpreted by duly constituted authority, are upheld and the due processes of law are observed."

Calling for the "observance of constitutional guarantees and the carrying out of the decisions of the Supreme Court regarding equality of educational opportunity," the resolution asked all sections of the country to realize "the ideal of equal rights and opportunity for all without discrimination because of race, religion, or origin."

Members of the special committee which drew the resolution on civil rights were: Herbert R. Abeles, Newark, CJFWF president; Julian Freeman, Indianapolis; Sidney Hollander, Baltimore; Morris Jaffa, Dallas; Irving Kane, Cleveland; Label A. Katz, New Orleans; Mortimer May, Nashville; Barney Medintz, Atlanta; Stanley C. Myers, Miami, and Isidore Sobeloff, Detroit.

ARCHAEOLOGISTS START SEARCH FOR FORTUNE MENTIONED IN DEAD SEA SCROLLS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A team of archaeologists began digging today in Jordan territory in search of a document giving the location of about 200 tons of "gold, silver rings, bracelets and jewelry" mentioned in one of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

The recently deciphered scroll indicated that some 2,000 years ago Jewish communities fleeing from invaders buried large treasures in various places. The scroll hinted that the Jews also buried an index giving the key to the location of the buried treasures.

The Jordanian Department of Antiquities jointly with the American Institute of Oriental Studies started widespread excavations in Jordan-held sections of the Dead Sea region.

MONTOR JOINS BOARD OF ISRAEL BANK; CONTROL OF BANK ACQUIRED BY HIS GROUP

TEL AVIV, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- Henry Montor, former executive head of the Israel bond drive in the United States, joined the board of the Japhet Bank here, it was announced today by the bank. Majority control of the bank was acquired recently by a group of foreign investors of whom Mr. Montor is a member. The group has increased the capital of the bank to 1,000,000 Israeli pounds and \$1,000,000.

Other members of the group are Messrs. David Dunsky, president of the South African Zionist Federation in Israel; Sam Dubiner, principal owner of the Jerusalem Pencil Factory; Chaim Teichman, prominent Tel Aviv lawyer and economist; Dr. Beno Sterberg, executive director of the Foreign Investors Association and Nathan Lee, director of SYCO contracting firm.

POLISH SCIENTIST WHO SAVED ENTIRE GHETTO IN LVOV SETTLES IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- A world-famous Polish scientist whose typhoid serum saved the entire Lvov ghetto during the Nazi occupation has settled in Israel as a member of the staff of the Israel biologic research institution in Ness Ziona, it was disclosed today.

Dr. I. Flack, who was chief bacteriologist of the Lvov Ghetto at the time, became a member of the Polish Academy of Research on diphtheria and other diseases after the war. He had sought for 10 years to obtain permission to migrate to Israel and was aided by the Palestine Economic Corporation after arriving here. The Ness Ziona Institute produced Salk vaccine for Israel and is now working on an Asian flu vaccine.

VIENNA PUBLISHER TO RE-ISSUE JEWISH LITERATURE DESTROYED BY NAZIS

VIENNA, Feb. 3. (JTA) -- An "International Publishing House of Jewish Literature" was founded here today. The company's objective is to publish the works of Jewish and Hebrew writers and to re-issue Jewish literature destroyed by the Nazis.