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TURKISH GROUP URGES BAGDAD PACT NATIONS TO ABANDON ANTI-ISRAEL STAND

ANKARA, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The Republican Peoples Party, largest opposition group in the Turkish Grand National Assembly, has opened a campaign to force the Bagdad Pact Council to abandon its anti-Israel orientation.

In a statement strongly critical of the Menderes government, the Republicans charged that the Bagdad Pact Council has degenerated into a forum for anti-Israel statements. The Opposition demanded a debate on the Menderes government's Middle East policy, asserting it was time to learn from recent events that as long as the Bagdad Pact nations remain bound by its main aim it "will not face conflicts that weaken its structure."

Meanwhile, it was reported that plans are being prepared here, with the blessing of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, to unite Jordan and Iraq. The reports allege that Mr. Dulles promised to arrange for Israel's consent to the arrangement, provided Israel receives assurances from the united state that it will be allowed to co-exist even if a final peace settlement is not possible.

Israel Could Benefit from Jordan-Iraqi Merger, France Believes

PARIS, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The French Government would not be opposed to a union of Jordan and Iraq which might restore equilibrium in the Middle East and counteract the effects of the Syrian-Jordan merger, a French Foreign Ministry spokesman indicated today.

Sources close to the ministry believe that the French Government is inclined to favor such a move which it sees as assuring, in the long run, the security of Israel and Lebanon. A report current here asserts that Iraq is preparing to quit the Bagdad Pact, a move which would leave that organization far less a threat against Israel.

India Sees the Encirclement of Israel in Egyptian-Syrian Merger

NEW DELHI, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The news of the proposed Egypt-Syria merger into a single Arab State has been received in the Indian capital with mixed feelings. It is believed here that if the Bagdad Pact had not been brought into existence, Egypt and Syria might not have made such a "countermove." At the same time, some political observers say that the Egypt-Syria merger would mean practically the encirclement of Israel and the enlargement of the orbit of Soviet influence.

The daily "Pratap," of New Delhi, a leading Indian language paper, comments: "The borders of Egypt and Syria nowhere meet each other and are separated by the territories of Israel and Jordan and to complete the merger Col. Nasser will have to try to seek the territories of either of the two countries."

500 JEWISH COMMUNISTS FROM PALESTINE REPORTED ANNIHILATED IN RUSSIA

JERUSALEM, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Of the over 500 Jewish Communists who left Palestine for the Soviet Union in the '920's virtually none but widows and orphans remain, Joseph Berger-Barzilai, a survivor of Soviet labor camps, declared here today in an interview in the newspaper Haaretz. The remainder were killed or died in Soviet camps, he declared.

Mr. Berger-Barzilai, a founder of the Palestine Communist Party and once a leading member of the Comintern, is one of the few survivors of that emigration. After 21 years in Soviet prisons he recently returned to Israel.

When he arrived in Moscow, Mr. Berger-Barzilai reported, he was named to head the Middle East Bureau of the Comintern. Later, he was jailed and remained imprisoned until after Stalin's death when Polish Jewish Communists intervened in his behalf and he was freed.

According to Mr. Berger-Barzilai, Moscow's intention in inviting the leaders of the Palestine Communist Party to settle in Russia was to "withdraw from the Palestine Communist Party all Jewish leadership and turn it into an Arab party. Scores of Arab Communists were brought to Moscow for schooling and came through the years of purges unscathed and all returned home," even while Jewish Communists were being exterminated, he charged.

ISRAEL TO SEEK SPEEDY ARBITRATION IN MOSCOW OF ITS \$2,000,000 CLAIM

TEL AVIV, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Israel may seek the right to name a new member of the three-man court of arbitration in Moscow hearing its claim for over \$2,000,000 in damages against the Soviet Union for unilateral breach of the 1956 oil-for-citrus trade agreement.

This was indicated here today by Moshe Leshem, Foreign Ministry press spokesman, who said that if Dmitri Ramasaitzev, Israel's nominee on the court, does not recover by the end of this month Israel will attempt to have him replaced rather than hold up the hearing any longer. The case went before the arbitration court last December and has been postponed several times since then because of Mr. Ramasaitzev's illness.

The claims arise from the cancellation of oil deliveries by the official Soviet oil export company after Israel launched its Sinai operation. The company explained its action as having been ordered by the government. Israel insists that the company is a government arm and may not legally side-step its obligations on such a plea.

GERMAN PHYSICIAN WHO GASED THOUSANDS OF JEWS FREED UNDER CLEMENCY

FRANKFURT, Feb. 9. (JA) -- Hans-Bodo Gorgasz, one-time doctor and head of a sanatorium where thousands of Jews were gassed to death during the Nazi regime, walked out of prison last week as a result of an act of clemency by Hesse Minister-President August Zinn, it was learned here today.

Gorgasz was once sentenced to death for his crimes against humanity and, in 1949, had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment. The provincial Minister-President is reported to have acted to release the ex-doctor on the grounds that he had shown repentance.

GERMANY DENIES CHARGES AGAINST DIPLOMAT OF DEPORTING JEWS TO DEATH

BONN, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Charges by the Swiss press that Bonn's proposed new Ambassador to Switzerland, Dr. Ernest Guenther Mohr, was responsible for the deportation and death of thousands of Dutch Jews has aroused consternation and a rash of denials from the West German Foreign Ministry. Meanwhile, the Ministry has had word from Switzerland which is still investigating the charges against Dr. Mohr before saying whether he would be acceptable as a German envoy.

A spokesman for the Bonn Foreign Ministry asserted that Dr. Mohr served in the German Embassy in The Hague for only a short while before being transferred to Rio de Janeiro in 1941, before the deportations began in Holland. It was also pointed out that Dr. Mohr's wife is half-Jewish. He married her in March, 1941.

The Netherlands Bureau for War Documentation is said to have verified the assertions that Dr. Mohr was not connected with the deportation of Jews from the Netherlands. The bureau is an official agency.

SWEDISH ENGINEER INDICTED FOR DISTRIBUTING ANTI-JEWISH LITERATURE

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Carl E. Carlberg, a Swedish engineer believed to be associated with Einar Aberg, notorious anti-Semite, has been indicted on a charge of distributing anti-Semitic leaflets to schoolchildren.

The prosecutor has charged that despite the institution of legal proceedings against Carlberg he continues his leaflet distribution. While the defendant has pleaded not guilty to the criminal charge involved, he has admitted responsibility for the dissemination of the leaflets, written by a Helsinki propagandist.

TUNISIAN AUTHORITIES BAN NEWSPAPER FOR ENCOURAGING JEWS TO EMIGRATE

PARIS, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Tunisian authorities have banned the sale of the Paris published Herut newspaper "Notre Drapau" on the grounds that it incites Jewish youth to emigrate from Tunisia, it was reported here this week-end.

Despite numerous appeals from Tunisian Jewish leaders, the authorities continue the ban. The only other Jewish newspaper sold in the country has been seized on numerous occasions on charges of causing Jews to leave for Israel.

35 ANTI-SEMITES WHO COLLABORATED WITH NAZIS ARRESTED IN SLOVAKIA

LONDON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The Czechoslovak authorities have arrested 35 former members of the anti-Semitic, Fascist Hlinka guards on charges of murdering 400 people, during the Nazi occupation, it was reported here today.

The report said that more former Hlinka Guardsmen were sought on the same indictment, but are in hiding abroad. The suspicion prevails that many of the guardists who fled Czechoslovakia are in Germany posing as refugees or in Poland.

ISRAEL BOND CONFERENCE LAUNCHES \$75,000,000 CAMPAIGN FOR 1958

MIAMI BEACH, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The 1958 campaign for Israel bonds was launched here last night with the sale of \$14,601,200 in bonds at the conclusion of the three-day International Conference for Israel Bonds. The conference decided to sell \$75,000,000 in Israel bonds during 1958. Ira Guilden, leading New York businessman, was elected national chairman of the 1958 campaign.

In a cable to the conference, Israel's Prime Minister David Ben Gurion stressed that "fast-moving events" in the Middle East "underscore the need for strengthening the bonds between Jewish communities of the world and Israel," and called for "intensive participation in fortifying Israel's economy and speeding her development through increased efforts on behalf of Israel development bonds."

In a similar cable, Israel's Finance Minister Levi Eshkol warned that, unless investments through Israel bonds are increased, the economy of the country may suffer, even though record advances have been achieved during the first ten years of statehood.

Although recent developments in the Middle East, notably the union of Egypt and Syria, have introduced new elements of concern about Israel's future, both Israel Ambassador Abba Eban and Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, chairman of the board of governors of the Israel Bond Organization, struck an optimistic note at the conference.

In an indirect reference to the formation of the United Arab Republic, Ambassador Eban emphasized that "irrespective of their internal or regional policies, Israel's neighbors are obliged to respect the independence and integrity of all states, including Israel, and to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force."

Dr. Silver expressed concern that Israel might find herself in a "military nutcracker" as a result of the unified pressure which the United Arab Republic might seek to exert on the Jewish State. However, he pointed out that these hopes of Presidents Nasser and Shukri al Kuwaty "are doomed to disappointment as have been similar anti-Israel conspiracies on their part."

The coming ten years will be "Israel's decade of consolidation," Samuel Rothberg, national chairman of the Bond group's trustees, said. "If Israel's first ten years may be described as years of large-scale immigration and basic economic development, the coming decade must be a period of economic consolidation."

U.S. ZIONISTS URGE ISRAEL TO "REAPPRAISE" STAND TOWARD WORLD JEWRY

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- A reappraisal by the State of Israel of its position toward world Jewry was urged last night by Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the American Zionist Council, which represents all Zionist groups in this country. Rabbi Miller spoke at the annual pedagogic conference sponsored by the Jewish Education Committee in cooperation with the Jewish Agency. Greetings on behalf of the Israel Government were delivered to the parley by Israel Consul General Simcha Pratt.

Addressing several hundred educators, Rabbi Miller said that Israel must "assume the role for which it was originally intended namely, as the fountainhead of spiritual strength for Jews in lands outside of Israel as well as the actual home for others." At the same time, Rabbi Miller asserted that "Diaspora Jewry, for its own sake, cannot afford to discard Zionism" warning that "this would be the surest way toward ultimate disintegration." He emphasized that "without the moral and material support of the Jewish people Israel's future would still be precarious," declared that while all Jews Zionist and non-Zionist alike support Israel, it is the role of the experienced and dedicated Zionists "to be the vanguard to set the pace and provide the initiative."

Israel Must Not Uproot Mature Jewish Communities, Rabbi Miller Says

Rabbi Miller's address on the relationship of American Jewish community and Israel was seen as of special significance in the light of the position taken recently by Israeli Premier David Ben Gurion that only those who settle in Israel can be designated as Zionists. In his address, Rabbi Miller pointed out that "the dream of our homeland was not built upon the proposition that all Jews of every country would physically reside there." He further said that it was not the province of the homeland to endeavor to uproot mature Jewish communities which had established a way of life in those nations that welcomed the attributes of their heritage and culture.

"Jews, in particular," he said, "should be aware that a culture is not necessarily based on the geographical proximity of the individual members of that culture. A culture, or a religion, or a nation, if you will, is primarily a state of mind, a consciousness of a common past, a sense of belonging. The Jews have clung to this state of mind over the past decades not by some mysterious social statism but largely through the ideological power of Zionist philosophy."

"I hold that the establishment of the Jewish State does not mean the end of that philosophy," the Zionist leader continued. "On the contrary, it now enters a new stage which promises to become one of the most fruitful and decisive in the history of the Jewish people. In effect, the promised new era will be brought about only by a new outlook on the

part of the world Jewish community. Israel is a part of that community; it is not the community. It is the core of the community, its heart and life-giving power, and in the coming years it may well assume its rightful place as its leader."

Rabbi Miller further maintained that Israel to attain this "must adapt itself to the reality of new conditions. It must recognize that there will always be a world Jewry community of which it is only a part, and that the Jews outside Israel will undoubtedly always outnumber the population of Israel," adding that "Judaism, like Zionism, is universal and has no geographical borders, only spiritual ones."

"We must not expect Israel to stand alone, just as Israel must not expect to survive alone. It should be amply clear by now that without the moral and material support of the Jewish people, Israel's future will still be precarious," he emphasized.

NEW \$5,000,000 PLANTS TO BE ERECTED IN ISRAEL BY PRIVATE CAPITAL

LONDON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- An agreement has been entered here between Abel Shaban of South Africa and Joseph Marshak of Israel, both representing overseas interests, for the establishment of a cotton spinning mill and a sewing thread mill in Israel, "it was announced here today.

Both mills will be established in Jerusalem covering an area of 17 acres already chosen for the purpose. The cost of both plants is approximately \$5,000,000. The cotton mill will have a capacity of 30,000 spindles and will be the largest of its kind in Israel. The sewing thread mill will be the first such factory in Israel. Both mills will partly serve the needs of the Israeli market and the major part of its production will be for export.

Both enterprises will draw their raw material from the newly developed cotton plantations in Israel. The new enterprises will be a great step forward towards the development of the independent Israeli economy.

CANADIAN JEWS TO ENABLE STUDENTS TO STUDY AT HEBREW UNIVERSITY

MONTREAL, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The acceptance of applications from Canadian and American college students with at least two years of undergraduate work for a year's special study at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, was announced here today by Dr. Samuel Cass of the Canadian Friends of the University. The deadline for filing applications is March 1.

At present 19 college students from the U.S. and Canada are attending the third such special one-year course. The next one will get under way in Jerusalem early in July and last through June 1959, Dr. Cass said. The program is designed for students who wish to acquire an extensive knowledge of the Hebrew language and the fundamentals of Jewish thought, history and literature, and to learn about modern Israel in its Middle East setting.

HAIFA TECHNION AWARDS 60,000 ISRAEL POUNDS IN SCHOLARSHIPS, PRIZES

HAIFA, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Scholarships and prizes totalling 60,000 Israeli pounds were awarded to 160 outstanding students at a ceremony held at the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology. An additional 115,000 pounds is available for student loans, and applications for such aid are now being processed. Professor Y. Ratner, acting president of the Technion and Justice M. Landau, chairman of the Technion board of governors, addressed the students.

B. Tooval, dean of students, explained that the awards were made on the basis of scholastic achievement and financial need. Sixteen of the scholarships were earmarked for new immigrants. Eighty-eight outstanding students not in need of financial aid were awarded certificates of distinction at the ceremony.

MCSHE RIVLIN, ISRAEL CONSUL IN NEW YORK, RETURNS TO JERUSALEM

NEW YORK, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency for Palestine has changed its name to the Jewish Agency for Israel, it was announced here by Rabbi Max Kirshblum, member of the Agency executive, during a farewell gathering in honor of Israel Consul Moshe Rivlin, who is returning to Israel after five years of service in New York.

Leaders of various Jewish organizations attended the gathering at the Sheraton Astor Hotel which was presided over by Rabbi Kirshblum. Mr. Rivlin will assume a high post in the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem. He was lauded by a number of speakers, including Israel's Consul General Simcha Pratt.

DELEGATIONS FROM MANY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HONOR MARTYRS OF NAZIS

LONDON, Feb. 9. (JTA) -- Delegations from many European countries participated in the 13th anniversary observance of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp. Folkstimm, only Yiddish daily in Poland, reported in its latest issue to reach here. After memorial services, a wreath was laid on the wall of cell block 11 where most of the executions took place.