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ISRAEL DIPLOMATS TO DISCUSS CHANGES IN ARAB LANDS WITH "BIG THREE"

JERUSALEM, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban will discuss the changes in the present status quo in the Middle East--resulting from the Syrian-Egyptian merger and from the projected Jordan-Iraqi union--with the State Department in Washington, it was learned here today. Similar discussions will be held by Israel ambassadors in London and Paris with the British and French foreign offices, respectively.

Official circles here still abstained from any comment on the projected Jordan-Iraqi merger. Apparently the Israel Government has still not made up its mind as to what line to take with regard to this merger or to the Egyptian-Syrian union. It was recalled here today that the idea of an Iraqi-Jordanian union drew violent objections from Israel when it was first suggested before the Sinai campaign. The fact that the Israel Government is cool toward the Syrian-Egyptian union also is no secret.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia announced today an extension of its territorial waters in the Gulf of Akaba from the present three to 12 miles. This was viewed here as a preparation for a new legalistic attempt to interfere with Israel's freedom of navigation through the Strait of Tiran.

Israel has been using the Strait--the link between its southern Negev port of Elath on the Gulf and the Red Sea--for sea commerce with nations of Asia and Africa since the Sinai campaign. Israel troops at that time silenced Egyptian guns at Sharm-el-Sheikh at the Strait, and contingents of the United Nations Emergency Force have been on duty at that point since.

At the present time the three miles of Saudi Arabian territorial waters and the six miles of Egyptian rights leave seven miles of the 16-mile-wide strait as unchallenged international waters. Israel experts said that the Saudi unilateral extension was apparently based on the hope that this would eliminate "international waters" and thus diminish one of Israel's arguments for freedom of navigation in the waterway.

Legal experts here, however, attached little importance to the Saudi declaration, noting that since Israel is a littoral state on the Gulf of Akaba, she is entitled to passage in the Tiran Strait. The experts noted also that none of the Western maritime powers, including the United States and England, recognize such unilateral extensions of territorial water rights.

WESTERN DIPLOMATS SEE LESS DANGER FOR ISRAEL IN JORDAN-IRAQI MERGER

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 13. (JTA) -- While Israelis here refused flatly to be drawn into any discussion regarding the impending union of Jordan and Iraq, Western diplomats here were inclined today to believe that the prospective union might be an unfavorable development for Israel.

Many Western informants at the United Nations were of the opinion that the move to bring Iraq and Jordan together might have been engineered by the United States in the hope of forming a counter-group against the United Arab Republic of Egypt and Syria. Several Western diplomats pointed out that, since both Jordan and Iraq as separate states are dependent on the United States for military aid, a merger would not be permitted by Washington to use its military strength for an attack on Israel.

Some diplomats here were conceding that Israel was in danger nevertheless, since if one of the Arab blocs did attack Israel, the counter-bloc would be sorely tempted to display Arab "unity" by a similar aggressive action or another border. These same diplomats, however, were of the opinion that a Western-oriented Iraq-Jordan could be kept in check.

U.S. Criticized in Senate for Sending Arms to Arab States

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The United States was criticized here from the floor of the Senate for arming Arab totalitarian states. The criticism was voiced by Senator Wayne Morse, Oregon Democrat, who told the Senate: "All the talk to the effect that if we do not arm Arab dictator states they will make some deal with Russia is but another form of international blackmail."

Sen. Morse, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, charged that Arab regimes were blackmailing the United States into giving military support "handouts" when the Arab rulers know "that if the Russians move in, they move out."

SOVIET COMBATS SENTIMENTS OF RUSSIAN JEWS TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL

JERUSALEM, Feb. 13, (JTA) -- The Soviet press was reported here today as intensifying its campaign to combat the sentiments prevailing among Jews in the Soviet Union.

Newspapers arriving here from the Soviet Union all indicate that the campaign to stem Jewish feelings on emigration to Israel is assuming an organized character. The newspapers carry numerous letters, purported to be written by new Israeli settlers, describing the "awful conditions" in which the immigrants live and their "great longing" to return to their native country, that is, the Soviet Union.

The Ukrainskaya Pravda published a lengthy article based on "scores of letters" from new immigrants in Israel to friends and relatives in the Ukraine, complaining about shortages of food, housing and jobs. The author of the article stresses that such conditions were customary in capitalist countries and that in Israel "the ruling classes are regularly exploiting the new immigrants."

The appearance of such articles also in Komsolskaya Pravda, the Communist youth newspaper, indicates that the Soviet rulers had decided that the desire to emigrate existed not only in the older generation but also among the younger Russian Jews born and raised under the Soviet regime.

Israel observers said today these articles were no surprise and that they confirmed the undiminished desire among Russian Jews to emigrate to Israel. The anti-immigration campaign in the Soviet press started immediately after the Moscow Youth Festival last year when thousands of Russian Jews came hundreds of miles to see and meet the Israel delegates to the Festival.

ULTRA-ORTHODOX JEWS CLASH WITH JERUSALEM POLICE; RESENT MIXED BATHING

JERUSALEM, Feb. 13, (JTA) -- Neturei Karta demonstrators clashed today with Jerusalem police in a stone-throwing, howling protest against a nearly-completed open air swimming pool in Jerusalem. Ten police were injured in the melee by flying stones. Ten of the most vociferous of the ultra-Orthodox zealots were arrested and ten others who resisted arrest were injured in scuffles with the police.

Several hundred demonstrators congregated in a mass meeting which was addressed by leaders who shouted invectives against the State of Israel, the municipality and the promoters of the pool, denouncing the fact that mixed bathing will be permitted. The leaders invoked a curse on all who "countenanced" the pool and the assembly roared an "amen." When the meeting ended, the assembly had grown to 3,000 persons who began to march en masse toward the center of Jerusalem.

Police tried to divert the marchers from the main traffic streets and the marchers responded with violence. Police reinforcements were hastily called up to deal with a shower of stones and sticks from the demonstrators who smashed down police lines. About half of the demonstrators succeeded in reaching the Town Hall where they shouted invectives against the city fathers for licensing the pool.

U.S. ENVOY PRESENTS CHECK TO ISRAEL UNIVERSITY FOR A "LINCOLN BUILDING"

TEL AVIV, Feb. 13, (JTA) -- A check for 125,000 pounds from the Information Media Guaranty program for the construction of a physics building bearing the name of Abraham Lincoln at Bar-Ilan University was handed to University officials yesterday--on Lincoln's birthday--by Edward B. Lawson, American Ambassador to Israel.

In making the presentation, Mr. Lawson said: "The building can bring substantial and tangible benefits to the people of Israel and the United States, as well as to the world at large. Scientific research can thrive in the darkness of atheistic dictatorship. We know this but what are the benefits and what is the record of mankind's betterment that derives from such scientific advances?" Dr. Tuvia Bar Ilan, acting Director General of Bar Ilan University, accepted the gift.

NEW YORK U.J.A. OBTAINS \$20,000,000 LOAN FROM A GROUP OF BANKS

NEW YORK, Feb. 13, (JTA) -- The United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York has borrowed \$20,000,000 from a group of local banks to provide cash needed immediately to help carry on emergency migration activities and to care for thousands of refugees recently arrived in Israel. This was announced today by New York UJA's treasurer, Samuel D. Leidesdorf.

Mr. Leidesdorf declared that the loan, which represents an unusual application of business principles to philanthropic financing, was negotiated in anticipation of massive community support of the current New York UJA fund-raising campaign. The United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York is required to demonstrate each month that its 1958 drive, now in its early stages, is obtaining pledges from contributors in accordance with a rigorous schedule established in the loan agreement and based on performance in past campaigns.

Mr. Leidesdorf explained that the loan represents an attempted by the UJA of Greater New York to help reduce in the long run the cost of welfare programs it supports by providing the Jewish Agency, the principal UJA beneficiary in Israel, with enough cash to keep its programs for resettling and integrating refugees operating without curtailment.

PRESIDENT OF PRINCETON U. DENIES ANTI-JEWISH BIAS IN FRATERNITY CLUBS

PRINCETON, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Allegations of racial and religious discrimination in admission policies of Princeton University's private eating clubs are contrary to the facts, Dr. Robert F. Goheen, University president, said today in his first statement on a controversy involving 15 Jewish students denied bids by all but one of the clubs.

Dr. Goheen met last night with 22 sophomores who received bids only from one club and who rejected the invitations on grounds that the club was the "least desirable" of the 17 clubs which are similar to typical college Greek letter fraternities except that they do not provide living facilities.

Dr. Goheen said that the charges of bias "obscure the plain facts that there are today members of the three major faiths in this country in each of the eating clubs. It is fair to say that the seriousness of these allegations has been exaggerated by several individuals who sought to impose their wishes on the clubs."

A group of sophomores who received and accepted club invitations planned to circulate a petition asking the University and the clubs to join in creating new arrangements for the annual bidding system to end "unnecessary suffering" among students.

The 15 Jewish students who received bids only to the one club signed a statement last week declaring: "I feel I have been discriminated against because of race or religion." University officials said that about 85 other Jewish sophomores joined eating clubs. The club which extended the lone bids to the 23 students is composed mainly of Jewish students.

ARGENTINE JEWS STRESS ABSENCE OF COLLECTIVE "JEWISH VOTE" IN ELECTIONS

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The Argentine Jewish Institute for Information published an appeal today in all general newspapers asking political parties not to make special approaches to Argentine Jewry for votes in the February 23 general elections.

The appeal said that Argentine citizens of the Jewish faith vote as individuals and are not bound by collective ties. The Institute decided on the message because several candidates have appealed directly for Jewish votes with promises to punish discrimination, intercede for human rights throughout the world and support Israel.

Declaring that such promises were welcome, the Institute asked why they were directed only to Jews who do not constitute a solid political bloc to be wooed as a unit by the different political parties.

AMERICAN CHRISTIAN PALESTINE COMMITTEE OPENS THREE-DAY CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The impact of recent Soviet advances in the Middle East on the area's internal problems will be the principal topic of the three-day national conference of the American Christian Palestine Committee which opened here tonight.

Several hundred delegates will hear Ernest K. Lindley, Chief of the Washington Bureau of Newsweek magazine, who will discuss the possibilities of an Arab-Israel settlement in the context of general United States policy objectives. Brig. Gen. Hugh Hester, (U.S. Army Ret.), will review military aspects of the East-West rivalry in the Middle East. Other speakers will analyze United States economic aid policies in the Middle East.

Z. O. A. TO HOLD TWO-DAY CONVOCATION IN ISRAEL; WILL DISCUSS PROJECTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- A two-day convocation, to be attended by about 2,000 prominent invited guests, will be held by the Zionist Organization of America in Israel, marking the 60th anniversary of the ZOA and the 10th anniversary of Israel's independence, it was announced here today by Abraham Goodman, chairman of the ZOA national executive.

The convocation, which will open on April 29 in the ZOA Daniel Frisch House in Tel Aviv, will be part of an elaborate program in observance of the ZOA Week in Israel. ZOA members visiting Israel at that time will be eligible to attend the convocation as delegates, and participate in discussions on ZOA projects in Israel. Dr. Abba Hillel Silver will speak on the role of American Zionism in the establishment of Israel.

FRENCH INVESTORS SEEK TO BUILD HOTELS IN JERUSALEM, TEL AVIV, HAIFA

HAIFA, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- A group of three French investors arrived in Israel to negotiate the establishment of medium luxury hotels in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa and Tiberias.

STUDENTS AT SORBONNE UNIVERSITY WILL BE OFFERED COURSES IN HEBREW

PARIS, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Students at the School of Oriental Languages at the Sorbonne will henceforth take special two-month Hebrew language courses in Israel, a spokesman for the Jewish Agency announced today. The Agency will also offer Hebrew students at the University weekly courses at a school in the Paris area.