



Jewish Telegraphic Agency DAILY NEWS BULLETIN

660 FIRST AVENUE

NEW YORK 16, N.Y.

Contents Copyright: Republication only by previous arrangement

Vol. XXV No. 33 - 40th year Tuesday, February 18, 1958

ISRAEL AMBASSADOR DISCUSSES JORDAN-IRAQI MERGER WITH STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Israel Ambassador Abba Eban and Acting Secretary of State Christian Herter this week-end exchanged views on the merger of Jordan and Iraq and other Middle Eastern developments, it was reported here today.

Further information on both the Egyptian-Syrian and Jordanian-Iraqi federations is awaited here by the U.S. Government before policy determinations are made.

Israel to Avoid Arms Race with Merged Arab States; Will Improve Navy

TEL AVIV, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Israel will not enter into an armaments race with the Arab states in the wake of the mergers in the Arab world but will concentrate on improving the quality of its armed forces whose superiority was demonstrated in the two wars in which Israel fought, Israel's new Army Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. Haim Laskov, told the foreign press association here today.

While he granted the superiority of the Arab states' armaments, he insisted that the "human factor was most important" and that the Israel Army's training would become "more dynamic" as an answer to Arab superiority in arms quantity and quality. "You can be sure we will look after our frontiers," the Chief of Staff promised. Gen. Laskov said that the navy's equipment would be improved.

Egypt and Syria Announce Completion of Talks of Army Fusion

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Talks between Egypt and Syria about fusion of the foreign ministries and the armed forces of both countries have been completed in Cairo, according to an announcement made here by the Egyptian delegation.

At the same time, the announcement disclosed that Yemen will join the so-called United Arab Republic. Yemen's Emir Saif al-Islam al-Badr, the delegation said, will return to Cairo next week to sign the "republic" agreement, and Yemen's inclusion in this federation will be formally announced on February 22.

The delegation stated that results of the "plebiscite" in Egypt and in Syria regarding merger will be announced by the Egyptian Minister of the Interior at a celebration to be held in Cairo Friday. According to the delegation, a joint statement congratulating the federation of Syria and Egypt has been issued by King Mohammed Zaher of Afghanistan and Prime Minister Nehru of India.

JORDAN TROOPS FIRE ON ISRAEL'S BORDER POLICE; SECOND ATTACK IN TWO DAYS

JERUSALEM, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- An Israeli border police car was attacked in the region opposite Tulkarem in central Palestine in the wake of Jordanian troops wounding three Israeli policemen in the Jerusalem vicinity yesterday. There were no casualties in today's burst of fire from the Jordanian side of the border.

The more serious incident, the wounding of three Israeli policemen in the Mt. Scopus area, has both political and military overtones. Until more is learned, Israeli authorities are reserving judgment whether the affair was local in nature or was a deliberate provocation on instructions from Amman.

The Israeli policemen were hit while advancing on a party of Arab farmers plowing a field in Israeli territory. The area was originally claimed by Israel and is so marked on maps accepted in the armistice agreements. Later Jordan laid claim to it but has made no move to implement the claim. Yesterday's plowing party may have been just that -- and in this possibility lies the significance, according to Israeli sources.

The incident held another surprise. The Jordanians, who for years have accused the Israelis of militarizing the Mt. Scopus region, suddenly revealed the existence of a military position on the demilitarized height. Yesterday's ambushing fire from the Jordanian lines came from the vicinity of the August Victoria Hospital, theoretically to be used only for refugee women in need of medical treatment.

Meanwhile, both Syrian and Israeli sources reported violence in northeastern Israel, with the Israelis announcing that four civilian workers from the Ashmoret settlement on the shores of Lake Huleh were fired on yesterday. In a communique issued at Damascus, the Syrian Army charged that an Israeli patrol crossed the demilitarized zone and fired at an Arab village.

JEWISH AGENCY DISCUSSES 1958-59 BUDGET; HIGHER IMMIGRATION ANTICIPATED

JERUSALEM, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The Jewish Agency's executive committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Nahum Goldmann, convened here today to discuss the 1958-59 budget in the light of high, potential immigration and new requirements for colonization and housing.

Dr. Dov Joseph, treasurer of the Agency, reported that the Agency will receive \$13,000,000 of the \$20,000,000 loan against this year's campaign obtained in New York by the United Jewish Appeal last week.

ISRAEL DELEGATION NEGOTIATES CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WITH FRANCE

JERUSALEM, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- A delegation from Solel Boneh, the construction firm which is a subsidiary of the Federation of Labor in Israel, arrived in Paris today. Led by David Hachohen, the delegation will negotiate with French firms the creation of a Franco-Israeli consortium to undertake construction of public works in Israel and in Metropolitan France.

Economic Ministerial Committee of the Israel Cabinet approved today the establishment of an \$11,000,000 plant to manufacture lubricating oils. The project, which has the approval of the Ministry of Trade and Industry, will be set up by a group of Israeli and foreign investors. It is expected to produce far more lubricating oils than Israel needs and to export appreciable quantities.

ISRAEL ASKS SKILLED WORKERS FROM ABROAD TO HELP BUILD THE NEGEV

TEL AVIV, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Mordecai Bentov, Minister of Development, today called on engineers and skilled laborers from other countries to come to the Negev and help build the development projects in Israel's South.

Mr. Bentov issued the call at ground-breaking ceremonies at Elath for a new housing project that will include, as a start, 60 two-room apartments, each with a beautiful view of the Red Sea. This residence project is the first inaugurated at Elath by private builders, and more such privately-financed enterprises are expected to be launched there.

ANTI-JEWISH CAMPAIGN RESUMED IN POLAND BY ANTI-GOVERNMENT ELEMENTS

LONDON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- An anti-Semitic volcano is bubbling below the surface in the underground within the Polish Communist Party, it was learned here today in reliable quarters. The whispering campaign against the Jews in the party, which has as its objective the current leadership of the Polish Communist Party and the Polish Government, has become bolder.

It began in 1956 after the visit to Warsaw of Soviet Communist Party leader Nikita Khrushchev and was for a time suppressed through the personal intervention of Wladislaw Gomulka, first secretary of the Polish Communist Party. Though anti-Semitism is suppressed in public life and legally banned by both party and government, it is being kept alive by anti-government elements who attempt to discredit the government by associating it with the Jews.

The number of politically and ideologically trained Communists within the party is small, the majority consisting of narrow, prejudiced pre-war Polish officials who blame the Jews for their own failures and shortcomings. Corruption and misappropriation of public funds and property is widespread and these facts occasionally emerge in the open.

The anti-Semitic elements within the government machinery blame their Jewish colleagues for this abuse of office. In actual opposition to a government which they serve for opportunistic reasons, these officials attempt to undermine the position of their superiors by picturing them as "obedient tools of a Jewish conspiracy against Poland."

The anti-Semitic campaign even extends to the Jewish wives of non-Jewish ministers who are accused of leaking state secrets to foreign correspondents of Jewish origin. Jewish department heads are charged with appointing and promoting Jews exclusively, and Jewish officials are said to be using government cars for private pleasure driving and arranging priorities at state-owned holiday resorts for Jews.

One characteristic of the whispering campaign is that it is directed in part against Jews who long ago quit Poland for Israel. A similar smear is aimed at Polish Jews who died in Hitler's murder mills and are now being held responsible, in whispered slurs, of many of Poland's pre-war misfortunes.

TRIAL OF GERMAN TEACHER WHO WANTED JEWS GASED SET FOR NEXT MONTH

OFFENBURG, Germany, Feb. 17 (JTA) -- The trial of Ludwig Zind, Offenburg teacher charged with having publicly stated that the Nazis did not gas enough Jews, will open here next month. The indictment has already been drawn up and hearings set for the district court.

GERMAN MINISTER PLEDGES TO HONOR ALL INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS

BONN, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Bonn's Minister of Finance, Franz Etzel, publicly pledged today that the West German Republic would honor all its obligations under the Federal Indemnification Law.

Herr Etzel made his promise during testimony before a parliamentary committee here. He answered recent criticism, initiated by Justice Minister Fritz Schaeffer, that the claims for compensation by victims of Nazism would be so burdensome as to devalue Germany's currency. Herr Etzel said it was too early to estimate the actual cost of compensation to the nation.

GERMAN STATE OF HESSE PAID 186, 000, 000 MARKS TO NAZI VICTIMS IN 1957

BONN, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The state of Hesse reported today that a total of 186, 000, 000 marks was paid out in compensation to Nazi victims during 1957 as compared with 141, 000, 000 in the previous year. The sum of 469, 000, 000 marks has been paid out since compensation payments started, the announcement said. A German mark is approximately 25 cents.

In Frankfurt it was announced today that the city's Goethe Medal will be given to Prof. Martin Buber, Jewish philosopher who is now celebrating his 80th birthday in Israel. Prof. Buber taught at Frankfurt University before the Nazis came to power.

GERMAN COURT TO DECIDE ON CLAIMS OF NAZI-PERSECUTED JEWS IN RUMANIA

FRANKFURT, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The Baden-Wuerttemberg Compensation Court will rule March 19 on whether the Nazi regime was responsible for the persecution of Jews in Rumania for which the survivors have filed claims for compensation, it was revealed today.

An initial claim against the Baden Wuerttemberg province was dismissed in June, 1957 although it was generally known that Nazis had a decisive role in the anti-Jewish measures instituted in Rumania during World War II.

In the hearing before the compensation court in Stuttgart, detailed documentary material was presented, particularly German Foreign Office reports listing details of Nazi instigation of Rumanian anti-Semitic movements as well as the special role of German authorities among Rumanian officials.

A number of survivors testified that on July 7, 1941, German S.S. units pillaged and burned one of Rumania's greatest Jewish communities, Czernowitz. The widow of Chief Rabbi Marks recalled how her husband and other Jewish community leaders were held prisoner by the German police and how they, together with another 160 victims, were shot.

SIX HUNGARIAN IMMIGRANTS FINED IN CANADA FOR CALLING WAITER 'DIRTY JEW'

OTTAWA, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Six Hungarian immigrants were fined and scored by an Ottawa magistrate for creating a disturbance in a tavern and calling one of the waiters a "dirty Jew." Crown Attorney Raoul Mercier commented in court that the immigrants "had been well treated by this country" and "for you to insult the nationality of anyone is inexcusable."

This is not the first occasion that Hungarian immigrants have displayed anti-Semitic tendencies. Recently in St. John, New Brunswick, a group of Hungarians on arrival attacked their fellow Jewish immigrants because they were Jews. Many of these Hungarians have appeared in court for such criminal actions as rape. Entry of this undesirable element among the immigrants has been blamed by government sources on the lack of screening of the Hungarians--a procedure that is obligatory for all immigrants. Because of the emergency in the instance of the Hungarians the screening was not carried out.

VIENNA JEWISH COMMUNITY SEEKS BAN ON HUNGARIAN ANTI-SEMITIC PAPER

VIENNA, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The Vienna Jewish Community has appealed to the Interior Ministry to ban the importation of a Hungarian Fascist paper whose publication inside Austria it had once forbidden.

The community action was aimed at "Cel," which carries anti-Semitic articles. "Cel" is now published in Munich.

NATIONAL JEWISH LABOR CONFERENCE RAISES \$750, 000 FOR HISTADRUT CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Approximately \$750, 000 in cash was raised here last night at a national "roll call" conference called by the National Committee for Labor Israel for the Histadrut campaign in this country which has set \$5, 000, 000 as its goal for 1958. Delegates from about 50 communities participated in the conference.

Principal speakers at the parley included Israel's consul general Simcha Pratt; Dr. Joseph Kaplan, chairman of the U.S. Committee for the International Geophysical Year; Mayor Pinhas Rashish of Petach Tikvah; Louis Segal, member of the Jewish Agency executive, and others.

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT STARTS CAMPAIGN AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

TORONTO, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The Government of Ontario has taken the initiative "in a program of publicity and education designed to aid in overcoming racial discrimination." Announcement to this effect was made in the Speech from the Throne read at the opening of the Parliament of the province.

The Speech from the Throne stated that the legislature will be asked to approve the setting up of a special commission to integrate the activities of the various anti-discrimination laws and to carry out the educational program.

BILL ON "TEN COMMANDMENTS" IN PUBLIC SCHOOL PROVOKES OPPOSITION

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 17. (JTA) -- A legislative battle appears imminent in the New York State Legislature here over an attempt to pass a bill providing for the introduction of a "non-denomination" Ten Commandments in the wake of the Education Commissioner's ruling that such a version introduced in the suburban New Hyde Park school system was "divisive and improper" and ordered the decalogue removed from the schools as causing conflict and controversy.

Among the opponents of the new bill are the American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the Civil Liberties Union and other civic and educational groups. Thus far Commissioner of Education James Allen has refused comment on the bill, but a spokesman for his office pointed out that state law allows released time for the religious education of students who wish it.

U. S. MIZRACHI TO ESTABLISH INSTITUTE FOR RELIGIOUS TRAINING OF TEACHERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Plans for the opening of a Menorah Institute to provide religious training for teachers of secular subjects in American yeshivoh were announced here yesterday at the annual conference of the Religious Zionists of America (formerly Mizrahi and Labor Mizrahi Organizations of America). A fund-raising goal of \$150,000 to make possible the opening of the school in New York by the fall semester was announced by the National Council for Torah Education.

The RZA reported that it had raised \$1,000,000 for its religious, educational and cultural activities in Israel, had sold \$1,000,000 in Israel bonds and raised \$100,000 for the Jewish National Fund's land reclamation projects. It announced that three plane tours would be sponsored by the organization in connection with the tenth anniversary celebrations of Israel's independence and that leading members of the RZA would participate in the simultaneous dedication and opening of the Israel Chief Rabbinate's new religious center in Jerusalem May 8.

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY INITIATES COLLECTION OF EINSTEIN'S MANUSCRIPTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- The acquisition of a 20-page mathematical paper by the late Albert Einstein containing one of his early attempts to work out his "unified field theory" was announced here today by Yeshiva University. At the same time, University president Dr. Samuel Belkin announced the university's plans to establish at the institution a permanent collection of Einstein works.

The document acquired today was donated by Dr. Leo Perlman, financier, philanthropist and member of the University's president's council, who purchased it for an undisclosed sum. The paper is said to contain deletions, corrections and preparatory calculations which give insight into Prof. Einstein's working habits.

DR. GLUECK RECEIVES AWARD FOR HIS ARCHAEOLOGICAL FINDINGS IN ISRAEL

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (JTA) -- Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and internationally known archaeologist, received today the fourth annual award of the Seminary Israel Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Dr. Glueck was cited for "his invaluable contributions to the knowledge of Scripture and of the history of the land of Israel in Biblical and pre-Biblical times as well as to the welfare and the advancement of the State of Israel in our day."

PHILIP SCHIFF, J. W. B. REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON, DEAD; FUNERAL TODAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17. (JTA) -- Funeral services will be held here tomorrow for Philip Schiff, 56, one of the nation's leading Jewish social workers, who died this week-end. He was the Washington representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Through his affiliation with the JWB and other organizations, Mr. Schiff was widely known in leading government circles. He was a member of the board of governors of the American Association for the United Nations and a leader of the National Association of Social Workers. He is credited with having done much to remove racial segregation in the District of Columbia since his arrival here from New York in 1942.